

## Community Development and Recreation Committee – Item 15.3

Considered by City Council on May 26 and 27, 2008

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### Potential Issues Related to the Expansion of Corporate, For-Profit Child Care

#### City Council Decision

City Council on May 26 and 27, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. The recommendations in the attached report, "If it don't make dollars, does that mean it don't make sense? Commercial, Non-profit and Municipal Child Care in the City of Toronto, A report to the Children's Services Division, City of Toronto", be approved and the General Manager, Children's Services, report back on strategies for implementation of the recommendations.
2. The General Manager of Children's Services Division develop a communications plan to disseminate the report on potential issues related to for-profit corporate child care to the Federal government, the Provincial government and to municipalities.
3. The General Manager of Children's Services Division report back on capital strategies to support development of non-profit child care programs consistent with the Council approved fee subsidy targets.

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(April 25, 2008) Report from General Manager, Children's Services

#### Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. The recommendations in the attached report, "If it don't make dollars, does that mean it don't make sense? Commercial, Non-profit and Municipal Child Care in the City of Toronto, A report to the Children's Services Division, City of Toronto" be approved and that the General Manager, Children's Services, report back on strategies for implementation of the recommendations.

2. The General Manager of Children's Services Division develop a communications plan to disseminate the report on potential issues related to for-profit corporate child care to the Federal government, the Provincial government and to municipalities.
3. The General Manager of Children's Services Division report back on capital strategies to support development of non-profit child care programs consistent with the Council approved fee subsidy targets.

### **Committee Decision Advice and Other Information**

The Community Development and Recreation Committee requested the General Manager, Children's Services, to:

1. undertake a communications strategy to disseminate the findings of this report, including distribution to other governments and interested organizations; and
2. report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the following:
  - a. the role of Federal government funding in developing non-profit child care;
  - b. options for encouraging the expansion of municipally-operated child care centres;
  - c. options for creating a capital fund for child care, including through the development process, such as TIEGs and Section 37 charges;
  - d. reaffirming the City of Toronto's commitment to child care as a core public service; and
  - e. City cost-sharing to achieve the approved service target for fee subsidies.

### **Financial Impact**

This report has no immediate financial impact.

### **Summary**

The attached discussion paper presents the issues related to the expansion of corporate, for-profit chain child care. It comments on what impact such service would have on the child care system in Toronto and makes recommendations. The report which was requested at Community Development and Recreation Committee on December 3, 2007 has been endorsed in its entirety by the Children's Services Advisory Committee (CSAC).

### **Background Information (Committee)**

cd15.3-Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12676.pdf>

cd15.3-Attachment

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12677.pdf>

**Speakers (Committee)**

Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Children's Services

Dr. Gordon Cleveland, Associate Chair, Department of Management, University of Toronto  
Scarborough

Jenny Robinson, Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care

**Declared Interests (City Council)**

The following member(s) declared an interest:

Councillor Howard Moscoe - declared an interest in that his daughter is a part-time child care worker employed by the City of Toronto.

**3a Commercial, Nonprofit and Municipal Child Care in the City of Toronto**

(April 23, 2008) Letter from Children's Services Advisory Committee

**Summary**

Advising that the Children's Services Advisory Committee on April 23, 2008, considered a report (April 2008) from Dr. Gordon Cleveland, Associate Chair and Senior Lecturer in Economics, Department of Management, University of Toronto Scarborough, titled "Commercial, Nonprofit and Municipal Child Care in the City of Toronto", and submitted recommendations to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

**Background Information (Committee)**

cd15.3a-Letter from Children's Services Advisory Committee

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-12679.pdf>