

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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| MM52.2 | ACTION | | | Ward:All |
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Transforming the Child Care Centre Quality Rating System - by Councillor Gary Crawford, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Community Development and Recreation Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Gary Crawford, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Children Services to review the financial feasibility of adding another day to the Child Care Centre Quality Rating evaluation the City already does and to submit a report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee at the same time the Toronto Child Care Service Plan will be up for review.

Summary

During the last five years, children care centres that have a service contract for fee subsidy have been given scores out of 4 for quality in their centres. These scores then are posted online for parents to decide where they want their children to attend. The scores are based on a one day evaluation.

Directors of child care centres in the City, have from the beginning, asked for more time for the evaluation to take place. Instead of a staff member coming in for a one day evaluation they would like to see a two or three day evaluation to give parents a greater snap shot of how child care centres operate in the City.

The current policy is to go in for one day to monitor the day's activities and then give a score of different criteria out of 4. A score of 4 is the highest score a child care centre can get in the City of Toronto. This policy only provides a snap shot of what our child care centres do on a daily basis. This does not give the full picture and does not do justice to the parents and child care operators in the City of Toronto.

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Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM52.2

