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Honourable Jenna Sudds & Honourable Jill Dunlop:

At its regular meeting on September 12, 2024, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS on March 22, 2022, the Federal & Provincial Governments announced a funding agreement that will reduce the cost of childcare in Ontario to an average of \$10 per day by March 2026;

AND WHEREAS the For-Profit/Not-For-Profit quotas [30/70] mandated by the federal government artificially limits the number of licences that can be given out and therefore limits the childcare spaces that can be created;

AND WHEREAS the waitlist in the County of Dufferin is over 1,000 children;

AND WHEREAS families are being forced to waitlist for \$10 per day childcare even though there is unspent budget for unrealized Not-For-Profit centres due to a lack of Not-For-Profits applying;

AND WHEREAS changing the ratios could unlock thousands of new \$10 per day childcare spaces immediately;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Dufferin requests the Federal and Provincial Governments fix the archaic For-Profit/Not-For-Profit quotas in the agreement;



AND LASTLY THAT this resolution be circulated and brought to the attention of Kyle Seeback Member of Parliament, Dufferin-Caledon; The Honourable Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education; and The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario.

Thank you,

## Michelle Dunne

Michelle Dunne Clerk

Cc Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister Honourable Doug Ford, Premier Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin Municipalities