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Dear Chair and Members of the General Government Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the recommendations contained in Agenda Item GG31.36 and respectfully ask the Committee to approve the requested authorities.

The Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre has served residents of Scarborough Southwest for decades, providing vital community programming and supports to individuals and families. The opportunity presented through this item will help ensure the organization can continue fulfilling its mission while advancing an outcome that is of particular importance to our community: the provision of licensed childcare services.

Access to affordable, high-quality child care remains one of the most significant challenges facing families across Toronto. In Scarborough Southwest, many parents continue to experience long waitlists, limited availability, and increasing pressures in balancing work and family responsibilities. Expanding the capacity of trusted not-for-profit community organizations to deliver childcare is an important part of addressing these challenges and building stronger, more resilient neighbourhoods.

Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre has a long-standing presence in our community and is well positioned to provide these services in a manner that is responsive to local families' needs. Supporting this initiative represents an investment not only in early childhood development, but also in the social infrastructure that allows parents and caregivers to participate fully in the workforce while knowing their children are receiving quality care in a safe and nurturing environment.

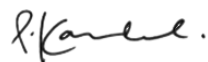
This proposal is also consistent with the City's broader commitment to expanding access to licensed childcare, particularly through partnerships with community-based, not-for-profit operators and the implementation of Toronto's Early Years and Child Care Service Plan. The City has consistently recognized that expanding childcare capacity through experienced community organizations is essential to meeting growing demand across Toronto.

While this report deals with the administrative and property matters necessary to move this initiative forward, I encourage Committee Members to recognize the broader community benefit that its approval will enable. At its heart, this is an investment in local families, children's early learning, and a stronger community for generations to come.

I appreciate the work of City staff and Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre in advancing this initiative and respectfully urge the General Government Committee to adopt the recommendations before it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Kandavel".

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