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TO/DEST. Community Services Committee

FROM/EXP. Committee Co-ordinator

SUBJECT/OBJET **SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION - COMPREHENSIVE EARLY
CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE**

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Committee recommend Council consider the attached Resolution from the Union of Child Care Workers of Eastern Ontario.

BACKGROUND

Attached is a Resolution submitted by the Union of Child Care Workers of Eastern Ontario (CUPE Local 2204) asking that Regional Council support a call on the federal government to bring in a comprehensive early childhood development service that includes a universal, not-for-profit national child care program.

Ms. Shellie Bird, Education Officer for CUPE Local 2204 will make a brief presentation to the Committee on this matter.

This material is respectfully submitted.

M. J. Beauregard

Child Care Resolution

- WHEREAS:** in 1993 the Liberal Party pledged to create 50,000 new child care spaces which never materialized; and
- WHEREAS:** less than 8.4% of children in need of child care have access to regulated child care spaces; and
- WHEREAS:** child care has reached a crisis point and our children are being seriously affected; and
- WHEREAS:** statistics link child poverty with the lack of quality child care; and
- WHEREAS:** a 1998 study revealed that for every dollar invested in high quality child care, there is a two dollar benefit to children, parents and society; and
- WHEREAS:** the Quebec government has implemented a universal program with a cost of parents of only \$5 a day; and
- WHEREAS:** early childhood development through access to high quality, not for profit, licensed child care could be implemented under the February 1999 Social Union Framework Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton support a call on the Federal government to bring in a comprehensive early childhood development service that includes a universal not-for-profit national child care program.