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From: Belinda Wick <belinda@town.minto.on.ca>
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To: Monica Hawkins
Subject: Child Care Resolution

Hi Monica,

I am hoping you can help me or at least point me in the right direction.

In October our Council supported a resolution that was initiated in East Ferris Related to ECEs and Childcare.

This has been a recent hot topic in Economic Development. At the Economic Developer's Council of Ontario Conference in February we are hosting a Pre-Conference Session at the Ontario Investment and Trade Centre on this topic and how it relates to Economic Development. February 7th 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

The session is shaping up like this:

Session Title: Who CARES about Economic Development

Potential Speakers:

- **Vivian Kinnaird**, CEO Workforce Collective, Niagara Region.
 - **[setting the stage]**
 - 'Big picture' respective / intro on the care economy and connection to workforce. Specifically, sharing the insights from the briefing, "Our economy won't work without the ELCC workforce"
- **Dr.Emis Akbari**, is a Senior Policy Fellow with the ATKINSON Centre for Society and Child Development at OISE at the University of Toronto; is a Professor and PROGRAM Coordinator, School of Early Childhood with George Brown College.
 - **[data & research activity]**
 - Share insight into Ontario's Early Years workforce (relative to other provinces); describe current municipal / regional led data collection project, Knowing our Numbers, which these EDO's colleagues from their municipalities are likely part of
 - Also to share why we need to keep the 'child' and quality at the centre of our activities related to child care and the early learning system.
- MUNICIPAL
 - **[policy & 'Council' example]**
 - Share insight into the recent report/resolution to Council about child care as infrastructure; why and how are you connecting into what used to be considered 'social policy'? Why does this matter to Economic Development in 2022 and beyond?
- Moderator: Michelle Schurter, Millennial Strategist (one option)

Dialogue:

- Why do you recommend EDO's approach moving into the 'care economy' within their role?
- What steps could an EDO take after this conference?
- What support / resources would you suggest for EDO's looking to grow their efforts in this space?

Being that East Ferris started this resolution we were wondering if there was someone from the municipality who might be interested in participating in the session (MUNICIPAL)?

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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