



Committee of the Whole Excerpts
May 13, 2025

HANTS SHORE CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION EXCERPT

The Hants Shore Child Care Association would like to establish a registered 60 space childcare centre to serve the Hants Shore area for children ranging from 6 months – 11 years. The group was already registered as a non-profit (Feb 2025) and had an established wait list that has 80 families listed on it.

The request was to have a 3-acre parcel (PID 45285103) in Upper Burlington owned by the Municipality and have the Municipality donate it to the group to establish the childcare facility and help guide them through the rezoning process.

The recommended motion was that Committee of the Whole recommend that ...

COUNCIL DIRECTS STAFF TO BRING BACK A REPORT WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON PID 45285103 TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST FROM THE HANTS SHORE CHILD CARE CENTRE.



Hants Shore Childcare Association

*Creating Child Care Spaces for
Rural West Hants*



Agenda

Introduction – Board of Directors

Organization Background
Progress to Date

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Community Considerations

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Hants Shore Childcare Association - Background

Association Background

- Overwhelming need for childcare in the West Hants area
- Petition was launched in fall 2024 (over 200 names in support of a childcare centre in the area)
- Community meeting held to bring awareness included in discussion were local MLAs, MP, Councillors and community members
- Established a Board of Directors in Feb 2025 (focusing on next steps, fundraising and community communication)



Progress to Date

- Registered non-profit Feb 2025
- Online waitlist available for community
- Applied for municipal funding & discussions with Minor Infrastructure Program (1mil)
- Support from MLA/MPs
- Have connected with AVRCE transportation, local daycares, before & afterschool programs
- Multiple fundraisers ongoing





Our Vision

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- Providing a registered childcare centre to service the Hants Shore area
 - For children 6 months to 11 years old
 - Offering before and afterschool care and part-time or full-time day care
 - Serving Brooklyn District and Dr. Arthur Hines Elementary Schools
 - 60 childcare spaces
 - Goal to open in 2027

Facility Vision

- Smart/ eco-friendly design — solar powered temperature control & water heating
- Safe and accessible to all
- Abundance of natural light
- Outdoor play area (sheltered)
- Consideration for future expansion
- Multi-purposed rooms for expanding needs

Community Vision, Connections and Engagement

- Maintain portion of the land for community use
- Playground available for the community (outside fenced in care area)
- Potential for program rooms, gym space etc. to be used by community (4H programs)



The Land



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- 3 acres in Upper Burlington
“Upper Burlington Planter’s Trail”
- Currently zoned ‘Open Space’
- Intersects with Walton Woods Rd.
& Hwy 215



Our Ask

- Municipality to grant us the 3-acre parcel of land for the childcare association
- Municipality guidance and assistance of rezoning process



Q&A





Thank you!

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