



## Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board

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Please be advised that the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB), at its Regular Board Meeting held on September 17, 2020, passed the following Resolution #78/20 in support of the Niagara Region Child Care Motion Minute Item 11.1 CL 15-2020 dated August 13, 2020.

*WHEREAS the Region of Niagara and Niagara's twelve local area municipalities jointly declared a state of emergency on April 3, 2020 to protect the health of our communities;*

*WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a destructive toll on Niagara's economy, resulting in business closures, job losses or a reduction of wages for Niagara residents and families;*

*WHEREAS women have been disproportionately impacted by these economic impacts, or have had to leave the labour market altogether in order to provide child care or home-schooling;*

*WHEREAS the provision of child care benefits employers, is proven to support economic recovery, but also leads to greater workforce participation by women and supports their return to the workforce;*

*WHEREAS the economic recovery of the Niagara Region and Ontario is dependent on families having access to safe, reliable, and affordable child care that incorporates early learning principles; and*

*WHEREAS a 2012 study on the economic value of child care identified that every dollar invested in child care in Ontario has a direct regional economic output of \$2.27.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**1. That the Niagara Region *REQUEST* that:**

**a. The Government of Ontario prioritize children and child care as part of our overall post-pandemic recovery plan;**

**b. The Government of Ontario develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support families through the provision of licensed child care and early learning education; and**

*c. The Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada work collaboratively to develop a National Child Care Strategy to make child care an essential part of our public infrastructure that can support and expedite economic recovery; and*

*2. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to those upper and single tier municipalities who are designated by the province as municipal service managers for childcare and local area MPPs and MPs.*

**AND FURTHERMORE,**

That this motion be circulated to Rainy River District Municipalities, Child Care Operators in the Rainy River District and local area MPPs and MP.

Sincerely,



Dan McCormick, CAO

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