



October 19, 2016

Mr. James Pasternak
Chair, Community Development and Recreation Committee
City of Toronto

Emailed: c/o Carol Kaustinen (Secretariat Contact) → cdrc@toronto.ca

Dear Mr. Pasternak

Re: Home Child Care Review – Proposed New Funding Model

Family Day has a long history of service to children and their families across the GTA. Offering one of the largest licensed home child care programs in the City of Toronto, we currently work with 150 home child care providers to provide early learning and care for 580 children in Toronto.

We are writing in support of the recommendations that are outlined in the October 5, 2016 Report from the General Manager, Children's Services regarding the proposed new funding model stemming from the Home Child Care review. The proposed model outlines a new streamlined model for home child care which builds on the Council-approved centre-based child care funding model principles and the findings collected through substantial sector engagement.

Specifically, Family Day is in agreement that:

1. City Council establish an Agency Operating Grant (AOG) as described in this report as the new funding model to support eligible licensed home child care agencies, replacing the existing "Daily Administrative Rate" model, streamlining the funding processes and improving agency stability.
2. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to undertake any necessary amendments to the City-wide Zoning By-law 560-2013 to align the by-law with the new Child Care and Early Year's Act and its regulations.

We encourage the City of Toronto, through the Community Development and Recreation Committee, to support the proposed new funding model as presented.

Sincerely,

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