

**1. SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION - COMPREHENSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED**

**That Council approve the following Resolution from the Union of Child Care Workers  
of Eastern Ontario:**

**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 Québec government has implemented a universal program  
with a cost to parents of only five (\$5.00) 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;**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the 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.**

## DOCUMENTATION

1. Community Services Committee Co-ordinator's report dated 10 Feb 00 is immediately attached.
2. Extract of Draft Minute, Community Services Committee meeting of 17 Feb 00 will be circulated prior to the Council meeting and will contain a record of all votes.

REGION OF OTTAWA-CARLETON  
RÉGION D'OTTAWA-CARLETON

REPORT  
RAPPORT

Our File/N/Réf. Your File/V/Réf.	03-07-00-0127
DATE	10 February 2000
TO/DEST.	Community Services Committee
FROM/EXP.	Committee Co-ordinator
SUBJECT/OBJET	<b>SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION - COMPREHENSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE</b>

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### **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.