



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Langley City Child Care Action Plan

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## RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council endorse the Langley City Child Care Action Plan as part of the final report to UBCM.

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## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is for City Council to endorse the Langley City Child Care Action Plan.

## POLICY:

N/A

## COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

This study is the first of its kind in Langley City and outlines the current child care situation through consultation and research. The report provides a gaps analysis, an assessment of the need, identifies targets for child care space creation, and outlines strategic actions. The Action Plan includes recommendations and tools to create new child care spaces based on the gaps identified in the Needs Assessment.

Langley City received \$25,000 from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for this purpose, and engaged the services of CitySpaces Consulting to complete this Action Plan.

Findings from this Child Care Action Plan will provide Langley City with a better understanding of the City's child care needs and a recommended course of action to address the identified gaps.

Our vision is to prioritize affordable, equitable, accessible, and quality child care that meets the diverse needs of Langley City residents. Thus, it fits the City's Nexus of Community's vision of *"A vision for the City to be the place where everyone is welcome; where young families thrive, and kids grow up with the housing and services they need to stay healthy and challenged to be the best they can be."*

We have outlined 24 actions organized under six strategic priorities that will enable Langley City to review the policy and regulatory framework, establish new partnerships and continue collaboration, and build capacity through advocacy and education.

The recommended actions are grouped within six categories, presented here as priorities:

1. To improve child care affordability.
2. To increase the number of quality licensed spaces.
3. To strengthen partnerships and collaboration.
4. To explore strategies to address staffing challenges.
5. To review existing before and after-school programming and identify areas for expansion.
6. To monitor data and understand how child care needs change over time.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

None at this time.

## **SUMMARY:**

The Child Care Action Plan identifies recommendations and tools to address the challenges and gaps outlined in the Needs Assessment, and outlines an approach to guide Langley City in delivering new child care spaces.

***Successful child care provision requires partnerships and collaboration. Though many of these actions involve Langley City, the municipal role is primarily related to land use planning, zoning, and convening different parties to pursue actions. Funding is primarily the responsibility of the province, and service delivery is currently provided by the non-profit and private sectors.***

**ALTERNATIVES:**

THAT Council receive the Langley City Child Care Action Plan as part of the final report to UBCM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Concurrence:



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Kim Hilton  
Director of Recreation, Culture And Community Services

Attachment:

1. Langley City Child Care Action Plan

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:**

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer