



October 27, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister:

**RE: Consolidated Municipal Service Manager Commitment to a High Quality, Accessible and Strategically Planned Early Years and Child Care System, Our File: S06**

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Municipality  
of Durham

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Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on October 27, 2021, adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas high quality, affordable child care promotes equitable opportunities for women in the workforce;

And Whereas research shows that access to high quality early years and child care services support positive economic and well being outcomes for children, families, and communities;

And Whereas research demonstrates that qualified early childhood educators are necessary to ensuring high quality early years and child care services;

And Whereas there is a critical shortage of professionally compensated, qualified early childhood educators across the province;

And Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted child care as an essential service necessary to maintain emergency and health systems and support economic activity;

And Whereas in April 2021, the Federal Government announced plans for a Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan. The five-year plan includes a plan for a 50 per cent average fee reduction for preschool care by the end of 2022 and an average fee of \$10 a day for regulated child care by 2026;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. Council affirms its commitment, as the Early Years and Child Care Service Manager, to ensure a system of high quality, inclusive, accessible, and strategically planned early years and child care services for all families;

2. Council calls upon the Federal and Provincial governments to work together to establish a bilateral agreement for a National Child Care Framework, including the reduction in full-time child care fees and long-term goals that support high quality, accessible and affordable services for all families;
3. Council encourages the provincial government to work in partnership with Consolidated Municipal Service Managers to implement a framework across Ontario;
4. That Children's Services staff continue to actively engage the early years and child care sector, families and the province in system planning and implementation as well as monitor federal developments; and
5. That a copy of this Motion be shared with the eight lower tier Municipal councils, the Premier, the Minister of Education, all Durham Region MPPs, all Durham Region MPs, the Prime Minister, the federal Cabinet Minister responsible for child care, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA)."

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Ralph Walton,  
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- c: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
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