

**Community Development and Recreation Committee  
Item 20.12**

*(Considered by City Council on December 1, 2 and 3, 2008)*

CD20.12	Adopted			Ward: All
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**Development of the 2010-2014 Child Care Service Plan**

**City Council Decision**

City Council on December 1, 2 and 3, 2008, adopted the following motions:

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    - a. service access based on age and geographic equity;
    - b. publicly planned and accountable service outcomes;
    - c. service options consistent with informed parental choice;
    - d. first-come, first-served admission to subsidized care;
    - e. recognition that child care services provide developmentally appropriate beneficial care for children as well as important family and community support;
    - f. recognition that services for children and families should be planned and delivered in an integrated way that promotes seamless service transitions;
    - g. agreement that expansion of the child care system take place through public and/or not-for-profit delivery; and
    - h. commitment to advancing quality and directing resources to the improvement of quality for children's services in Toronto.
  2. A strategy for expanding the annual collection of Operating Criteria to all child care programs be included in the next Child Care Service Plan.
  3. A child care capital strategy including potential funding options be included in the next Child Care Service Plan.
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### **Committee Recommendations**

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

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### **Origin**

(October 30, 2008) Report from General Manager, Children's Services

### **Summary**

This report initiates the 2010-2014 Child Care Service Plan including adoption of draft principles and reports back on strategies for implementing recommendations in the Cleveland Report within the next Service Plan including expansion of the Toronto Operating Criteria and establishing a capital plan. It also reports back on potential financial implications of the full day learning program on existing child care programs.

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

cd20.12 - Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-17285.pdf>

### **Declared Interests (City Council)**

The following member(s) declared an interest:

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