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December 4, 2009

Hon. Denise Peterson - Rafuse
Minister, Community Services
P.O. Box 696
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Dear Minister Peterson-Rafuse:

I would like to offer my sincerest thanks and appreciation for you recently announced grant in excess of \$1.5 million for Edward Jost Childrens Centre in Spryfield. I can't begin to tell you how much this will help in providing additional daycare in our community.

In speaking with Kathleen Coutere, the director of the centre, plans are well underway to proceed including an open house at the facility. I understand that there is also a six month window of opportunity for construction to begin. Herein lies an issue.

This project requires a Development Agreement which is in essence a contract between an applicant and HRM. Certain criteria must be satisfied, and then the project can proceed. Moreover, this process is generally eight months in duration. As such it is impossible to satisfy the criteria set forth by our Charter.

As Minister, could you please authorize an extension, to ensure our community and more importantly our children can benefit from this generous grant. I give you my personal commitment that I will do all I can to bring this forward in an expedited manner.

Yours very truly,

Stephen Adams
Councillor, District 18
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Mr. Stephen Adams
Councillor, District 18
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Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 4, 2009, regarding your request for an extension under the 2009/2010 Expansion and Replacement Loan Program.

The Department would like to work with your centre to facilitate the completion of the approved project. We are, therefore, willing to extend the start date of the construction of your new facility to August 31, 2010.

Please contact Ms. Janice Foote, Early Childhood Development & Community Outreach Specialist, at (902) 424-2681 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Peterson-Rafuse". The signature is stylized with large, flowing letters.

Denise Peterson-Rafuse
Minister

c: Ms. Janice Foote