From: Brian Ostrander
To: Mather, Maddison

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2025 9:29 PM **To:** Brian Ostrander <BOstrander@brighton.ca>

Subject: Urgent Need for Child Care in Brighton ON

Good Evening Brian,

I wanted to pass along the email that I have sent to the three recommended individuals but wanted you to be aware as well.

May 21, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express a growing concern shared by many families in our community: the urgent need for accessible, affordable, and high-quality child care options in Brighton Ontario.

As a resident and/or parent, I have seen firsthand how limited child care availability is affecting working families. Whether it's long waitlists, high costs, or a complete lack of local providers, the child care shortage is creating real obstacles for parents trying to balance work and family life. It also discourages workforce participation, particularly for mothers, and has a ripple effect on our town's economy.

The importance of early childhood care and education cannot be overstated. Not only does it support child development, but it also gives parents the stability they need to contribute to the community and local businesses. Without reliable care, too many families are forced to make difficult choices—some even forgoing employment altogether.

I urge our local leaders and community stakeholders to prioritize investment in child care infrastructure. This might include support for new child care centers, subsidies or grants for providers, public-private partnerships, or even town-sponsored programs to expand options. There are three community schools that run before & after school programs with the YMCA that could be expanded to help accommodate needs.

Together, we can make Brighton a place where families feel supported and where every child has the opportunity to thrive from the start.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I am happy to support any efforts that move us toward a stronger, more family-friendly community.

Sincerely,

Mackenzie Yarrow

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