



# POLICY

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## Purpose

To provide a framework for factors in the consideration of applications to amend the Zoning Bylaw to permit large child care facilities in residential and commercial zones.

## Associated Policy Documents

Official Community Plan, 2013, Bylaw No. 3838

## Policy

### Rezoning Applications

The following factors will be considered in evaluation of an application to amend the zoning bylaw to permit a large daycare or to increase the size of an existing daycare in residential or commercial settings:

1. The site is designated for residential or commercial uses in the Official Community Plan.
2. For facilities with a capacity exceeding 50 children in care in commercial or mixed use setting, the applicant must demonstrate:
  - a. Parking and on-site traffic circulation is adequate for pick-up and drop-off activities;
  - b. An on-site outdoor play space is provided that is separate from high traffic and has access to sunlight, weather protection, and natural elements; and
  - c. The siting and design of the facility fits the surrounding context.

3. For facilities with a capacity exceeding 25 children in a residential zone or where the child care facilities will be the principal or sole use of a building in a residential neighbourhood, the applicant must demonstrate:
  - a. The facility is intended to primarily meet the needs of neighbourhood residents and workers;
  - b. Vehicular access to the properties and on-site parking is adequate for pick-up and drop-off activities;
  - c. An outdoor play space provides access to sunlight, weather protection, and natural elements or the site is within safe walking distance to parks or playgrounds; and
  - d. The siting and design of the facility is in keeping with the residential character of the neighbourhood.

## **Responsibility**

The Director of Development Services shall be responsible for administration of this policy.

## **END OF POLICY**

## **Record of Amendments**

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