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January 14, 2008

To: Budget Committee

From: Community Development and Recreation Committee

Subject: Development of Child Care Centres with the Toronto District School Board and Native Child and Family Services

Committee Recommendations:

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

- 1. Funds of up to \$2.9 million be approved for the construction of Ghesig House at 156 Galloway Road and Kiiwednong at 2784 Keele Street, two Aboriginal Child Care Centres to be developed by the Native Child and Family Services Toronto. The total project cost of \$2.9 million is to be funded from the Child Care Expansion Reserve Fund of \$2.4 million and from Provincial revenues of \$0.528 million. The 2008 Recommended Operating Budget for Children's Services be adjusted by \$0.228 million gross and revenue to reflect the additional funds required to complete the two Aboriginal Child Care Centres in 2008.**
- 2. Funds of up to \$2 million be approved to create three new child care centres at Highfield Junior School, Kennedy Public School, and Crescent Town Elementary School to be funded from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund and that the 2008 Recommended Operating Budget for Children's Services be adjusted by \$2.0 million gross and revenue to reflect the funds required for this project.**
- 3. The General Manager of Children's Services Division be delegated authority to negotiate agreements and execute them on behalf of the City with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and with Native Child and Family Services Toronto (NCFST) for the design and construction of such projects, and such agreements be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.**

Background:

The Community Development and Recreation Committee on January 14, 2008, considered a report (December 19, 2007) from the General Manager, Children's Services.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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2. Funds of up to \$2 million be approved to create three new child care centres at Highfield Junior School, Kennedy Public School, and Crescent Town Elementary School to be funded from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund and that the 2008 Recommended Operating Budget for Children's Services be adjusted by \$2.0 million gross and revenue to reflect the funds required for this project.
3. The General Manager of Children's Services Division be delegated authority to negotiate agreements and execute them on behalf of the City with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and with Native Child and Family Services Toronto (NCFST) for the design and construction of such projects, and such agreements be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Speaker:

Jane Mercer, Executive Director, Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care, and filed a written submission.

City Clerk

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Attachment

- c. General Manager, Children's Services