

Child care centres run by the region could soon be a thing of the past ^[1]

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Growing concerns from parents as the Region gets ready to review a recommendation to close its five child care centers it runs.

Andrea Siemens has a child who attends one of the centers and says the programs that these centers run is exceptional with teachers with decades of experience.

Regional Councillor Tom Galloway says KPMG has recommended closing the sites and to save 2.5 million dollars.

Galloway says there is also concern that private and not for profit centers would not be able to cover the 250 spaces the closures would create along with the addition 200 subsidized spaces.

Siemens says the parents have formed a group to try to prevent the closure

“We have a strategy in place where we are contacting councilors, we have a Twitter feed, a Facebook page, and doing our best to get the word out about these regional child care centres.”

She says they will rally before councils meeting on September 30 and many parents have registered to speak.

Siemens asks everyone to email their Regional Councillor.

Council is expected to make a decision in October.

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