

- **Name**
Karima du Toit
- **Enter the date of the meeting you wish to present to council**
June 20th, 2024
- **Which is your preference for attending the meeting.**
In Person
- **Will there be anyone other than yourself addressing Council?**
Yes
- **Which is their preference for attending the meeting.**
In Person
- **Please provide the names of everyone who will be addressing Council.**
Amy McKague - A Child In U Oxford and Heidi Collins - Oxford
Community Child Care - Karima du Toit – Friendship Cooperative
- **Use the space below to clearly outline Karima du Toit your purpose for presenting to council. Provide a brief outline of your subject matter including your suggested outcome.**
Woodstock is currently facing a very fast progressing Child Care Crisis. Without suitable locations that comply to all the rules and regulations we can not create more quality, licensed child care centres. We are hoping that the City would recognize that more child care spaces are needed and will take that in considerations with any future development opportunities within the City of Woodstock. It is also our hope that the City would re-evaluate the zoning system within Woodstock, to help with the creation of these spaces.

I would like to speak regarding the Notice of Motion that councillor Kate Leatherbarrow has put forth with respect to exploring how the City of Woodstock can support the current crisis for childcare within Woodstock. As the Supervisor of Special Needs Resourcing within Oxford County, I would like to share information with respect to the crisis that families experience when they are not able to find quality early learning programs for their children. I would like to address that if the Woodstock City Council is considering ways to support expansion of childcare locations, that they also consider ways to support space needs for children's service providers to be able to provide supports for children within their communities. The families with children with special needs in Woodstock and Oxford County face added barriers to

receiving the supports that their children require due to lack of spaces for these services to be offered within the community. Child care is foundational to supporting early childhood development, learning, well-being, and student success. Quality child care experiences provide lifelong benefits to children, and are a key enabler of workforce participation, particularly for women.

- **Will you be providing any additional written information in addition to your summary above? If YES please note it must be provided to the Clerks department no later than 2:00pm on the Tuesday prior to the meeting**

No

- **Will you be providing any additional electronic information in addition to documents you will be attaching? If YES please note it must be provided to the Clerks department no later than 2:00pm on the Tuesday prior to the meeting**

No

- **Have you appeared before council to discuss the same topic in the past?**

No