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**Via email:** [sblair@carletonplace.ca](mailto:sblair@carletonplace.ca)

Town of Carleton Place  
175 Bridge St.  
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Attention: Stacy Blair

Dear Ms. Blair:

Re: Resolution of Support regarding Covid-19, Childcare Funding

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On January 19, 2021 at the Regular Meeting of Council, the Council for the Municipality of Highlands East approved the following resolution:

**Resolution # 2021-26**

That Council approve support for the Town of Carleton Place's resolution regarding Covid-19 Childcare Funding.

Resolution being:

Whereas the Covid-19 pandemic has negatively impacted childcare options for nearly every family in our community and has profoundly increased the cost to operate safe childcare forcing childcare spaces or centres to close. And Whereas Ontario has among the highest average childcare fees of any Canadian province and while costs vary regionally for licensed childcare, families are paying between \$9,000 and \$20,000+ per year for each child and these costs Regular Meeting of Council Minutes January 19, 2021 continue to rise steadily which makes passing the associated COVID-19 costs to families not possible;

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And Whereas a 2012 study identified that in Ontario, public investment in the early years and childcare has a ripple effect in positive economic benefits resulting in an economic output of \$2.27 for every dollar invested in childcare;

And Whereas the economic recovery of Carleton Place, Lanark County and Ontario is dependent on families having access to safe, reliable, and affordable childcare that incorporates early learning principles;

And Whereas we are committed to working with the provincial government and childcare service managers to deliver positive and affordable options for our families;

Now Therefore it be resolved that:

1. The Town of Carleton Place request the Government of Ontario:
  - a. prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan;
  - b. develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support facilities through the provision of licensed childcare and early learning education; and
  - c. provide increased funding to childcare providers reflective of Covid-19 operating cost increases to ensure a safe reopening and long-term sustainability for the sector; and
2. This resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, Randy Hillier MPP, Scott Reid, MP, the Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and the provincial Minister of Education.

If you have any questions please contact me at the above contact number or email me at [rogers@highlandseast.ca](mailto:rogers@highlandseast.ca).

Thank you,

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Cc: Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development  
Provincial Minister of Education  
MPP and MP for the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and Brock

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