



District of Vanderhoof + Child Care

Opportunities through
Partnerships

Mayor Gerry Thiessen

Our Challenge: Recruitment and Retention of our Workforce

Challenge retaining workers in the District of Vanderhoof – medical staff, teachers, mill workers

10 years ago, there was no licensed child care in the community

District didn't have any experience in child care operations

Many community minded employers, speaking to the community need



Our Journey to Solution

Building relationship with a partner that had the expertise around child care operations





Building a Longer Term Solution

- Community minded credit union wanting to invest/ partner on finding a solution
- Building out a longer term vision for a centre of community that would include purpose built child care
- Leveraging collective grant writing strengths: NDIT, MCFD, Integris Community Foundation
- Working with both the District and the Regional District on project to meet collective needs



Integris Community Centre

- Home to Infant Toddler, 3-5 and School Aged Child Care
- Led to the successful application for \$10 a day child care
- Houses recreation services
- Arts Community
- Bookable space for community organizations

A Partnership that led to Further Collaboration



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