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==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

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Reason(s) for delegation request:

Today's Family supports the motion made by Councillor Nrinder Nann of exploring a municipal agreement with the federal government to move the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan forward.

Children and their families deserve affordable access to regulated, quality and equal opportunities for learning and play. Child care should be considered an investment in social infrastructure that promotes community and economic growth. In particular, progression on child care strategy would allow women to equally participate in re-shaping Hamilton's economy.

Supporting this motion would lead to better understanding of what it would take to partner with the Federal government to expand child care in our community. It might lead to a pilot project or demonstration project that would more firmly establish evidence of the value of this expanded service and that might convince Provincial governments and more community members of the benefits of this program.

Hamilton can prove the value of a connected and expanded child care system, and leverage its success to continue to advocate for a long-term, sustainable investment from the province.

Together, we are better. Other municipalities are actively considering the municipal agreement approach. In the spirit of the goals of the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan, we must work together on a much larger impact to ensure that we are thinking ahead to the children and families of the future.

I look forward to being a part of this discussion and contributing to the progression and growth of child care in Hamilton to meet the current and future needs of children and their families.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

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