

Motion Memorandum

Subject: Increasing Childcare Spaces in Burlington

To: Committee of the Whole

From: Councillor Rory Nisan

Date to Committee: February 10, 2025

Date to Council: February 18, 2025

CIP date: N/A

Motion for Council to Consider:

Direct staff to provide a report for Committee of the Whole on opportunities to use policy and city assets, as well as other opportunities to increase the number of childcare spaces in Burlington.

Reason:

A recent report from Halton Region identified that there are not enough childcare spaces to meet the needs of Burlington residents. We have significant city assets such as community centres and arenas that are the least busy when childcare operations would be occurring, providing a potential opportunity to deploy these rooms to meet an important community priority. There are also policy opportunities through the Planning Act, which have been explored and may be enhanced depending on an analysis by staff.

Outcome Sought:

More childcare spots in Burlington.

Implications:

The current motion is to produce a report that provides options for childcare opportunities in city facilities.

References:

Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Directed Growth Plan

Strategic Alignment
☑ Designing and delivering complete communities
☐ Providing the best services and experiences
\square Protecting and improving the natural environment and taking action on climate
change
☐ Driving organizational performance
Approved as per form by the City Clerk