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MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Joint Council on Childcare

MOVER: Councillor Reimer

SECONDER: Councillor Louie

WHEREAS

1. WHEREAS accessible, affordable and quality childcare is essential to the health and well-being of the city of Vancouver's children and families;
2. Child development and childcare play a crucial role in the economic stability of our city;
3. 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;
4. The 2009 re-establishment of a Joint Council on Childcare between the Council, School Board and Park Board led to the creation of more than 1,000 new childcare spaces between 2009 and 2014, exceeding Council's goals in both terms;
5. The Joint Council on Childcare has played an important role in advocating for early care and learning policy and increased funding from other levels of government.

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 (attached as Appendix A), along with an objective of an increase of 1,000 childcare spaces, at a minimum, in the next four years.

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APPENDIX A

JOINT COUNCIL ON CHILDCARE - TERMS OF REFERENCE

Overview	The purpose of the Joint Council on Childcare is to provide leadership in seeking resources, planning, development, and coordination, problem-solving and monitoring of childcare, and early care and learning. The Joint Council on Childcare will provide input and assistance on implementation challenges in childcare and child development services and advice on proposed policy and issue papers. While the focus of the Joint Council on Childcare will be primarily childcare in publicly-owned facilities and/or land, consideration will be given to policies and practices that support the broader childcare system.
Mandate	The Joint Council on Childcare will be responsible for providing direction and leadership in the implementation of the actions set out in the protocol <i>Child Care - A Commitment from Local Government</i> approved by City Council in 2004. Where necessary, elected officials will take forward recommendations of the Joint Council on Childcare to their respective civic bodies.
Terms of Reference	<p>The Joint Council on Childcare will work on the following activities and will report to the City and the two Boards on their progress as required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish policies and practices which either facilitate childcare services or eliminate barriers to developing and sustaining childcare services across local governments.• Develop coordinated planning and delivery standards and practices for childcare across local governments (e.g. facility standards, costs, operating agreements, maintenance).• Identify opportunities to integrate childcare in future development and into local government Capital and Operating budget cycles to facilitate equitable child development hubs based on current planning, demographic data and research, and reduce or subsidize childcare operating costs• Advocate for a model of care and learning consistent with the framework set out in the Coalition for Child Care BC "A public system of integrated early care and learning"▪ Establish a relationship and mechanism to dialogue with municipalities across the province and the country for the purpose of improving childcare and more coordinated advocacy on senior government policy and funding for early care and learning.
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ One elected official from each of the City, Park and School Boards.▪ One staff person with knowledge of issues related to children and their caregivers from the two Boards and the City.▪ Three community non-profit child care operators and Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre.▪ Chief medical health officer from VCH▪ Representative from University of British Columbia - Human Early Learning Partnership.▪ Other representatives as the Joint Council on Childcare deems appropriate

	<p>Members would be prepared to participate on the Joint Council on Childcare for the four-year term and would provide an informed replacement in the event of absence.</p> <p>Where necessary, other City and/or community partners will be invited to the meetings to aid in informing Vancouver City Council/School and Park Board members.</p>
Chair	<p>The Joint Council on Childcare will be co-chaired by a City of Vancouver Senior Social Planner, or designate, and an elected official. Meetings will be supported by social policy staff and minuted.</p>
Term	<p>The Joint Council on Childcare will meet for a half day, a minimum of two times per year, for a four-year term coinciding with a civic election term.</p>

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