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MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Renewing the Childcare Agenda

At the Regular Council meeting on March 24, 2009, Councillor Louie submitted the following motion. Councillor Anton called Notice under Section 10.3(d) of the Procedure By-law.

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Mayor Gregor Robertson

WHEREAS accessible, affordable and quality childcare is essential to the health and well-being of the city of Vancouver's children and families;

AND WHEREAS child development and childcare play a crucial role in the economic stability of our city;

AND WHEREAS it is critical that all levels of government, including those at the local level, and the private sector take an active partnership in ensuring successful child development opportunities;

AND WHEREAS the current Early Childhood Development Memorandum of Understanding lays out a framework for collaboration between the many partners in child development that supports coordinated actions on specific policy such as a joint council on childcare;

AND WHEREAS the establishment of a joint council and protocol on childcare between the Council, School Board and Park Board led to the creation of more than 600 new childcare spaces between 2002 and 2005, exceeding the original goal of a 5% increase;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Council direct staff to reinstate the Joint Council on Childcare and renew its goals, and previously adopted Terms of Reference, along with an objective of a further 5% increase, at a minimum, in childcare spaces in the next three years;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to undertake a supply and demand review of infant, toddler, 3-5 year old and out of school care spaces, and disaggregate the data by neighbourhood; and

FURTHER THAT costs and revenue sources for implementing a universal approach to a sustainable Childcare Endowment Reserve be confirmed, including the development of eligibility criteria, consultation with stakeholders and identifying alternative mechanisms to enhance this Fund.

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