

Women's Eyes on the City

URGENT ACTION TO SUPPORT CHILD CARE IN OUR CITY

City Council failed to provide a 2% inflationary increase for community child care programs in the 2007 City budget.

Child care centres are struggling to make ends meet on budgets that have not seen inflationary increases for over 12 years. It is very difficult to continue to deliver high quality programs to children and families on budgets that do not cover the actual cost of the service.

We hope that you can help us let Council know that it is not acceptable to ignore the need for a cost of living increase for our child care programs.

You can help us send a message to Council that it is not acceptable or fair to ignore the need for a 2% cost of living increase for our child care programs by emailing or calling your Councillor and the Mayor:

E-mail Message:

Dear _____ (Councillor/Mayor O'Brien)

Tell them who you are and why you are writing....



My name is _____ and I am writing to raise my concern about the failure of City Council to provide a small 2% increase for our community-based child care programs.

Child care is a vital service for children and families living in our City. It helps parents to work, to study and to contribute to the economy and provides important early learning and child development opportunities for young children. How can we expect our community child care programs to meet these important objectives on budgets that have not kept up with the rising cost of living?

Over the past 12 years child care programs have not had budget increases that have kept pace with the rising costs of food, rent, heat, hydro, staff wages, program supplies and equipment and make it difficult for child care centres to continue to deliver high quality programs to children.

I urge you to do the right thing by children and families and ensure that our child care programs receive the same 2% increase that all other community based services in our City received in the 2007 City budget. It just seems fair!

Regards (name _____, contact information)



Phone Script:

Hint: call early in the morning before 8:00 a.m. or later in the evening after 6:00 p.m. and leave a message on the answering machine if you are a bit nervous to talk directly to your Councillor or the Mayor.

Hello my name is _____ I am calling to let you know that I am concerned that Council did not approve a 2% cost of living increase for our community-based child care programs as part of the 2007 City budget.

I understand that all other community-based health and social services received a 2% increase for their budgets and so cannot understand why our child care centres would not receive the same increase?

It seems unfair that City Council would not provide an inflationary increase to help our child care programs cover the rising costs of food, rent, heat, hydro, staff wages, program supplies and equipment that help them to deliver high quality early learning and child care to our youngest residents!

I urge you to do the right thing and ensure that the City finds a way to provide a 2% increase for our child care programs.

I can be contacted at (phone number)
Thank you

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You can find your ward by look on the ward map on the City of Ottawa web-site.

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City for All Women Initiative (CAWI)

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