

Child Care Facility Design Guidelines

First Nations

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A scenic landscape of mountains and forests. The foreground is filled with dense green coniferous trees. In the middle ground, there are rolling hills and valleys covered in forest. In the background, majestic mountains rise under a sky with scattered white clouds. A body of water is visible in the distance between the mountain ranges.

Welcome



Agenda

1. Background and Context Setting
2. Child Care Facility Design Guidelines Overview
3. Discussion
4. Design Guidelines Implementation Overview
5. Discussion
6. Next Steps





Child Care Facility Design Guidelines

- In recent years, BC has seen an increasing number of applications from public, not-for-profit and Indigenous governments seeking to build or expand new child care spaces
- Design guidelines are being developed to inform the design of new public, not-for-profit and Indigenous Government-led projects that receive Provincial funding to create new child care spaces



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What are the Design Guidelines?

The proposed design guidelines will build on Child Care Licensing Regulation minimum health and safety requirements and include area standards, required facility functions, and building features.

The design guidelines will guide the creation of facilities that:



Facilitate children's learning, development and wellbeing



Are functional, durable and long-lasting



Support healthy workplaces for staff wellbeing and retention



Support quality, inclusive, culturally relevant programming



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How Were the Design Guidelines Developed?



01

Project Team

Established a project team including a design consultant, quantity surveyor and working group

02

Cross Jurisdictional Review

Examined child care facility design standards utilized across Canada and beyond as well as best practices research and literature

03

Initial Technical Engagement

Engaged with partners and interested parties with capital building knowledge to inform the development of options

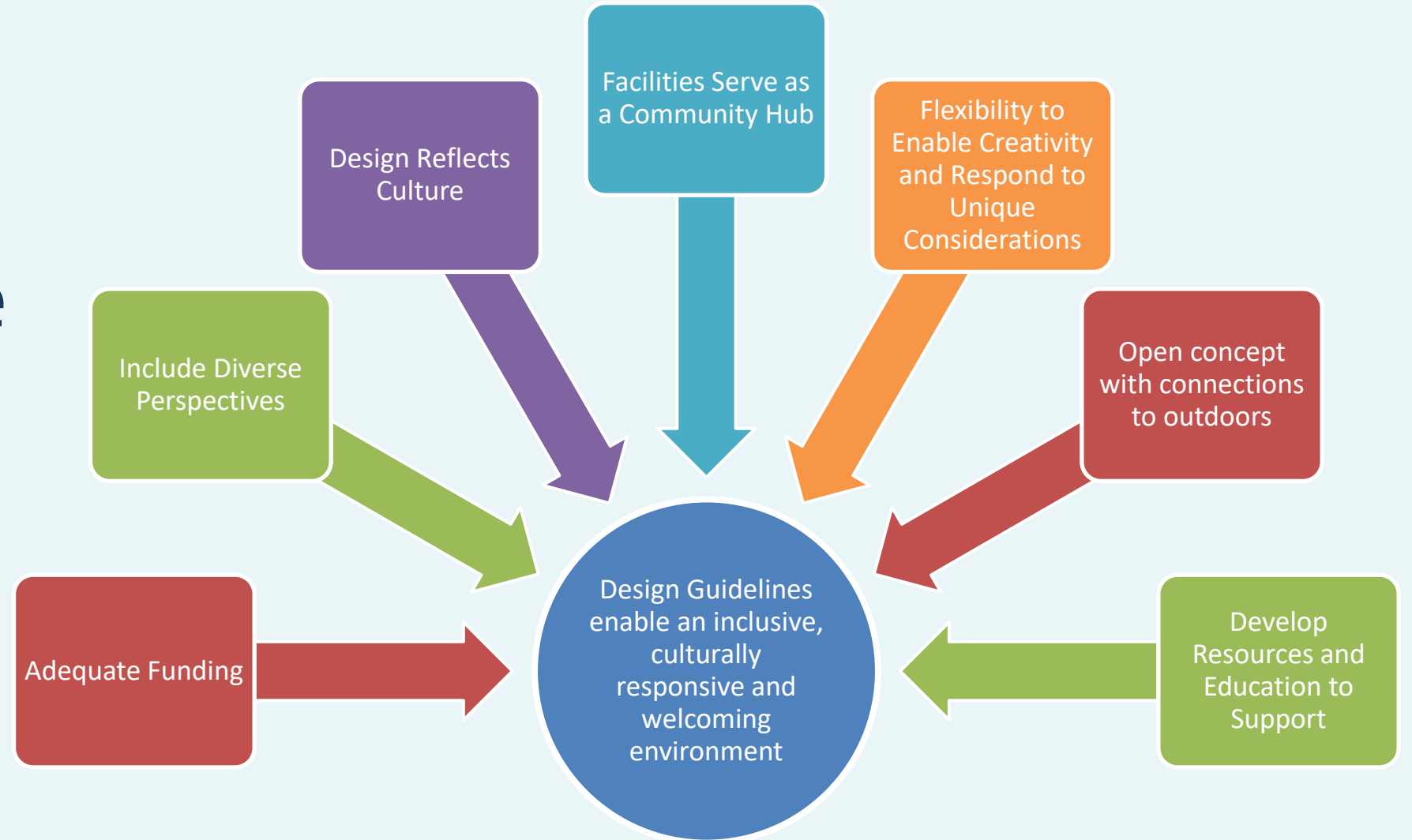


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What We've Heard

First Nations, Métis
and Urban Indigenous
Partners



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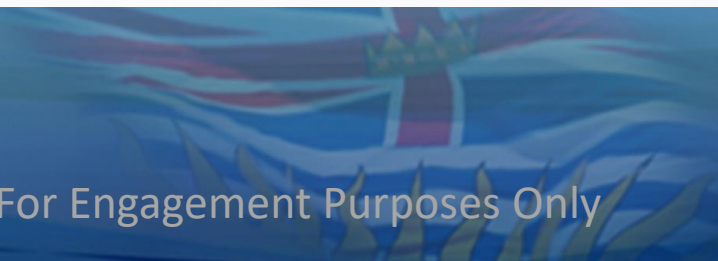
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General Design Principles of the Design Guidelines

Principle 1:

Child Care facilities are welcoming, inclusive, accessible and culturally responsive.

Principle 2:

Child Care spaces facilitate children's learning, development, and well-being through a functional design that stimulates exploration, creativity and play.

Principle 3:

Child care spaces incorporate elements that enable healthy workplaces for staff and support staff retention.

Principle 4:

Child care facilities are durable and long-lasting, cost and energy efficient to run, include climate resilient strategies to keep children and staff safe and consider environmental impacts over the lifetime of the facility.



Design Guidelines Draft Outline

01 General Design Guidelines Principles Principles the design guidelines are based upon	04 Interior Space Guidelines, Best Practices, & Area Standards Considerations for interior space design
02 Project Planning & Steps General process and steps involved in developing a new child care facility, including engagement with First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples	05 Exterior Space Guidelines, Best Practices, & Area Standards Considerations for exterior space design
03 Site Considerations and Best Practices for Building Designs Considerations for selecting a site and general principles related to the overall building design	06 Appendices Space lists for child care types and regulatory documents/guides with embedded links



Discussion Questions



The Child Care Design Guidelines are based on principles that support the development of child care facilities that:

- 1) are welcoming, inclusive, accessible and culturally responsive;
- 2) facilitate children's learning, development and well-being;
- 3) enable healthy workplaces for staff and support staff retention; and
- 4) are durable and long-lasting, are cost and energy efficient to run, incorporate climate resilient strategies to keep children and staff safe and healthy and consider environmental impacts over the lifetime of the facility.

Do the design guidelines reflect these principles?

Are there any critical gaps that need to be addressed?



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Group Discussion

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- Take health and wellness breaks as needed
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Group Discussion

Sharing key learnings



Child Care Facility Design Guidelines Implementation Planning



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How will the Design Guidelines be Applied?

Design Guidelines would apply to provincially funded space creation projects for Indigenous governments, public and not-for-profit applicants who own the facility and are conducting a major renovation or ground-up build project greater than \$500,000 through:

New Spaces Fund

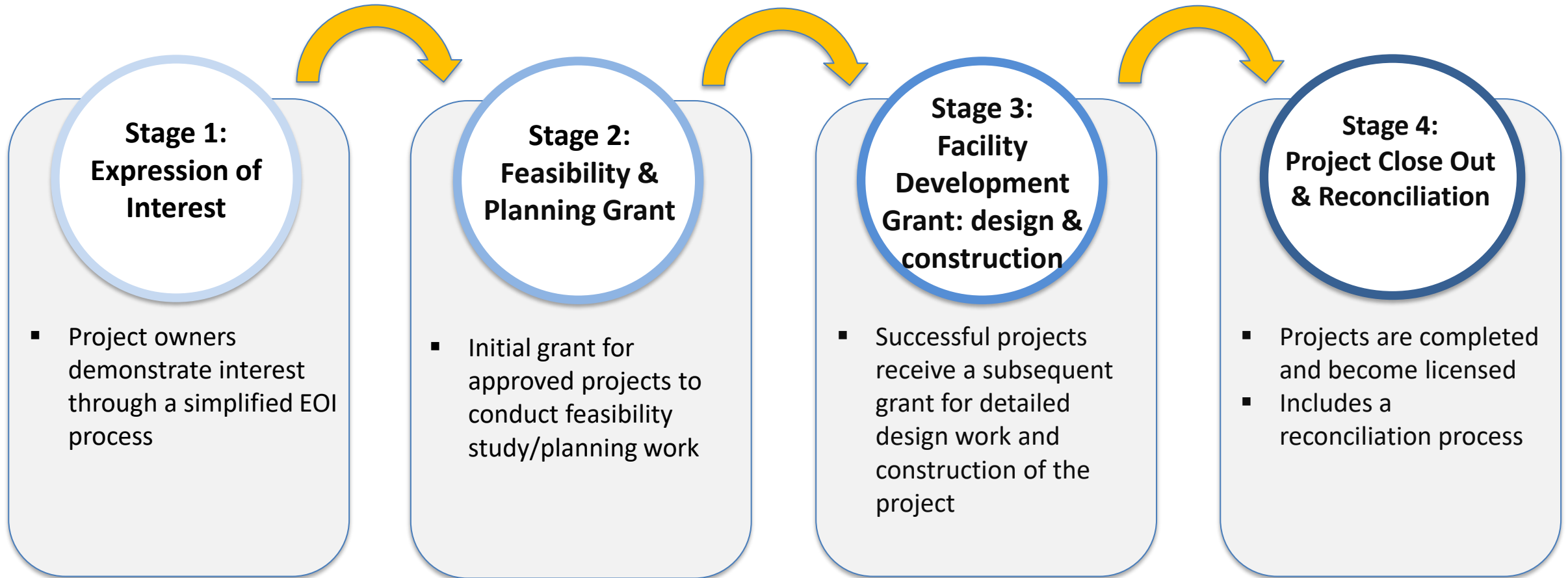
Not-for-profits, public entities and Indigenous governments would continue to be eligible for space creation funding

Provincial Capital Projects

Provincial Government capital projects are required to consider the suitability of child care



Provincial Funding: Design Guidelines Approach



New Minor Capital Stream

- A new minor capital stream would apply to equipment only and minor renovation projects under \$500,000
- Indigenous governments, public and not-for-profit child care providers will be eligible for the new minor capital stream
- Design Guidelines will not be required for these projects
- Projects in leased spaces could access funding for minor capital space creation projects



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Discussion Questions



Phased Funding Approach:

- Would the phased funding approach work for you as an applicant or for your community?
- Does the proposed implementation approach and use of design guidelines create any new barriers or heighten any existing challenges to space creation experienced by First Nations communities?
- What could be done to address these potential barriers or challenges?



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Feasibility & Planning Grant:

In Stage 2, the planning and feasibility stage, are there potential challenges or barriers to gathering the required information?



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Supports Needed for Space Creation:

What, outside of capital funding, do you/your community need to participate in creating child care spaces?



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What's Next?

Engagement & Implementation Planning



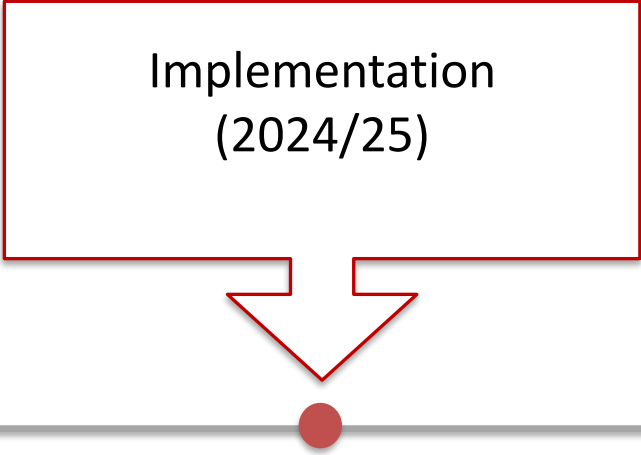
- Implementation engagement
- Incorporate feedback into an Implementation Plan

Program Development (Fall 2023)



- Finalize design guideline
- Finalize program policy and materials

Implementation (2024/25)



- Implemented through the New Spaces Fund and BC Government capital projects
- Ongoing monitoring and assessment



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Thank you.

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