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COMMUNAUTAIRES ET DE
PROTECTION RAPPORT 5
LE 11 SEPTEMBRE 2019

EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES 5
COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE
SERVICES COMMITTEE
29 AUGUST 2019

EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU PROCÈS-VERBAL 5 COMITÉ DES SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES ET DE PROTECTION LE 29 AOÛT 2019

CHILD CARE AND EARLY YEARS SERVICE SYSTEM PLAN 2019-2023 AND PROVINCIAL BUDGET UPDATE

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

I, Councillor Diane Deans, declared a potential, deemed indirect pecuniary interest on the following item on Agenda 5 of the Community and Protective Services Committee:

Item 8 - CHILD CARE AND EARLY YEARS SERVICE SYSTEM PLAN 2019-2023
AND PROVINCIAL BUDGET UPDATE

as my daughter works at the Centre Éducatif Tournesol Municipal Child Care Centre.

Councillor Deans did not take part in the discussion on these items.

Report Recommendations

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council:

- Approve the Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan 2019

 2023 (Document 1) that establishes ten strategic priorities for the planning, management, and delivery of licensed child care and early years programs and services and the Funding Policy Statements (Document 2).
- 2. Delegate authority to the Manager, Children's Services, to manage

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and administer the budget as detailed in this report and allocate all funding according to the Funding Policy Statements in Document 2 provided such allocations are in accordance with provincial guidelines, the strategic priorities in the Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan 2019-2023, and are within approved budgets.

Jason Sabourin, Director, Children's Services introduced the co-presenters:

- City: Lynne Martinez, Program Manager, Child Care System Planning and Program Support
- Community: Sylvie Tourigny, Executive Director, Grandir Ensemble
- Community: Mikki Adams, Executive Director, Inuuqatigiit Centre for Inuit Children, Youth and Families
- Community: Susan Mendelsohn, Director, CHEO Development and Rehabilitation

They spoke to a PowerPoint presentation and a copy of the presentation is held on file with the City Clerk's office.

Following the presentation, the Committee heard from the following delegation:

Tanya Nayler – She noted that quality childcare builds skills for children and future careers. Accessible, affordable childcare benefits everyone and this is presently in crisis. There is a shortage of licensed placements and those left many are spending almost a third of monthly salary on cost. As well the chilcare workers are underpaid. She noted that the present provincial government does not care.

Questions to staff:

Councillor T. Kavanagh commented that quality childcare is essential and Councillor Fleury noted that through his own experience it really is unaffordable. There is a need to lobby all levels of government.

There are 600 children on the waiting list but Jason Sabourin stated that with some provincial funding these might diminish but only temporarily. Staff stated that they would report back to committee if the backlog grows again.

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It was also noted that there is a need for more Francophone spaces and Jason Sabourin stated that they are working with the Francophone community on this.

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The report recommendations were put to Committee and CARRIED as presented.