

February 21, 2020

## Re: End of the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative on April 30, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Region of Peel is writing to confirm that the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative which began in 2018, will **end on April 30, 2020** as a result of provincial reductions to child care funding.

This means that your licensed child care provider will adjust their rates on May 1, 2020. As a result, rates will increase by \$12 per day for full-day care and \$6 per day for part-day care.

The Region is committed to making child care more affordable. We are actively working on a revised affordability strategy to support families in Peel. The Region will communicate more information as it becomes available to your child care provider and through our website at: www.peelregion.ca/children/reduced-children-fees/.

In the meantime, you can:

- Claim the Ontario Childcare Tax Credit when filing your 2019 personal income tax return. For more information, please visit: <u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-childcare-tax-credit</u>.
- 2. Check your eligibility to apply for child care fee subsidy. For more information, please visit: <u>https://www.peelregion.ca/children/apply-for-subsidy</u>.

Should you have any questions/concerns, please email the Region at: <u>EarlyYearsSystemDivision@peelregion.ca</u>

Sincerely,

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