



CHILD CARE ACTION TEAM UPDATE



GRATTITUDE

We are grateful to work and play on the unceded territories of the scəwəθən (Tsawwassen), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and all of the Hun'qumi'num speaking people who have been stewards of this land since time and memorial. In addition we recognize the 5 Metis chartered communities within the South Fraser region.



History

Delta Child and Youth Committee (CYC) is a community collaboration table in Delta, BC. It has been active since the early 1980's. The table is well attended by representatives from the municipality, school district, ministries, health authorities, and local non-profits.

Vision

A community where families thrive and all children reach their full potential.

Mission

Collectively work across organizational boundaries to promote, coordinate and strengthen supports and services for children, youth, and their families.

Goals

To network and share information about programs, services and issues related to child development, at the community level.

To learn about the gaps, strengths and opportunities to identify priorities.

To respond together to community needs.

To improve community awareness and mobilization related to the importance of healthy child development.

To support diversity, equity and inclusion in services, programs and initiatives.

Supporting the Child Care Strategy and Action Plan

City Planning Lunch & Learn

2023, two virtual 'Lunch and Learn' sessions were held for Delta staff and community partners to learn about promising practices in developing child care by local governments. Over 30 staff and community partners attended.

Online resources

Since January 2022, Delta's Child Care webpage has been viewed 741 times by 587 users.

New City-owned child care facility

A new child care facility is being constructed as part of a redevelopment project on 120 Street in North Delta. Ownership of the new facility, including an outdoor play area and parking, will be transferred to Delta at no cost as part of the community benefits package for the development.

Before and after school care

Delta offers three licensed before- and after-school care programs at the North Delta Recreation Centre, Pinewood Leisure Centre and South Delta Recreation Centre.

UBCM resolution

Delta submitted a resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities in 2023 requesting local government funding for human resources to coordinate the implementation of the municipal child care action plans and projects developed through the New Spaces Funding.



DELTA CHILD CARE SPACES IN 2022

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Age	Population	Child Care Spaces	Spaces per 100 Children
0-2 years	435	105	24
3-5 years	560	318 (includes 117 preschool spaces)	57
6-12 years	1570	269	17
Total 0-12 years	2565	730 *	28

* Includes 16 Multi-Age, 8 In-Home Multi-Age and 14 Licenced Family Child Care Spaces.

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Age	Population	Child Care Spaces	Spaces per 100 Children
0-2 years	600	56	9
3-5 years	720	357 (includes 178 preschool spaces)	50
6-12 years	1745	215	12
Total 0-12 years	3065	628 *	23

* Includes 40 Multi-Age, 16 In-Home Multi-Age, 14 Licenced Family Child Care and 4 Registered Licence-not-Required Child Care spaces.

NORTH DELTA

Age	Population	Child Care Spaces	Spaces per 100 Children
0-2 years	1435	68	5
3-5 years	1700	507 (includes 261 preschool spaces)	29
6-12 years	4815	451	9
Total 0-12 years	7950	1239 *	16

* Includes 128 Multi-Age, 48 In-Home Multi-Age, 77 Licenced Family Child Care and 4 Registered Licence-not-Required Child Care spaces.

Multi-Age, In-Home Multi-Age, Licence Family Child Care and Registered Licence-not-Required child care spaces can accomodate a variety of ages and were only included in the total number of spaces available.

Updates from the Delta School District

Schools	Before School Care	After School Care
North Delta		
Annieville Elementary	14	14
Brooke Elementary	16	17
Chalmers Elementary	17	20
Cougar Canyon Elementary	4	7
Devon Gardens Elementary	21	32
Gibson Elementary	23	31
Gray Elementary	32	37
Heath Elementary	12	17
Hellings Elementary	11	18
Javis Elementary	17	17
McCloskey Elementary	6	9
Pinewood Elementary	13	14
Richardson Elementary	19	25
Sunshine Hills Elementary	24	33
Ladner		
Hawthorne Elementary	22	23
Holly Elementary		9
Ladner Elementary	52	60
Neilson Grove Elementary	10	19
Port Guichon Elementary		2
South Delta		
Beach Grove Elementary	15	20
Cliff Drive Elementary	6	8
English Bluff Elementary	13	15
Pebble Hill Elementary	9	16
South Park Elementary	14	18

The Delta School District distributed a survey to every public elementary school family to determine the need for school age care across the city. The survey was available in a variety of languages and families were asked to fill out a separate response for each school aged child that required care. The table shows the responses from families who require child care but have not yet secured a space.



NEXT STEPS



Collaboration

Attracting non-profit child care providers to Delta involves a combination of strategies that focus on creating a supportive environment, offering incentives, and establishing partnerships. What role can the city play in utilizing the New Spaces Fund to create child care spaces?



Official Community Plan

The City of Delta plays a crucial role in land use and development decisions with respect to child care. They also play a key role through plans and policies where the city can prioritize child care for long-range community planning processes like the Official Community Plan (OCP), and define child care as a priority in neighbourhood plans within the OCP.



Child Care Needs Assessment

The landscape of child care in Delta has changed significantly over the years since the Child Care Strategy and Action Plan was introduced. Given this, it would be beneficial for Delta to conduct phase 2 of the Child Care Needs Assessment update in order to better project the population growth of children and recalculate the number of child care spaces that will be required in the next five years.



THANK YOU!
