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To the City Clerk:

Please find attached the Upper Yonge Village Daycare Centre letter of support with respect to the above noted application to be heard at the Community Council Tuesday. If this can be provided to the Committee Members prior to the hearing it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
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Upper Yonge Village Daycare Centre

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VIA E-MAIL

November 22, 2021

North York Community Council
Toronto and North York
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

File Number: A0019/21NY

Property Address: 14 St. Clements Avenue

Owner(s): City of Toronto

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Paul Pietrlewicz and I am the volunteer board chair for Upper Yonge Village Daycare Centre (UYVDC). I am writing to you on behalf of the board and the more than 50 families we serve as the tenant and current daycare operating out of 14 St. Clements.

UYVDC is a licensed childcare provider and a non-profit charity. We are licensed for 59 children from the ages of 0-5 years old and have a large group of parents and alumni in the community. We have consistently been fully enrolled for many years, including during the COVID-19 pandemic. We currently employ 20 staff, and we are immensely proud that some have been with UYVDC for upwards of 30 years. There is very high demand for childcare in this neighborhood, particularly for infant care as we are one of the few daycares that provide care for this age group in the area. We currently have a waitlist in excess of 300 children. **As we have a Purchase of Service agreement with the Toronto Children Services, we provide subsidized spaces and two thirds of our enrolled children are on city subsidies.**

UYVDC operates in a heritage building that was constructed in 1908 and is located on the corner of Yonge and St. Clements adjacent the St. Clements Parkette. The property has served as the UYVDC since June 18, 1984 and our current lease with the City of Toronto is set to expire in October 2023. Over the last several decades, the building has

fallen into a state of disrepair that requires major renovation to ensure the building is a safe, healthy environment that meets all codes and criteria mandated for operation.

The City is currently preparing its plans to renovate this building and has asked that we vacate early next year so the renovations can start. During the renovation period, which is estimated by the City to be 1.5 years, UYVDC will need to relocate to a new building. Given the cost of temporary relocation, our long-standing involvement in this community, the high demand for childcare in the area, and our strong commitment to our existing families and staff, we are very keen for this renovation to start and finish so we can move back into 14 St. Clements as soon as possible and continue to serve our community.

Please accept this letter in support of the above noted application. UYVDC views this application as a very positive step in creating safe and affordable child care that will continue to address the ongoing child care shortage in the City of Toronto. **Per the staff report, we also agree that the parking space exemption associated with the Payment-In-Lieu of Parking application is appropriate given that the associated parking space shortfall will not have a significant impact on parking conditions in the immediate area.**

UYVDC looks forward to continue to work collaboratively with the local councilors, City of Toronto staff and the surrounding community to ensure that the city and UYVDC can continue to provide much needed child care space to the community.

Sincerely,

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