



Upper Yonge Village Daycare Centre

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Date: January 31, 2024

Re: January 2024 UYVDC renovation update

Dear UYVDC Families and Staff,

We want to update you on the City's plans to renovate the daycare. This is long overdue, as the building is old and requires increasing maintenance.

Unfortunately, we have no control over the timing of the upgrades, which should take about two years to complete and will require us to vacate the building. The decision to renovate, as well as the timeline, is up to the City alone.

In our most recent discussions with City staff, they told us they tentatively plan to start renovations in July, 2024. We continue to discuss these plans with the City to attempt to extend the deadline to vacate St Clements Ave., however, unless we can negotiate an extension, we have no choice but to close our doors on June 30, 2024. We expect to receive 90 days notice from the City about when the renovations will officially start at the end of March 2024, unless more time can be negotiated. The notice period should help ease the transition for our terrific daycare staff and valued families and we will let you know as soon as we receive the notice.

What we are doing

As members of the UYVDC parent community, we share your concerns about the daycare's future. We have explored several options for how to navigate the renovation to continue to providing childcare services until we can move back into the refurbished site at 14 St. Clements Ave. Our efforts have included:

- Working with a commercial real estate agent to identify a suitable temporary home for the daycare
- Investigating possible spaces to run a summer program
- Communicating regularly with City officials, bringing parents' concerns about timing and the preservation of non-profit daycare spaces in the Yonge-Eglinton neighbourhood
- Urging the City to officially grant UYVDC first right of refusal for the renovated daycare site at 14 St. Clements Ave.

While we continue to look for a space to house UYVDC during the renovations, given the rigorous licensing requirements to run a childcare facility, it is likely that we will run out of time before a space can be located.

What you can do

No action is needed at this time. However, if you have leads on a possible temporary home for the daycare, we encourage you to share your suggestions with us by emailing director@uyvdc.ca, and we will investigate. Please remember that licensed daycares must have significant floor space, enough natural light, a separate kitchen for preparing food, and an outdoor area for a playground (potentially on a rooftop), among other legally required features. Former daycares, church nurseries or halls, doctors' offices, restaurants or ground-level retail spaces may be good options.

For those of you receiving subsidized daycare, we urge you to contact your caseworker for additional support in locating a new childcare facility.

Our commitment to you

As Board members, we are dedicated to preserving the UYVDC community and keeping parents informed. We will share more updates as they become available, and we thank you for being part of our cherished daycare family.

Sincerely,

UYVDC Board of Directors