## Council Direction:
Council at its meeting of August 12, 2010, referred Communication Item 5.2 respecting correspondence received from Fred Hahn, President, CUPE Ontario and Tracy Saarikoski, President, Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, dated July 9, 2010, respecting Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

## Information:
October 27, 2010 is Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day in Ontario. The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC), are leading province wide celebrations on that day to recognize the contributions of Child Care Workers and Early Childhood Educators. CUPE and OCBCC have asked all Mayors and Councils to proclaim October 27, 2010 as Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, and to actively support this celebration.

While the City of Hamilton does not endorse proclamations, the City will be taking the following action to acknowledge and support the day of appreciation:
• In partnership with the Best Start Network and the Child Care Supervisors’ Network distribute buttons, posters, and information about the day to centres and agencies who employ child care workers and Early Childhood Educators

• Host a staff appreciation event in partnership with CUPE 5167 at the City’s municipal child care program, The Red Hill Family Centre

• In partnership with the Best Start Network, the City will place an advertisement in our local newspaper(s) to recognize the day.

Staff will advise CUPE of the actions taken by the City to acknowledge and support celebrations of the day of appreciation.