

**MOTION
ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Establishment of Private Day Nurseries in Residential Areas

Moved By:

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BACKGROUND:

The former City of Toronto zoning by-law permits “private home day care” and “day nursery” within residentially-zoned areas. Private Home Day Care permits the temporary care of five children or less within a private residence. However the definition of Day Nursery does not limit the number of children that may be under care. Day nurseries have recently been established within large homes which exist on High Park Avenue north of Bloor Street. While these services provide an important community resource, there are concerns that the scale of the day nursery operations, and the number of children under care, will generate unintended issues related to traffic, parking, noise and safety to all pedestrians on a busy street. Parking is already at a maximum on High Park today and the street is a bus route to the subway. There is a need to consider these issues, and incorporate new standards into the City by-law, if needed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Director of Community Planning, Etobicoke York District investigate and report back as soon as possible to Community Council on:

- i) establishment of Private Home Day Care and Day Nursery operations within Residential zones; and
- ii) the potential impacts of those operations, including traffic, access, parking, noise and safety.