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**City of Prince George**

City Clerk

Dear City Council,

Historically childcare has been an issue, that has been magnified during the Pandemic. The brunt of the unavailability of child care falls on women. Men typically earn more than women. If a household is restricted to one income because of the unavailability of childcare men are going to continue careers. While women stay home or do double duty trying to balance a career with full time childcare. This is in a dual income family. Single parents are left in even less desirable circumstance.

I am proposing the rezoning of 280 Bellos street to help alleviate some of this situation.

I have been in the childcare field for approximately thirty years. I hold a valid Early Childhood Educator and an Infant Toddler Certificate. My goal is to open a group center that would include eight to twelve spaces for children under the age of three, as well as, preschool spaces.

The impact from the pandemic falls predominantly on women. Instead of a recession it is being labeled a "shecession". In order for our economy to reach pre-pandemic levels women must be able to participate in the labour force! This involves opening and providing quality care centres, especially for children in the under three age category.

Infant Toddler caregivers are few and far between. With my education I will be able to support and facilitate individuals with the basic ECE too obtain post basic education and certify as Infant Toddler Educators. Exponentially increasing the availability of under three childcare spaces.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lorinda Lunn