

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-013-OP  
RESPECTING CHILD CARE CENTRES**

**WHEREAS** benefits associated with accessible, high quality child care include increased labour force participation, reduced poverty, improved child development outcomes, and increased social and support networks for families.

**BE IT RESOLVED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER** by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality, under the authority of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, as amended, as follows:

**Short Title**

1. This Administrative Order may be cited as Administrative Order 2020-013-OP, the *Child Care Administrative Order*.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Administrative Order:
  - (a) "Child Care Centre" means a facility that provides full-day or part-day licensed child care under the *Day Care Act*, RSNS, 1989, c.120;
  - (b) "Municipality" means the Halifax Regional Municipality; and
  - (c) "Non-Profit Child Care Centre" means a Child Care Centre that is registered as a charity, society, or non-profit corporation in accordance with provincial or federal laws.
  - (d) "Facility" means a municipally owned building.

**Purpose**

3. The purpose of this Administrative Order is to outline a process to prioritize the inclusion of Child Care Centres within Facilities owned by the Municipality when excess space is available.

**Application**

4. This Administrative order applies to all Facilities.

**Prioritization of Child Care Centres in Facilities**

5. When designing and constructing new Facilities intended predominantly for recreation or community purposes, the Municipality shall consider including spaces intended for the operation of a Child Care Centre, based on the needs of the local community.
6. Leasing of space to Child Care Centres within Facilities shall only be considered once all municipal needs for the Facility have been met and provided that a Child Care Centre is compatible with the predominant use of the Facility.
7. When considering tenants for excess spaces located within new or existing Facilities, the Municipality shall prioritize tenants that provide services ancillary to the operations of the Facility, followed by Child Care Centres and other tenants that provide a community benefit.
8. When leasing spaces to Non-Profit Child Care Centres in Facilities, the Municipality shall, subject to the approval of Halifax Regional Council in accordance with the requirements of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, lease the space to the Non-Profit Child Care Centre at less-than-market-value.
9. Leases to for-profit Child Care Centres must be at market value and may be approved in accordance with Administrative Order 2018-004-ADM, the *Real Property Transactions Policy*.

Done and passed in Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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Mayor Mike Savage

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Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk

I, Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk of the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above noted Administrative Order was passed at a meeting of the Halifax Regional Council held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk

Notice of Motion:  
Approval:

September 30, 2020  
November 17, 2020