June 18, 2010

To: Community Development and Recreation Committee

From: Children’s Services Advisory Committee

Subject: Implementing Early Learning: Status Report

Recommendations:

The Children’s Services Advisory Committee recommends to Community Development and Recreation Committee that:

1. City Council requests the Minister of Education to:
   a. protect existing child care early learning spaces in schools and ensure sufficient funding to achieve this.
   b. ensure that adequate supervision and hot lunches remain available in child care during the transition and be included and funded in Early Learning Programs when implemented.

2. City Council adopt the following resolution:

"Whereas, the vision of the Early Learning Programs was a seamless day with integrated programming for Early Learning Day Care for children 0-12 years; and

Whereas, this program is being implemented in a fragmented way with insufficient resources and effective governance models; and

Whereas, local government and community representatives are concerned that this fragmented implementation will create service gaps and impact on the lives and well-being of children in the City of Toronto;

Therefore, be it resolved that City Council request that the school boards join them in public consultation to create a strategy and
communication with the Provincial government after the municipal elections”.

3. City Council forward the report (June 11, 2010) from the General Manager, Children’s Services, titled “Implementing Early Learning: Status Report” to the Chairs of Local Health Committees for their consideration.

Background:

The Children’s Services Advisory Committee on June 18, 2010, heard a presentation by the General Manager, Children Services, respecting the report (June 11, 2010) from the General Manager, Children’s Services, titled “Implementing Early Learning: Status Report”.

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c. General Manager, Children’s Services