Child Care Advisory Committee Meeting – October 8, 2025

Date:	Wednesday, October 8, 2025
Chaired by:	Connie Giordano
Minutes by:	Antonietta Meffe/Paola Collini
In Attendance:	Connie Giordano, Shawna Campbell, Marisa Vitale, Rita Brancato, Roberto De Lorenzo, Sandy Alava-Burbano, Rosemary Stiglic, Margaret Udo, Spyros Volonakis, Ev Wilson.
Regrets:	Jillian Sewells
Date of Next Meeting:	February 4, 2026

Agenda & Minutes

Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion Summary	Action
Prayer and Land Acknowledgement	Early Learning Program (ELP)	ELP department began the meeting with prayer and land acknowledgement.	
Approval of Agenda	ELP		Agenda Approved
Approval of Minutes – May 7, 2025	ELP	The committee reviewed and approved the May 7, 2025 Minutes.	Minutes Approved
Child Care Advisory Committee Community Member Representative Update and Welcome	ELP	• Three new members joined the committee serving a four-year term beginning 2025-06 and ending August, 31st, 2029. • Three current members will complete their term in 2027. • New positions will be posted that spring for the new term which will commence September 1st, 2027, ending August 31st, 2031.	

CWELCC Funding Guidelines	ELP	• Operators face challenges in expanding programs and obtaining municipal approvals for expansions or renovations. • CWELCC expansion requests to CMSM are due by October 31. • Many families have increased access to child care options overall, compared to previous years.	
Before and After School Update for September 2025	ELP	• Two new B&A programs were launched in September 2025. • Eight programs expanded, adding rooms for Kinder and School Age, with some returning to pre-COVID enrollment levels. • As a reminder, space changes or expansion requests must be submitted to ELP by end of May to update TCDSB license agreements for September.	
Capital Project Updates		• Two new schools with child care centres are expected to be completed and open for January 2026. • Several child care projects are pending Ministry approval to proceed. • The Ministry has cancelled funding for multiple child care capital projects.	
Enhanced Physical Safety Measures		• Communication sent to Principals to collaborate with child care operators and school staff to address immediate safety concerns. • Child care operators would like clearer definitions from the Ministry of Education on what constitutes a "vulnerable area." Further guidelines are required to make long-term decisions. • Operators noted that Ministry Program Advisors have recently focused on reviewing playgrounds and entrances at child care centres. • Each site is unique and will require tailored next steps.	TCDSB Facilities Department is collecting data to identify potential vulnerabilities in child care centres and school sites. This will help to determine long term solutions and ensure new projects going forward will also address vulnerable areas.
Next Meeting Dates		February 4th, 2026	

		May 13th, 2026	
Adjournment		2:00 p.m.	