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Councillor Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

Re: Ensuring Parent Resources is Supported at 1117-1119 Gerrard St. East

Dear Chair & Members,

In April 2013, the Community Development and Recreation Committee passed a motion requesting the General Manager for Children's Services provide assistance to Parent Resources in light of the redevelopment of the existing space at 1117-1119 Gerrard Street East (see attached decision).

I am concerned that the re-establishment of a permanent home for Parent Resources in the redevelopment of 1117-1119 Gerrard Street East is not reflected in this report, nor are any provisions of assistance in securing swing space during construction.

This has been a long process, with several iterations and it is important to remember the fundamental role that Parent Resources plays in the community. 100 families visit the centre each day for support and assistance, and this important community hub must be maintained nearby throughout the redevelopment. While the report reflects that there will be 235sqm of community space in the development, it is not clearly articulated that this space will be for Parent Resources' use.

Therefore, I request the Committee:

- 1) Request the General Manager for Children's Services and the General Manager Parks, Forestry & Recreation work together to find swing space in the same community during the redevelopment.
- 2) Request the Director for Community Planning, Toronto and East York District, ensure the Planning report specify the designation of space for Parent Resources in the redevelopment

Sincerely,

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