



Upper Yonge Village Daycare Centre

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Date: April 18, 2023

Re: April 2023 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 March 2024. This would allow us to stay in the building until February 2024. The City has also committed to providing us with at least 90 days' notice before the renovation starts, which should help ease the transition for our terrific daycare staff and valued families.

What we are doing

As members of the UYVDC parent community, we share your concerns about the daycare's future. We are exploring several options for how to navigate the renovation. Our primary goal is to continue childcare services in the Yonge-Eglinton area during construction, until we can move back into the refurbished site at 14 St. Clements Ave.

To this end, we are:

- Working with a commercial real estate agent to identify a suitable temporary home for the daycare
- 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.

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.

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