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**Hamilton Child Care Facility – Expanded Uses**

**HUB Response**

The HUB agencies have read the report regarding expanded uses of the site at 23031 Westminster Highway.

The Society of Richmond Children's Centres was pleased to defer the project timeline so that a consultative process could be entered into to determine the possibilities for this valuable property in the Hamilton Community.

We are pleased to see that the concerns in the report regarding the site, access and parking, have again been emphasized as they were when the site was initially tabled and, in a cautionary manner, need to state they will continue to be concerns with or without a second floor.

We were hopeful this report would find a way to maximize the use of this valuable City asset and the provision of new services to this underserved community. While Hamilton Community Centre has indicated its desire to operate some services in the child care building our capacity to accommodate their desires will be funding dependant.

Our commitment to operating as a HUB continues to be challenging without additional space being built. However, we are in discussion regarding ways to offer the services of all HUB agencies at the Westminster site either concurrent with the child care operations or after hours.

We note that the Community Association has named several organizations with whom it is pursuing possible partnerships and we would enthusiastically participate in an inclusive discussion in order to avoid duplication of effort and services especially in a community with limited community space.

We remain optimistic that over the coming months the development of new spaces and services will proceed in a spirit of cooperation and good stewardship that will benefit the children and families of Hamilton.

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