



Office of the City Clerk

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Via email: info@omssa.com

Ontario Municipal Social Services Association

30 Duncan Street, Suite 606
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, September 21, 2021 – New Motion 2 –
National Child Care Program**

At the regular meeting on September 21, 2021, Kingston City Council approved New Motion Number 2 with respect to a national child care program as follows:

Whereas the City of Kingston Housing and Social Services Department acts as Service Manager and is responsible for the planning and management of licensed childcare and early years programs and services for children from 0 to 12 years old; and

Whereas on April 19, 2021, the Federal Government announced \$30 billion in new investment over the next 5 years, and \$8.3 billion ongoing for Early Learning and Child Care and Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care starting in 2021-22 to move towards a universal child care system, contingent on bilateral agreements being reached with provinces and territories; and

Whereas the Federal Government announced agreements reached with Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Yukon on a Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan; and

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted inequities including the gender gap and barriers women and gender diverse persons experience in accessing adequate, affordable and suitable services and resources such as child care; and

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Whereas a collective voice of municipalities in Ontario expressing support and interest in working collaboratively across all levels of government demonstrates support for building a national program of early learning and child care services that are accessible, affordable, high-quality, and responsive for all families.

Therefore Be It Resolved That Kingston City Council send a letter to Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Education Stephen Lecce affirming the City of Kingston's support for building a National program with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) and other Ontario Municipalities that are Consolidated Municipal Service Managers.

Yours sincerely,



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City Clerk

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