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Motions

Ontario Childcare Crisis

Whereas accessible, affordable, quality child care and decent work for early learning and child care workers were issues before the pandemic;

Whereas the pandemic has deepened this crisis and compounded the equity issues involved, including women's workforce participation;

Whereas the federal government outlined funds to build a child care system in their 2021 budget and 6 provinces and 1 territory, led by a variety of political parties, have concluded agreements so far;

Whereas without an accessible, affordable, quality child care system which includes expansion and support for the child care workforce, Ontario cannot build back better and the economic divide for women and low-income families will widen;

Therefore, OBCM expresses support for the Ontario government to immediately conclude an agreement with the federal government on child care based on the proposal by the federal government in the 2021 federal budget.

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Proof of Vaccination

THAT OBCM request the Provincial Gov't establish a system of certified proof of vaccination and testing protocols to be utilized in support of keeping our vaccinated public safe; and our businesses, schools and public institutions free from further shutdowns as future waves of COVID-19 may materialize.

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Affordable Broadband internet

Ontario's Big City Mayors call on the Federal Cabinet, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and ISED Minister Francois-Phillippe Champagne to overrule the CRTC's reversal and immediately implement the evidence-based 2019 Rates Order.

That OBCM write letters to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Industry, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities asking for their support in this matter.

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