



December 22, 2020

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
48 Rosemount Avenue, Unit B
York, Ontario
M9N 3B3

RE: Letter of Support for Prioritizing Children and Childcare in the Post Pandemic Recovery Plan

The Council of the Township of North Huron at their Regular Council meeting held December 21, 2020, adopted the following resolution supporting the Town of Carleton Place in their request for the Government of Ontario to prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan.

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MOVED BY: K. Falconer

SECONDED BY: T. Seip

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the correspondence from the Town of Carleton Place, dated December 14, 2020 regarding the financial impact of providing childcare services during the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council hereby supports the Town of Carleton Place request of the Government of Ontario to:

- 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;*
- 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;*

For (7): B. Bailey, T. Seip, K. Falconer, P. Heffer, R. McBurney, C. Palmer, and A. van Hittersum

CARRIED (7 to 0)

North Huron Council owns and operates a municipal daycare and understands the financial pressures of provide daycare services. As a municipally owned and operated daycare, North Huron's Children's Services is not eligible for federal support programs such as the Wage Subsidy Program and/or the Rent Reduction program. Privately owned and operated daycares are eligible for these programs.

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North Huron Council recognizes and supports the need to 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. The Township of North Huron fully supports the Town of Carleton Place's request for the Government of Ontario to develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support facilities through the provision of licensed childcare and early learning education.

Should you have any questions or require additional information concerning this matter, I may be contacted at the Municipal Office.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwayne Evans", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dwayne Evans, CAO/ Deputy Clerk
Township of North Huron

c.c. Stacey Blair, Town Clerk, Town of Carleton Place
Lisa Thompson, MPP
Ben Lobb, MP
The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Ontario Minister of Education