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Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Toronto City Council
100 Queen Street West
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Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Development at 149 College Street and Its Impact on Orde Daycare, located at 18 Orde St. Toronto On M5T 1N7

Dear Members of Toronto City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the daycare located at 18 Orde Street to express our serious concerns regarding the proposed building and subsequent construction at 149 College Street. While we recognize the importance of urban development and the need for student housing in our city, we must emphasize the significant and direct impact this project will have on the children, families, and staff who rely on our centre.

Our primary concerns include:

- * **Safety Risks:** Construction activities in close proximity to our daycare pose risks related to heavy machinery, increased traffic, and potential hazards for young children in our drop-off and pick-up areas and outdoor play spaces
- * **Restriction or limitations to our outdoor play spaces:** Close proximity of proposed construction and the required areas for staging may limit outdoor play spaces
- * **Noise and Air Quality:** Prolonged exposure to construction noise and dust will negatively affect the health, well-being of the children in our care,
- * **Access and Traffic Flow:** The daycare's location on Orde Street already faces congestion challenges. Additional construction-related traffic and potential road closures will further complicate safe access for families and emergency services.
- * **Continuity of Care:** Disruptions caused by construction due to power or water outages or gas leaks may jeopardize our ability to provide consistent, safe and high-quality childcare, which is essential for working families in the downtown core.

We respectfully request that City Council carefully consider these impacts and work with us to ensure that appropriate mitigation measures are put in place. Specifically, we ask for:

- * A comprehensive construction management plan that prioritizes child safety and minimizes disruption to our operations.
- * Clear communication and consultation with our daycare management team throughout the planning and construction phases.
- * Consideration of alternative timelines, traffic management strategies, and protective measures to safeguard the health and well-being of the children entrusted to our care.

As a vital community service, our daycare is licensed for 190 children, who depend on us daily. We urge Council to balance the city's development goals with the responsibility to protect vulnerable populations and maintain essential childcare services.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to collaborating with City Council, developers, and city staff to find solutions that respect both the needs of the community and the city's growth objectives.

On behalf of the Orde Day Care Board of Directors,

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I acknowledge that the land that I am working on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. I also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

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