Child Care Planning, Development and Support in Richmond

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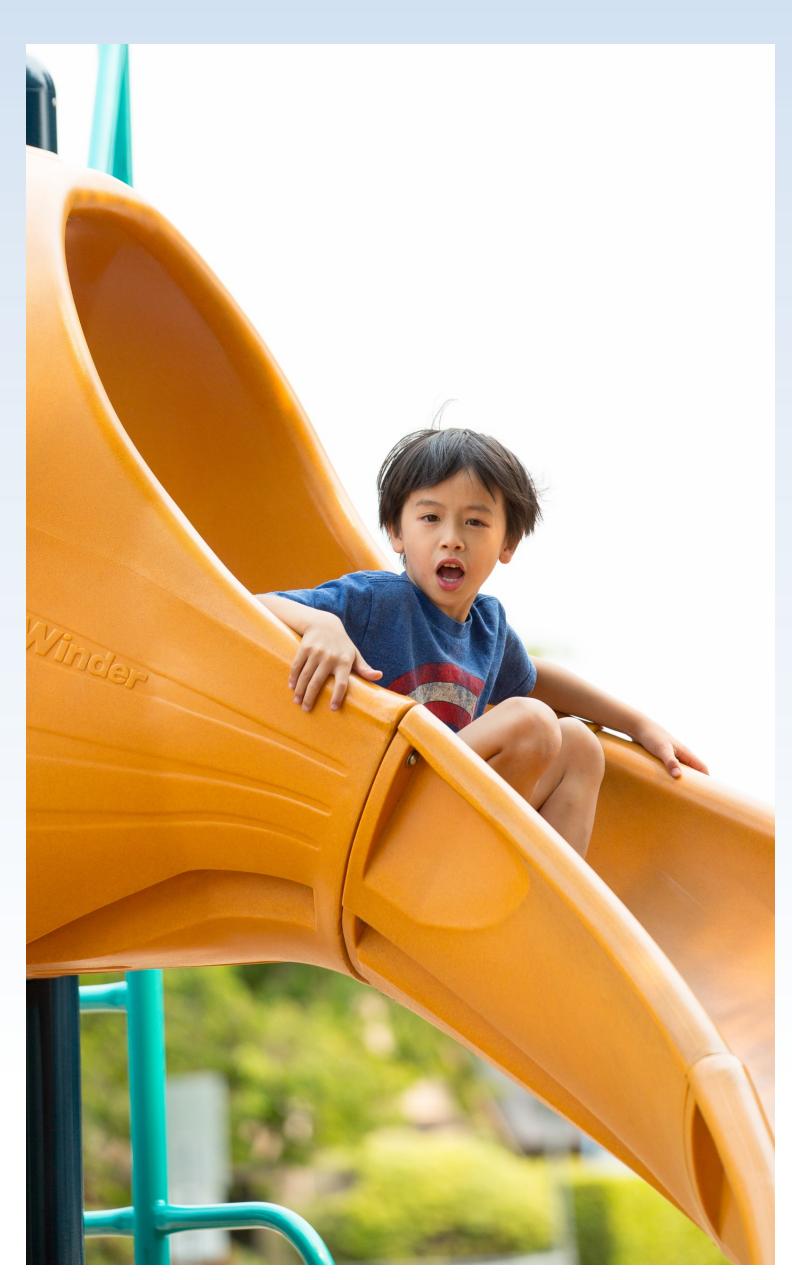
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Agenda

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The City of Richmond and other stakeholders work together to address the need for quality, affordable, accessible child care spaces in Richmond.

Over time, the City has gradually undertaken a series of actions that confirm a commitment to child care as an essential service.

These actions included:
- Child Care Policy – 1991
- Advisory Body – 1993
- Child Care Reserve – 1994
- Needs Assessment and Plan – 1995
- Constructing 4 child care facilities – 1996-1999
- Child Care Coordinator (contractor)– 2006

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Over time, each of these elements have been reviewed and updated.

- Child Care Policy 4017 – updated in 2019

- Child Care Development Advisory Committee –TOR updated in 2019

- Child Care Reserve – 3 reserves serving unique functions

- 2017 – 2022 Child Care Needs Assessment and Strategy

- 10 City-owned child care facilities, 2 ECDH and 1 additional child care in construction

- Program Manager, Child Care and Planner 1, Child Care RFT/RPT positions within Community Social Development, Planning and Development

- 2021 – 2031 Richmond Child Care Action Plan

2017-2022 Child Care Needs Assessment and Strategy

Actions in this document are organized under 7 Strategic Directions

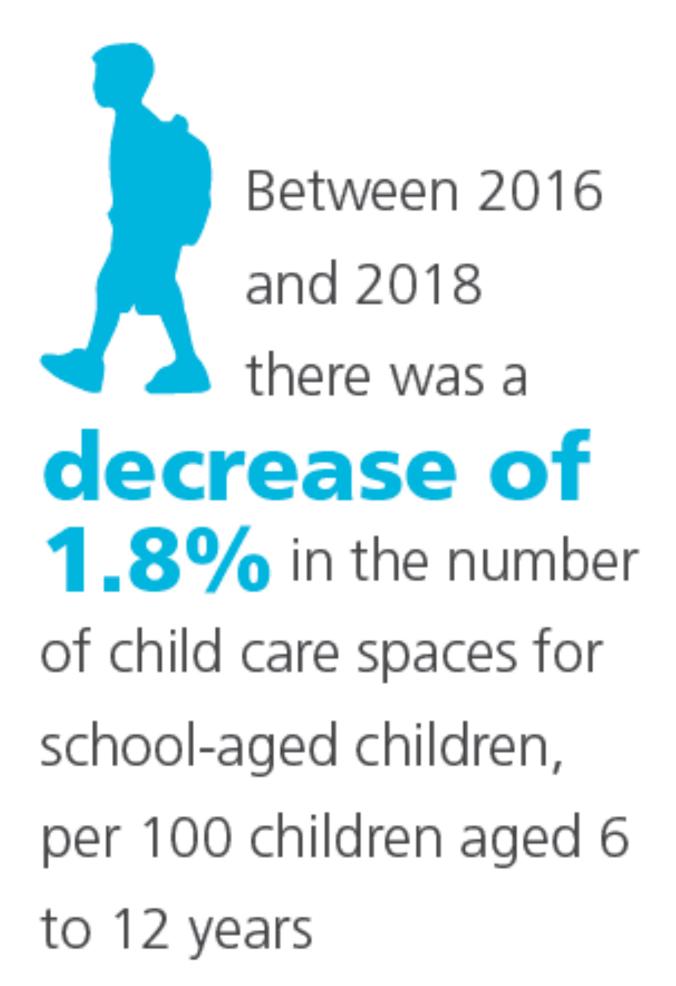| 1	**Strategic Direction #1:** Policy and Planning
2	**Strategic Direction #2:** Creating and Supporting Spaces
3	**Strategic Direction #3:** Advocacy
4	**Strategic Direction #4:** Accessibility and Inclusion
5	**Strategic Direction #5:** Collaboration and Partnership
6	**Strategic Direction #6:** Research, Promotion and Marketing
7	**Strategic Direction #7:** Monitoring and Renewal

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Richmond Child Care Needs and Demographics

In 2016 there were only **9 spaces** per 100 children aged 0 to 36 months in Richmond

In 2020 there were **23.1 GROUP CARE (UNDER 36 MONTHS) SPACES** per 100 children aged 0 to 2 years in Richmond

In 2020 there were **53.7 GROUP CARE (30 MONTHS TO SCHOOL AGE) SPACES** per 100 children aged 3 to 5 years in Richmond

Between 2016 and 2018 there was a **decrease of 1.8%** in the number of child care spaces for school-aged children, per 100 children aged 6 to 12 years

In 2020, there were **14.2 GROUP CARE (SCHOOL AGE) SPACES** per 100 children.

Child Care Through Development

- Use of the OCP, Community Amenity Contributions and Zoning

- City-owned facilities

- Quality in child care design

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Currently the City owns 10 purpose built child care facilities which are leased to not-for-profit operators.
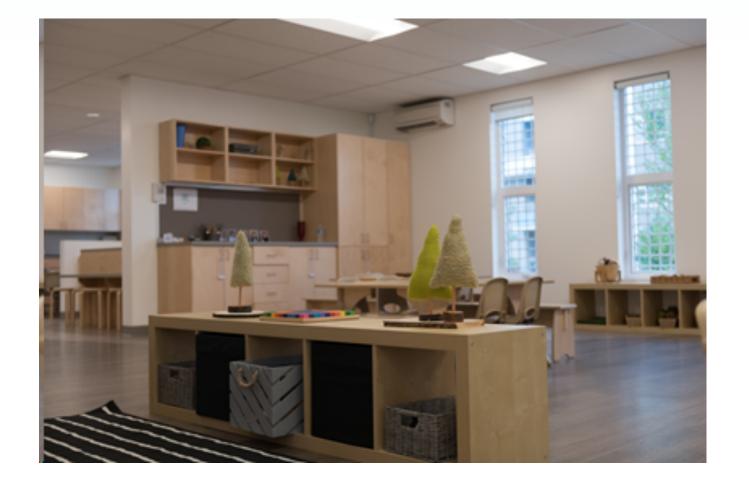
Early Childhood Development Hubs

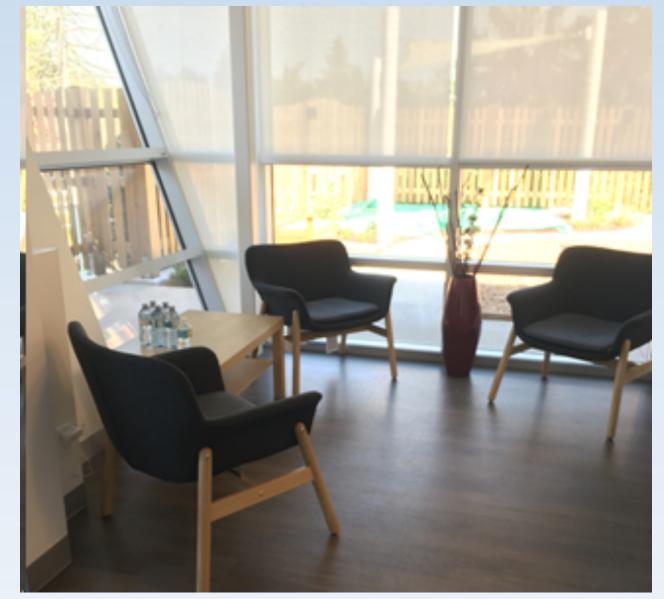Early Childhood Development (ECD) Hubs have been identified as a priority.

ECD Hubs have the following characteristics:

- Include licensed child care

- Include early child development or parent support services

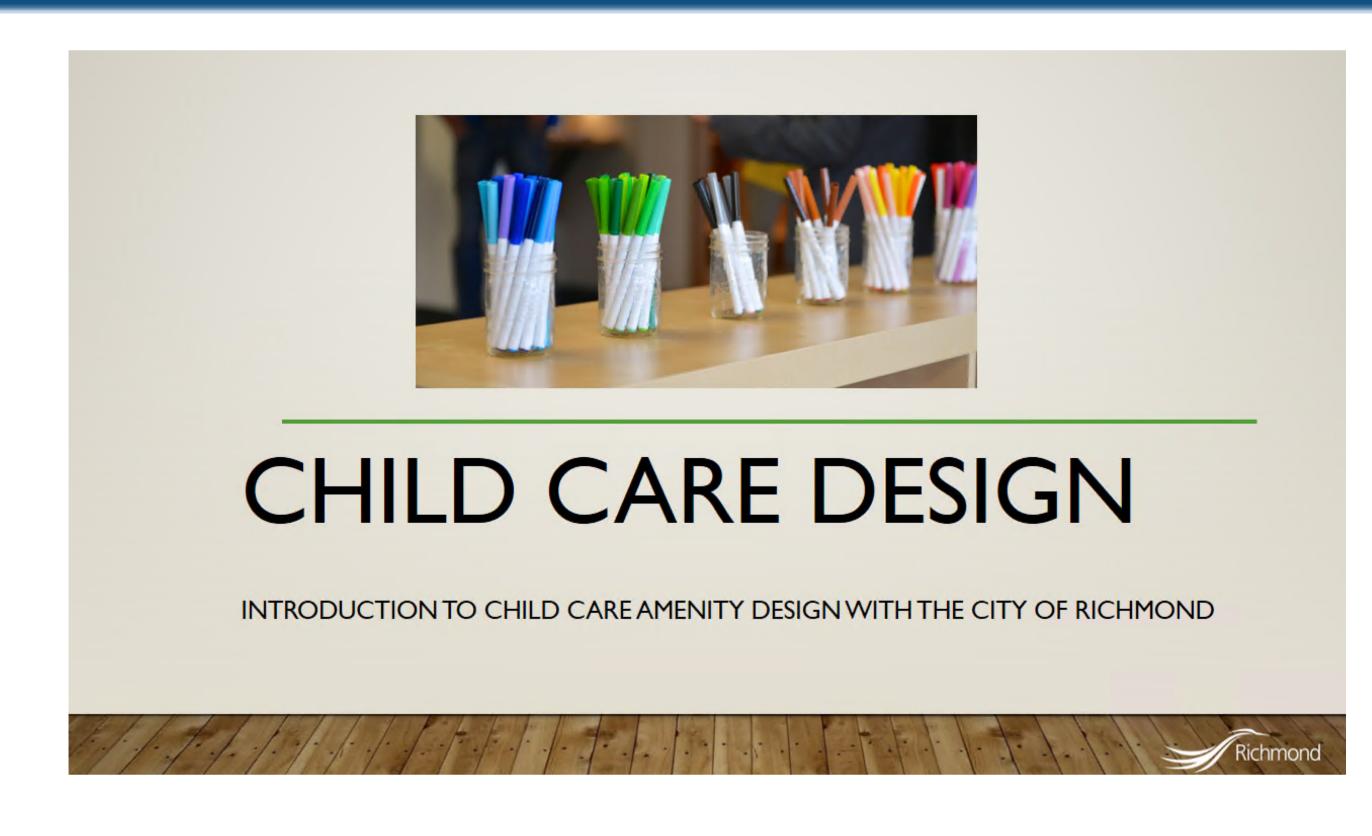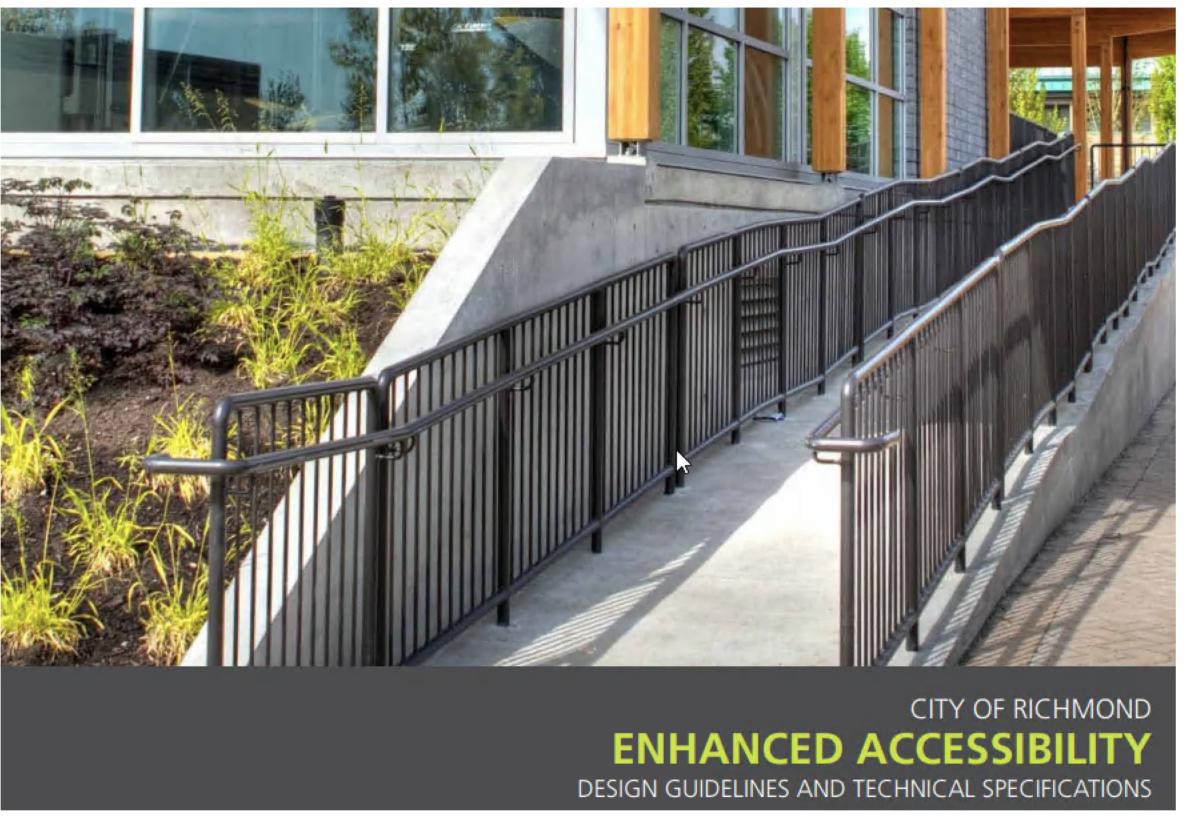- Provide space for community programs and services compatible with child and family development

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Child Care Design Guidelines

December 2019

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CHILD CARE DESIGN

INTRODUCTION TO CHILD CARE AMENITY DESIGN WITH THE CITY OF RICHMOND

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CITY OF RICHMOND
ENHANCED ACCESSIBILITY
DESIGN GUIDELINES AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Support to Child Care Operators

- Approval or Review Process

- Child Care Grants

- Child Care Symposium

- City-owned Facilities

Creating Child Care Space in Richmond

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Relationships with Public Partners

- Identify people in congruent roles

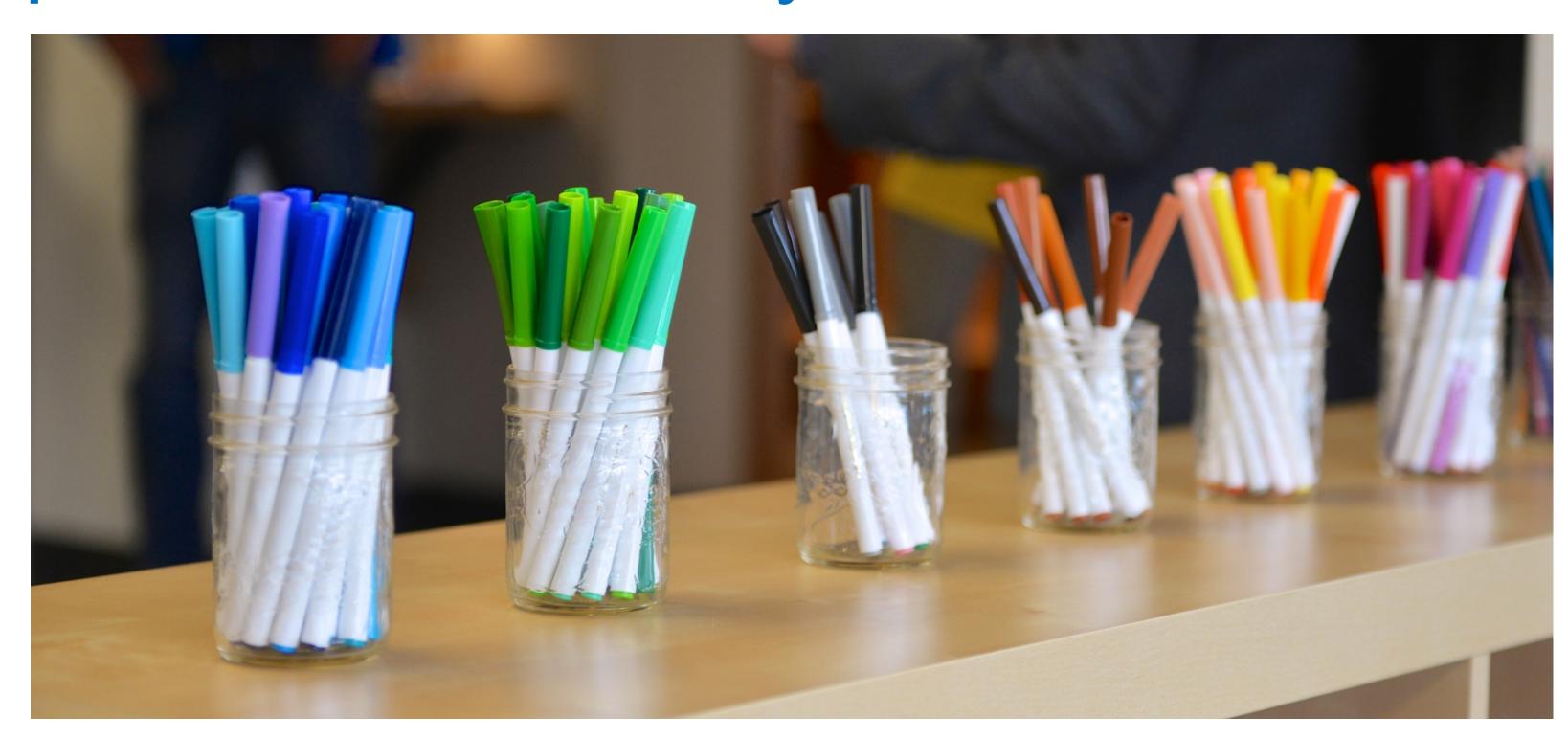- Learn about each others strategies and plans

- Explore mutually relevant funding opportunities
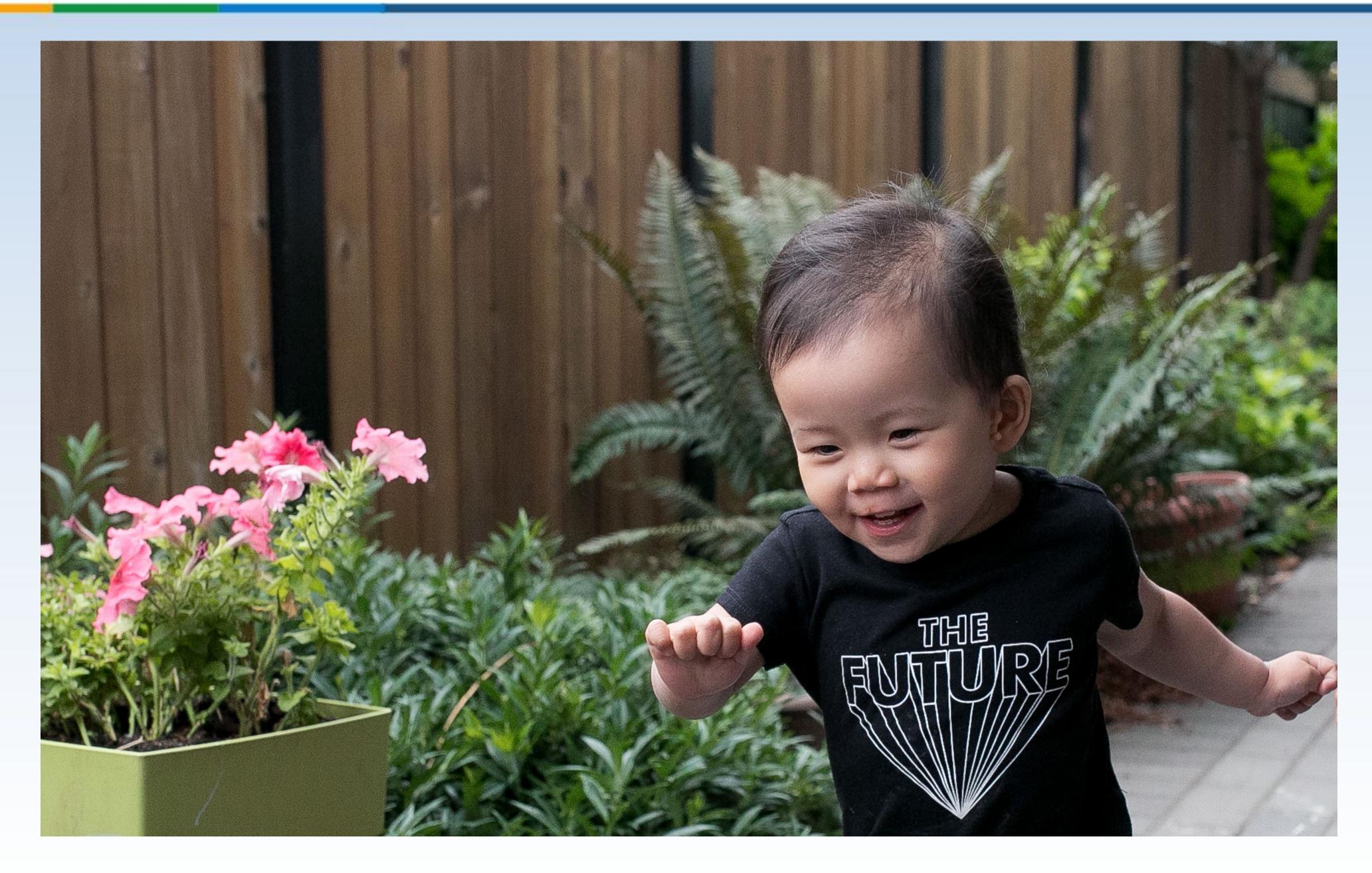
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Successes and Learnings

In addition to strong support and a commitment to child care from City Council, there are a number of strategies to move child care forward:

- ✓ Be clear what you want

- ✓ Identify champions within your organization and community

- ✓ Write it down – commitment, policy, OCP, zoning, bylaws

- ✓ Make use of opportunities and early discussions

- ✓ Tell the story

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Thank you

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