

February 19, 2008

To: Community Development and Recreation Committee

From: Children's Services Advisory Committee

Subject: **Informing the Development of a Full Day Program for Junior and Senior Kindergarten**

**Recommendations:**

**The Children's Services Advisory Committee recommended to the Community Development and Recreation Committee approval of the recommendations in the report (February 5, 2008) from the General Manager, Children's Services, subject to adding the following:**

- “3. recommend to the Province of Ontario that a moratorium be imposed immediately by the Province on all school closures, and facility limiting decisions, based on funding formula shortfalls, or capital budget deficiencies resulting from excess spare calculations, so as to prevent a shortage of early childhood capacity in the school system prior to the introduction of this policy, and that the Province fund the cost of this moratorium; and that this be communicated to the Premier, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and**
- 4. the General Manager, Children's Services, report to the Children's Services Advisory Committee on a process for providing input into the policy on full-day learning for four- and five-year olds, such process to ensure input from other community stakeholders.”**

**Background:**

The Children's Services Advisory Committee on February 15, 2008, considered a report (February 5, 2007) from the General Manager, Children's Services, titled “Informing the Development of a Full Day Program for Junior and Senior Kindergarten”, addressed to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Speakers:

Pam Musson, Children's Services gave a PowerPoint presentation; and  
Dr. Charles Pascal, Special Advisor to the Premier.

City Clerk

Betty Pereira  
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c. General Manager, Children's Services