## **Applicant Submission**

September 11, 2019

To: Lindsey Ganczar

RE: Response to LOC2019-0056 DTR

From: Jessica Zhang, Bill Ma (Homer Owner & Applicant)

The applicant has undertaken a best practice engagement process including flyer drop, and connection with community association.

A summary of the engagement information listed below:

- 1. Mail flyer drop in February 2019 to approximately 9000 homes for west of James Mckevitt and north of 162 Ave SW.
- 2. Email to community association for notifying in June 2019.

There are about 30 families who connected with applicant to inquire daycare. Some families concerned if daycare could do drop off & pick up their children to school (Our Lady of Evergreen, Marshall Spring and Evergreen Elementary school). As the applicant is operating a daycare with 20 children maximum and 3 staff are attending. There are already 20 children in the waiting list for now. The parents happy the daycare close by and doesn't need to drive to other community. Some families just need to walk to daycare. For parents, they feel save lots time in the busy morning.

The comment from Community Association was the traffic when daycare parents drop off & pick up their children will be complex with the parents drop off & pick up children from school. As the daycare operating time from 7 AM-6 PM, the higher volume rush time would be 7:00-8:00AM and 4:00-6:00 PM. It will totally miss the school's rush hours (8:00-8:30 AM and 2:30-3:00PM). Some parents drop off between 8-8:30 AM because the parents also need to drop off their older kid to school. Also in daycare newsletter, daycare inform parents please avoid the rush hours.

By daycare experience, applicant noticed there are more new comers move in Evergreen community. And most of them are young families with children. As the young families need to looking for a job and fit in Canadian culture, they are desired to looking a daycare for their children.

The another reason is for children early education. The early education is beneficial for children, for families, for everyone. The daycare is to provide each child with a sense of security and individuality by offering a safe, enjoyable environment where they can grow intellectually, physically, emotionally, creatively and socially. Children will feel a sense of belonging, as we believe in creating an environment that is inclusive, regardless of race, religion

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or exceptional needs.

The experiences young children have in the first six years of life directly affect the total development of their personality, their thinking ability and emotional stability. We at Evergreen Child Care believe it is in this time that children learn to develop trust in adults and confidence in themselves. We will foster this by building positive relationships and providing a nurturing environment which is consistent and steady, child-directed and teacher supported.

The goal and objectives for applicant:

Evergreen Child Care will strive to make each child enrolled in our program feel special and unique. Boosting self-esteem and treating each child like an individual is the most important goal of all. We will provide children with opportunities to learn through play, which is teacher initiated and child-directed. Each learning experience will stimulate the social, emotional, intellectual, creative and physical development of the children.

We understand each child grows and develops in these areas at different levels, therefore, through careful observation and recording, we can provide experiences for each child's interests as well as particular stage of development.

Through training and education, our staff has the means to provide the children with a safe, nurturing, inclusive environment where each child has the right to freedom in choices, rest time and active times, a nutritious diet and a clean, healthy environment.

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