

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM27.48	ACTION			Ward:All
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### **Canada Child Benefit and National Child Care System - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis**

*\* 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 Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Government of Canada to index to inflation the Canada Child Benefit immediately.
2. City Council reiterate its request to the Government of Canada to negotiate a new federal provincial agreement to develop and implement a system of universally-accessible high quality, affordable child care for all families.

#### **Summary**

The City of Toronto and municipalities across Canada build strong communities through healthy families. While the Government of Canada has moved in the right direction to improve the child benefit, it has not gone far enough to support families.

The Canada Child Benefit needs to be indexed to the rate of inflation immediately to provide families with the appropriate support to help lift children out of poverty.

Without a system of high-quality, affordable child care system, families struggle with the financial burden of high child care fees, women are unable to pursue careers and children are placed in child care arrangements that are not optimal for healthy development. Child care is fundamental to access employment and training opportunities and to support local economic development.

The Federal Government has committed to creating a framework for child care through new agreements with provincial governments. The City has consistently called for a national, cost-shared child care system that is high quality, universally access, affordable and publicly funded and sustainable. The City should reiterate this request.

In supporting families the Government of Canada will strengthen our communities to thrive

economically and socially.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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