
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017
Item: 2017.EX22.2
Moved by: Councillor Cesar Palacio

Vote Required: Majority

That:

1. Given the current child care crisis in Toronto, City Council request the Provincial Government to review the funding formula that relates Subsidies to Spaces, whereas the number of fee subsidies has grown by 8.6%, while the number of licenced spaces has grown by 29.1% since the spring of 2010, and therefore, an additional 4,918 subsidies, or \$49.2 million are required to achieve the 2010 Ratio of Subsidies to Spaces.

2. City Council reaffirm and convey its decision of July 12, 2016 [EX16.21] to the Minister of Education in support of a continuum of learning and the stabilization of early years and child care programs located in school buildings by undertaking the following five actions which have been developed collaboratively by the City of Toronto and the TDSB, the TCDSB, Conseil scolaire Viamonde, and Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud:

- a. Improve the funding formula in order to fully fund the occupancy cost of early learning and child care space in schools directly to the school boards;
- b. Ensure the funding formula takes into account the highest cost of building, operating and maintaining spaces for young children;
- c. Ensure the funding formula for early learning space is not a per person rate, but a per room rate;
- d. Ensure the funding formula accounts for the incrementally higher costs of operating before and after school programs in share spaces, and
- e. Ensure that the school utilization formula reflects the

improved funding formula and fully accounts for early learning space in schools.

3. City Council request the City Manager to start discussions with Provincial counterparts on their recent Provincial announcements to create 100,000 day care spaces in Ontario, including Toronto. The discussions should include but not be limited to:

a. A planning process by which capital projects in Toronto are prioritized by the City, it is imperative that the Province address these issues before substantial Provincial expansion projects are implemented, and

b. The lack of operating support systems, such as, the School Occupancy Grant funding.

4. City Council request the City Manager to report on the number of new spaces that will be created through the Children's Services Capital Reserve and the School Boards/Ministry of Education capital program, over the next 10 year capital cycle, including a close analysis on how many day care spaces will be created and the cost of adding fee subsidies at least for 25% of the new spaces.

5. City Council request that the City Manager to report to the Executive Committee on his findings on the above at the earliest possible time.