



Memorandum to the Board of Education

Meeting in Public

FROM: District Staff
DATE: September 20, 2022
SUBJECT: Nakusp Early Learning and Child Care Centre Update

For Information

Project Update

At the May 17, 2022, regular meeting of the Board, it was reported that the district was optimistic to be opening the doors of the Child Care Centre in September. Since that time, communication has been shared with staff and the broader community that we are unfortunately not yet able to operationalize the centre for various reasons. However, and despite continued setbacks including construction deficiencies, delivery delays and other unforeseen circumstances our team continues to work steadfastly and remain committed to bringing the Centre to completion and welcoming children and families to the Nakusp Early Learning and Child Care Centre as soon as possible.

Project Highlights

Staffing

1. Many people in our communities have already had the chance to meet Mr. Tim Van Brummelen, one of the newest members to the SD10 team and officially the District Lead for the Child Care Centre and Vice Principal for Nakusp Elementary School. In gratitude to the temporary special purpose funding from the Ministry of Education, we are excited to welcome a veteran educational leader into our ranks as of September 1, 2022, who will work alongside our team to not only help operationalize the child care centre but will oversee the initial day to day operations.
2. At the beginning of September, SD10 and CUPE Local 2450 commenced preliminary collaborative discussions regarding the staffing of the centre in accordance with licensing regulations which is expected to include Early Childhood Educators, Infant Toddler Educators and Responsible Adults. We appreciate our good working relationship and look forward to the continued conversations regarding staffing.

Community Engagement

1. To help with centralizing updates, information and resources regarding the Child Care Centre and the programs that will be offered, a Facebook page called SD10-Arrow Lakes Nakusp Early Child Care Centre was created at the end of June and will continue to be updated with new information as it is available.



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2. An Expression of Interest Form for Enrollment was developed for families who are interested in child care services and as a means to gain a current understanding of what the community need is for child care based on the various programs that will be offered by the centre.
3. A direct email address has been set up to receive inquiries from family and community members at nelcc@sd10.bc.ca.
4. Additional community consultation and engagement is expected in the coming weeks with more information to come.

Construction

1. Although exterior construction was completed at the end of last spring, a number of interior construction deficiencies were identified at the end of June. Construction deficiencies are not uncommon with any new build, however, there were some challenges in rallying the necessary trades in consideration that summer is a peak time for the industry. We continue to work diligently on the finishing touches of the interior of the centre and are nearing completion.
 2. The outdoor play areas are underway, with posts installed for the shade sails and playground structures being assembled we are looking forward to this component of the project being complete in the next couple of weeks.
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