

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM28.42	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Sign the Deal: Extending the Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement to 2031 - by Councillor Alejandra Bravo, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.  
\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Alejandra Bravo, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Ontario Minister of Education and the Federal Minister of Jobs and Families to finalize and sign the extension of the Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement for 2026-2031 to ensure that Toronto’s children and families will continue to have access to high-quality, affordable, licensed child care.

**Summary**

As Toronto’s Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Service System Manager, Toronto Children’s Services provides a key leadership role in the delivery of child care in our city.

Through our Licensed Child Care Growth Strategy, the City of Toronto is responding to the demand for more high-quality, affordable, licensed child care spaces in all parts of our city. Toronto is doing our part to improve access to the care that families are looking for, including through the implementation of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system, Toronto’s child care fee subsidy, and the forthcoming 2025-2029 Service Plan.

Continued investment in child care and early learning from the provincial and federal governments is essential to meeting the City’s goals. Without an agreement to extend funding beyond 2026, families will see child care fees rise, creation of new spaces will slow, and our city will lose the important social and economic benefits that access to child care provides.

The affordable child care delivered through the Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement is important for families. It was encouraging to see the recent agreement-in-principle between the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario for \$16.77 billion for 2026-2027 until 2030-2031. However, a final deal has not been signed.

Now, we need the federal and provincial governments to sign the deal and deliver the certainty that Toronto families are looking for in these economically uncertain times.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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