



Joint Council on Childcare
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MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. 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 the City's goals in both terms;
5. The Joint Council on Childcare has played an important advocacy role in for early care and learning policy and increased funding from other levels of government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to work with City Council and the Vancouver Board of Education 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, over the next four years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY