

## **ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:**

**Subject: Member Motion Item 32.12  
Building the Early Learning and Child Care System Toronto Needs (Ward All)**

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## City Council

### Member Motions - Meeting 32

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6. City Council request the City Clerk to distribute City Council's decision to other municipalities in Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

#### **Summary**

The lack of affordable, high-quality early learning and child care is one of the most significant challenges for families in our City. The pandemic has exacerbated the situation, and