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## BACKGROUND

### **B.C. communities receive 1,006 new child care spaces**

This backgrounder contains more information on the 32 organizations that are sharing \$7 million in major capital funding to create a total of 1,006 new child-care spaces in B.C. Funding for the new spaces has been allocated based on the following criteria:

- Non-profit child-care providers are eligible to receive up to \$500,000.
- Private providers can receive up to \$250,000.
- Projects creating new licensed child-care spaces on school grounds will be eligible to receive up to 90% of the total project cost (applicants will be responsible for the remaining 10%); all other projects will be eligible to receive up to 75% (applicants will be responsible for the remaining 25%).
- Not every project application is for the maximum provincial investment, as their projects may be smaller or their costs may be lower (e.g. family providers).
- The actual costs-per-space varies due to a range of factors, including the type of space being built and the community profile.
- For example, a family child-care provider could potentially build new spaces for approximately \$500/space, while a group-care provider located in a rural/remote community could potentially have a higher cost per space.

More information on each project will be available once project agreements have been finalized.

#### **Agassiz**

- Seabird Island Band is receiving \$500,000 to create 36 spaces at Seabird Island Early Childhood Development Centre – 16 school-age spaces and 20 preschool spaces.

#### **Burnaby**

- The Simon Fraser University Childcare Society is receiving \$500,000 to create 24 school-aged spaces at the SFU Child Care Centre.

#### **Chilliwack**

- The Montessori Child Growth Society is receiving \$20,780 for 64 spaces at a Justice Institute of BC facility – 12 infant/toddler spaces, 16 spaces for children aged 3-5, 18 school-aged spaces and 18 preschool spaces.

**Cowichan Bay**

- Jitterbugs Childcare is receiving \$125,013 to create 18 infant/toddler spaces.

**Cumberland**

- The Three Tree Early Learning Centre is receiving \$64,141 to create 8 group multi-age spaces.

**Fanny Bay**

- The Beachcombers Education Society is receiving \$218,853 to create 16 spaces at Little Oysters Preschool, located on the grounds of Beachcombers Community school.

**Fort St. John**

- The North East Native Advancing Society is receiving \$500,000 to create 32 spaces at Nenas Child Care Centre – 12 infant/toddler spaces, 12 school-aged spaces and 8 group multi-age spaces.

**Golden**

- The Golden Community Resources Society is receiving \$500,000 to create new spaces at the Golden Early Learning and Care Centre, located on the grounds of Alexander Park Elementary school. The 37 new spaces include 12 infant/toddler spaces and 25 spaces for children aged 3-5 years.

**Harrison Hot Springs**

- Harrison Hot Springs Preschool and Childcare is receiving \$89,638 to create 20 spaces – 10 infant/toddler spaces and 10 spaces for children aged 3-5 years.

**Kamloops**

- The Cariboo Child Care Society is receiving \$307,308 to create 32 spaces at Pineridge Elementary school – 24 before/after school care spaces and 8 group multi-age spaces.

**Kelowna**

- Kelowna Creative Advantage Childcare is receiving \$15,036 to create 36 spaces – 16 preschool spaces and 20 spaces for children aged 3-5 years.

**Langford**

- The Learning Nook is receiving \$27,171 to create 8 multi-age family child care spaces.

**Langley**

- The Noel Booth Before and After School Child Care Centre is receiving \$174,402 to create 22 before/after school care spaces at Noel Booth Elementary school.

**Mission**

- \$21,000 to create 25 spaces for children aged 3-5 years at the Bloom Childcare Centre & Fine Arts Preschool.

### **Parksville**

- The District 69 Family Resource Association is receiving \$26,905 to create 40 spaces for Dolphin Tales Preschool.

### **Penticton**

- Leapin Lizard's Daycares Inc. is receiving \$205,695 to create 24 before/after school spaces at Parkway Elementary school.

### **Pitt Meadows**

- The Windy Willows Environmental Centre is receiving \$26,875 to create 20 spaces for children aged 3-5 years.

### **Revelstoke**

- Community Connections is receiving \$45,120 to create 24 spaces for children aged 3-5 years at Jumping Jacks Daycare – 16 spaces will be created during the first year of operations, with the remaining 8 following the next year.

### **Richmond**

- The Trinity Lutheran Church is receiving \$47,236 to create 25 spaces for children aged 3-5 years at the Trinity's Little Children child care centre on the church grounds.

### **Salmon Arm**

- Kinder Play Child Care is receiving \$250,000 to create 44 spaces – 20 preschool spaces and 24 before/after school care spaces.

### **Surrey**

- The Centre for Child Development of the Lower Mainland is receiving \$500,000 to create 37 group multi-age spaces at the Centre for Child Development Preschool.
- Kids Zone Child Care Centre Ltd. is receiving \$15,250 to create 14 before/after school care spaces on the grounds of Prince Charles Elementary school.
- Little Scholars Learning Academy is receiving \$170,795 for 36 spaces – 12 infant/toddler spaces and 24 spaces for children aged 3-5 years.
- Little Timbers Family Childcare is receiving \$7,975 to create 8 group multi-age spaces.

### **Terrace**

- Willow Creek Childcare is receiving a total of \$424,555 – \$250,000 to create 48 before/after school care spaces and \$174,555 for a total of 13 spaces (12 infant/toddler spaces and 1 space for age 3-5 years).

### **Trail**

- The Sunningdale Children's Centre is receiving \$111,143 to create 36 spaces at their Sunningdale Children's Academy – 12 infant/toddler spaces and 24 spaces for children aged 3-5 years.

### **Vancouver**

- The Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC is receiving \$488,295 for 25 spaces at Bumble Bear Daycare for children aged 3-5 years.
- The West Coast Christian Fellowship is receiving \$397,581 to create 40 spaces – 20 before/after school care spaces at East Village Out-of-School Care and 20 preschool spaces at East Village Preschool.

### **Sunshine Coast**

- The YMCA of Greater Vancouver is receiving a total of \$646,860 for two projects:
  - \$500,000 to create 36 spaces at Gibsons Elementary school – 12 infant/toddler spaces and 24 spaces for children aged 3-5 years. These new spaces will be part of the new BC Early Years Centre on the site.
  - \$146,860 to create 24 spaces at the Sechelt Learning Centre – 8 infant/toddler spaces and 16 for children aged 3-5 years. These new spaces will be part of the satellite BC Early Years Centre on the site.

### **Victoria**

- Bloom Montessori is receiving \$127,500 to create 40 spaces for children aged 3-5 years.
- The Victoria Native Friendship Centre is receiving \$495,900 to create 70 spaces for Aboriginal, First Nations and Métis children, and children with special needs at XaXe Stelitkel Daycare Centre – 20 infant/toddler spaces and 50 group multi-age spaces.

### **Wells**

- The Wells and Area Community Association will receive \$21,794 for 24 group multi-age spaces at Huckleberry Daycare, which is on the grounds of Wells-Barkerville Elementary school.