



MUNICIPAL CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIPS: STRONGER TOGETHER

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Building healthy
communities



Overview of Today's Session

- Recognition of Traditional Territory
- "Value of One, Power of Many"
- Showcase successful partnerships in child care expansion
- Panelists: City of Richmond, District of Vanderhoof, Burnaby School District and Northern Health
- Questions
- Ministry of Education and Child Care

YMCA's Role in Child Care in BC

- Over 130 years, Y's in BC have been supporting children and families to thrive, promoting healthy living and fostering belonging, connection and inclusion.
- Across BC, the YMCA is the largest not for profit childcare provider, caring for 25 urban and rural/remote communities for 4000 children, employing over 800 child care staff
- YMCA's deliver a national play based curriculum 'Playing to Learn' and a Place to Connect
- We have successful partnerships with large and small municipalities, school districts, health authorities and the province in child care expansion.





YMCA's Support Child Care Expansion

- Needs Assessment
- Child Care Design
- Support Application for Funding
- Priority Placements
- High quality operator for all ages of care from infant to school age



What's Been Effective in Child Care Partnerships

- Being involved in the design
- Having quality child care principles inform decision making
- Value alignment between partners
- Working in partnership
- Diverse experience leads to diverse child care sites and agreements
- Incentivizing developers to include child care developments





Design Challenges

Meeting licensing requirements

Age and stage appropriate outdoor space

Security and safety of children

Child care ratio

Toilets

Edges

Climate control

Nap rooms





Developmentally Designed



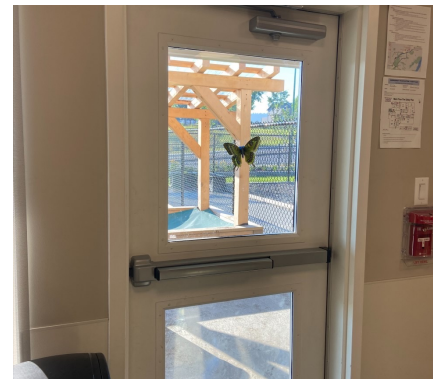
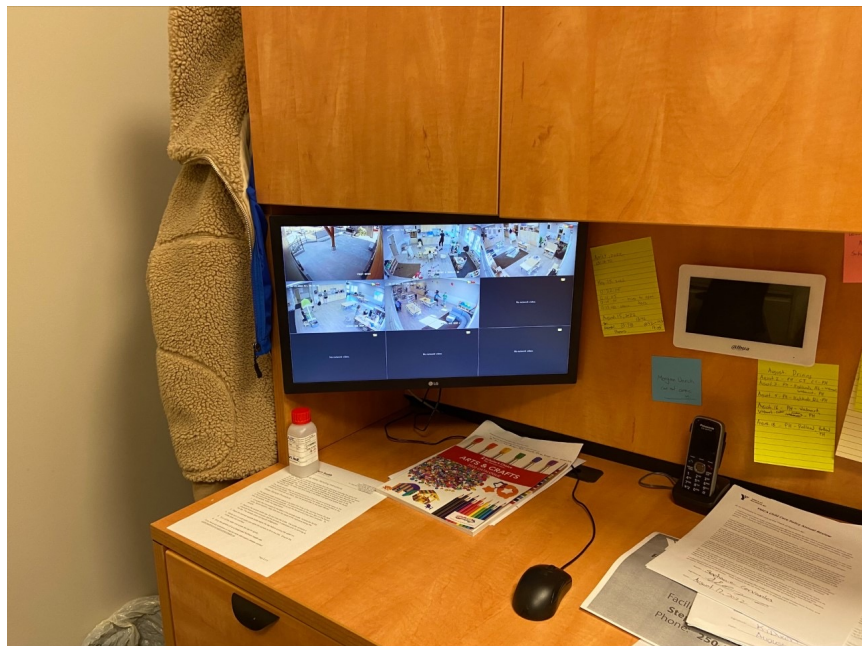


Bathroom Features





Safety Features





YMCA Child Care Sites





Chetwynd



Vancouver

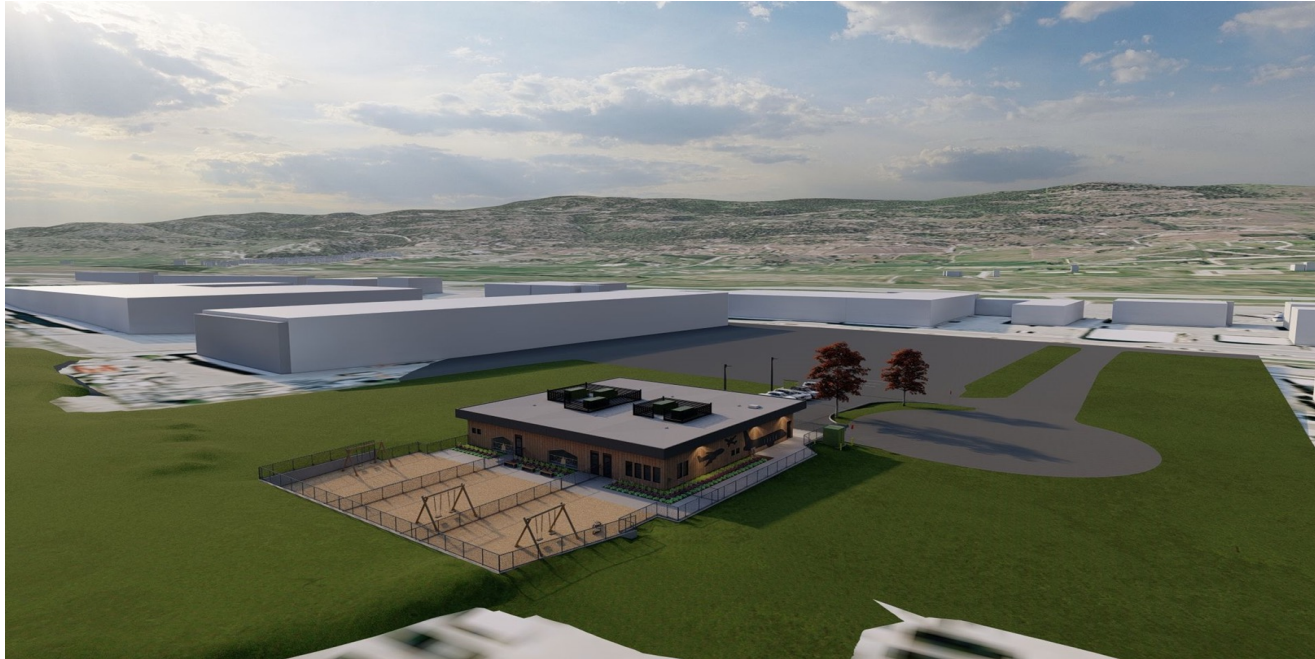




Richmond



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Call to Action:

Build Partnerships for Success

- Improving early learning outcomes for children
- Ensure quality child care delivery
- Recruitment and retention of your community members including essential services
- Customized solutions for community benefit



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