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April 24, 2012

Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, Chair
And Members, Community Development and Recreation Committee
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
10th Floor, West Tower
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Mammoliti,
And Members of the Community Development and Recreation Committee,

CD12.2 – Ontario Budget Impact on Child Care and Status Updates

The Provincial budget presented on March 27, 2012 provided no relief for the child care funding crisis in Toronto. No money to address the chronic shortfall of \$20 million caused by the lack of inflationary increases by the province. The Ontario Government has given the City woefully inadequate transitional funding for the shaky roll out of Full Day Kindergarten, and not one penny in this budget goes to stabilize a child care system that is essential to the lives of thousands and thousands of children and families here in the city.

We know that the city desperately needs more child care – not less.

Children’s Services has been running on empty – having to use reserve funds just to keep going at current service levels.

The crisis is real.

After all the City Council recommendations, deputations by parents and experts, letters, Town Hall sessions, messages from children, meetings with MPPs and MPs – nothing has changed.

What’s been needed here all along is the political will and leadership to find a solution.

If child care money is missing from the Provincial budget it’s because the politicians, who have the power, have not made it a priority. How many meetings has Mayor Ford had with Premier Dalton McGuinty where child care is the only priority item on the agenda?

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Councillors and senior management can only do so much, can only go so far in pressuring their counterparts to do the right thing and stabilize funding for the child care system.

There has been no leadership. If Premier Dalton McGuinty had been under steady pressure from the Mayor's office for the last year and a half, maybe the 2012 Ontario Budget would have committed sustainable resources for child care.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Maguire', written in a cursive style.

Tim Maguire
President

c.c. City of Toronto Councillors