

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

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**SUBJECT: NEW CHILD CARE SPACES THROUGH THE CITY-SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHILD CARE FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP**

1.0 CITY-SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

In 2014, the City and Burnaby School District signed a Child Care facilities partnership agreement that provides for up to twelve child care centres to be built on school sites throughout the community. Under the Agreement, the City is responsible for the capital contributions for the centres through the Community Benefit Bonus Reserve, the School District provides land and oversees the relationship with operators of the centres, and locally-based non-profit organizations operate the centres. In 2019 October, the Agreement was revised when the School District undertook responsibility for project management and construction of new facilities.

2.0 CHILD CARE ACTION PLAN AND CHILD CARE NEED

In 2021 July, the City, along with the support of community partners, adopted the Burnaby Child Care Action Plan (CCAP). The Action Plan identifies priority child care needs and actions to address them over the next 10 years.

In 2020, there were 17.5 licensed spaces per 100 children ages 0 to 12 years. As seen in Table 1 below, the highest rates of access were for the 3-5 age (34.9 spaces) while the lowest were for the under 3 and school age groups (17.6 spaces and 10.0 spaces respectively). In terms of location, the northwest and southeast quadrants had lower rates of access for the under 3 age group and school age group.

Table 1: Access Rate by Age Group and Quadrant

Quadrant	Licensed Child Care (under 3 years old)			Licensed Child Care (3-5 years)			Licensed School Age Care (6-12 years)		
	# Children	# Spaces	Spaces per 100	# Children	# Spaces	Spaces per 100	# Children	# Spaces	Spaces per 100
Northwest	1,292	190	14.7	1,237	422	34.1	3,059	231	7.5
Northeast	1,255	250	20.0	1,338	455	34.0	3,261	421	12.9
Southeast	1,665	268	16.1	1,768	516	29.2	3,951	307	7.8
Southwest	2,204	422	19.2	2,155	876	40.6	4,826	551	11.4
Burnaby	6,416	1,131	17.6	6,498	2,269	34.9	15,097	1,509	10.0

The CCAP also identified space creation targets to address child care needs over the next decade. While the creation of new spaces requires a partnership approach, space creation targets for the community help to identify priorities and serve to inform future child care planning and funding application processes.

Based on the consultation process with local elected officials and community partners for the CCAP, the following targets for 2030 were identified for Burnaby:

- 33 spaces per 100 children under 3 years old, up from the current rate of 17.6;
- 50 spaces per 100 children aged 3-5 years, up from the current rate of 34.9; and
- 33 spaces per 100 children aged 6-9 years.

In total, the space creation targets identify a need for 1,287 infant/toddler spaces, 1,512 three-to-five year old spaces, and 1,613 school age spaces over the next ten years, for a total of 4,412 new spaces.

3.0 CHILD CARE SPACES CREATED THROUGH THE CITY-SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

The City-School District Child Care Facilities partnership has and will continue to play an important role in creating quality child care spaces in the community.

Through the partnership, a total of 247 new spaces for children ages 0 to 5 years have been completed or are under construction, as detailed in Table 2 below. The City was responsible for the design and construction of the Montecito, Capitol Hill and Stride facilities for which it received a grant of \$1million for each centre from the Province's new spaces fund.

The School District was responsible for the design and construction of the facilities on the Westridge, Cascade Heights, Marlborough Elementary school sites and the Marian Learning Resource Centres. On 2020 July 20, the Council approved a one-time capital grant of \$5,574,808 to the School District to finance the construction of these facilities.

Table 2: New Child Care Spaces for Children 0-5 years – Built or Under Construction

Site	# of new spaces for children 0 to 36 months	# of new spaces for children 30 months to school age	Operator	Status
City-led Projects				
Montecito		25	Burnaby Family Life	Opened in Sept. 2020
Capitol Hill		25	Purpose Society	Opened in June 2021
Stride	12	25	Burnaby Children's Centres Society until 2022	Completed July 2021 – temporarily being used by the Hanna Court Children's Centre while repairs are being done to the Hanna Court building
School District-led Projects				
Westridge Elementary	12	25	Puddle Splashers	Opened in Feb. 2021
Cascade Heights Elementary	12	25	YMCA	Opened in May 2021
Marlborough Elementary	12	25	Burnaby Neighbourhood House	Scheduled to open in in early 2022
Marian Learning Resource Centre	24	25	Simon Fraser Childcare Society	Scheduled to open early in 2022
Total	72	175		

4.0 ADDITIONAL SPACES

Burnaby North

At its meeting on 2021 October 25 Council authorized staff to release funding previously approved in principle, for the construction of **24 new infant/toddler spaces** at Burnaby North Secondary. The School District will be moving an existing 79-space program for 3-5 year olds and school age children to the Burnaby North site. The addition of new infant/toddler spaces will make a significant contribution to addressing child care needs for this age group in north Burnaby.

Brentwood Park Elementary

At its meeting on 2021 October 25 Council approved funding in principle for a new **37-space child care centre** for children 5 and under planned for a proposed Neighbourhood Learning Centre at Brentwood Park Elementary. The Neighbourhood Learning Centre is proposed as part of a seismic upgrade and school expansion project. The new centre would provide quality spaces that would remain in the public domain for the long-term and assist in meeting Burnaby's child care targets

in this quadrant of the city. The City is eligible to apply to the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund for these spaces and will be submitting a grant application for the November 16, 2021 intake deadline.

5.0 CONCLUSION

This City–School District Child Care Facilities Partnership has been a cost-effective and efficient program to create new quality child care spaces in our community. To date, through the partnership, 247 spaces for children 0 to 5 years at 7 sites throughout the community have been constructed or are under construction.

Council approved funding for an additional 61 spaces at its meeting on 2021 October 25, bringing the total number of sites to 9.

These facilities will remain in the public domain for the long term and make a significant contribution towards meeting Burnaby’s child care needs.

This memo is for the information of the Committee.

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