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The Honorable Kody Blois, MP
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Mr. John A. MacDonald
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Re: East Hants Child Care Crisis

Dear Honorable Mr. Blois and Mr. MacDonald,

I am writing on behalf of East Hants Municipal Council in response to correspondence received from Andrea and Brad Ferguson raising significant concerns regarding the child care crisis in East Hants. We understand their correspondence was also shared with you both; as well as, others in the business community and East Hants & Districts Chamber of Commerce.

East Hants Council shares concerns that there are limited and inadequate child care options for parents and the children of East Hants. This leaves some families with no options at all. There are hundreds of children on wait lists at local day care centres that may never get a spot, if something doesn't change.

It is very concerning that none of the new Early Learning and Childcare spaces being added to the province will be available in East Hants. The lack of child care options negatively impacts families, local business and the wellbeing of East Hants as a whole. The lack of child care is not limited to Enfield, Elmsdale, and Lantz, but is being felt across the entire municipality.

East Hants Council urges you and your respective governments to recognize the need for additional child care options in East Hants and find solutions to this growing crisis.

I am available to discuss this matter further at your request.

Yours truly,

Eleanor Roulston, Warden