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Human Services

To: Chair and Members of Regional Council

Date: October 13, 2011

From: Janet Menard Commissioner of Human Services

Subject: Early Learning and Child Care Review Update

cc: David Szwarc Chief Administrative Officer

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Council will recall that Human Services service reviews were identified as a Term of Council Priority during the 2011 budget.

As Council is aware, the Provincial Government is implementing full day kindergarten across the province. Therefore staff have undertaken a review of the role that the Region should play in ensuring the long term sustainability of the early learning and child care system, including the Region's role in the direct delivery of child care; currently provided through 12 Learn Play Care Centres.

Staff, are 70 per cent through the process that has involved broad consultations with staff, community stakeholders, child care providers and parents. The next step is to share the review findings with those previously consulted to validate key findings and implications and to formalize options. This will also allow staff to address some of the concerns and questions previously raised on the results of this review.

Originally, staff had planned to report to Council at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of Regional Council. To facilitate the conclusion of the consultation process and preparation of a staff report, this date has been changed to the end of January 2012.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns at [janet.menard@peelregion.ca](mailto:janet.menard@peelregion.ca) or ext. 4939.

Thank you.

Janet Menard  
Commissioner of Human Services

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