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File # 0400-20

Via email: EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Ministry of Education and Child Care
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Whiteside:

Re: Extended Hour Child Care for Shift Workers

At the March 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, the City of Fort St. John Council passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, provisions in the Community Care and Assisted Living Act - Child Care Licensing Regulation state that a licensee must not provide care for more than 13 hours each day to each child;

AND WHEREAS, there is a need for extended shift workers to access child care beyond the current 13 hours per day per child;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Provincial Government to amend the Child Care Licensing Regulation to accommodate extended hour child care to support shift workers and their families.

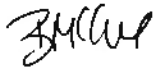
AND THAT, the resolution also be sent to the Ministry of Education, MLA Dan Davies, and copied to all UBCM member municipalities."

Northern Health, YMCA of Northern BC and School District 60 have partnered to pilot an extended care and learning centre in our community. The 13-hour day of care per child limitation places an additional stress on the licensee to meet that metric when the target population for the pilot program consists of the extended work day healthcare shift worker.

With the limited extended hour child care options for families of shift workers we ask for an amendment to the Child Care Licensing Regulation to accommodate a variety of work schedules.

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Sincerely,



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