

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: October 25, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Consideration For Non-Profit Child Care Centres To Be Exempted From Development Charges

WHEREAS, the Development Charges Stakeholder Sub-Committee is actively considering exemptions for the 2024 Development Charges By-Laws;

WHEREAS, non-profit child care centres that are operating under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*, are mostly dependent on outside and government funds and will typically not have built in reserves to fund development charges;

WHEREAS, many government grants and funds do not include development charges as an eligible expense;

WHEREAS, the goals of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care agreement align with the City’s Early Years Community plan focusing on equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging to ensure high quality, affordable and accessible child care is reflective of the children and families it serves;

WHEREAS, the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care agreement identified child care access as a priority and identified 1433 community-based licensed child care spaces as expansion targets for the City of Hamilton between the years 2022 to 2026;

WHEREAS, the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care agreement identifies an access rate goal of 37% (the ratio of child care spaces to children aged 0 to 5 years) by 2026 and current access rate for the City of Hamilton is 31%; and

WHEREAS, the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care funding guidelines state that municipalities are required to maintain the Ministry of Education threshold for child care spaces which is currently 80% non-profit and 20% for-profit in the City of Hamilton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to consider an exemption for non-profit child care centres, operating under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* in the City’s 2024 Development Charges By-laws.