DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
UPDATE ON THE CHILD CARE STRATEGY
AND ACTION PLAN
MARCH 3, 2020

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AGENDA

- Overview - North Shore Child Care Strategy & Action Plan
- What the research tells us about quality systems
- Who is responsible for child care in BC
- What do we know about child care spaces in the District
- Community Engagement – what have we heard (so far)
- What actions are already underway
- Council discussion
CHILD CARE STRATEGY & ACTION WORK PLAN

- **Phase 1: Research and Data Collection**
  (October/November 2019 - Complete)

- **Phase 2: Community Engagement**
  (October 2019 – ongoing)

- **Phase 3: Draft Strategy and Action Plan**

- **Phase 4: Final Strategy and Action Plan**
  (March – April 2010)
THE ELEMENTS OF A HIGH QUALITY CHILD CARE SYSTEM....
Eight Elements of Quality

1. **Governance**
   - Clear roles and responsibilities
   - Public management of the system
   - Program delivery at local level
   - Parent involvement

2. **Planning & Policy Development**
   - Clear strategy for system-wide planning and implementation
   - Evidence-informed

3. **Physical Environments**
   - Well-designed and equipped program settings
   - Sufficient indoor and outdoor space

4. **Financing**
   - Adequate, sustained public investment
   - Core/base funding
   - Capital funding
   - Affordable parent fees

5. **Infrastructure**
   - Coordinated program administration
   - Policy development
   - Regulation and monitoring
   - Quality improvement mechanisms

6. **Human Resources**
   - Qualified, well-supported staff at all levels of the system
   - Ongoing training for supervisors and program staff
   - Good wages and working conditions

7. **Data, Research & Evaluation**
   - Continuous evaluation
   - Collection and analysis of key information

8. **Ideas**
   - Strong conceptual framework and values for the system

(Source: Martha Friendly and Jane Beach, (2005). Elements of a high quality early learning and child care system. Childcare Resource and Research Unit.)
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD CARE IN BC?
Provides funds for childcare for specific populations

- First Nations, Metis and Inuit children and families
- Families serving in the Canadian military
- Some newcomers to Canada enrolled in language programs

Tax deductions for eligible childcare costs

Maternity and parental benefits

Funds for Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework - $153 million for BC over 3 years (new agreement, school age, national)

Funds for Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Framework
Ministry of Children and Family Development

- Child Care policy
- Child Care programs and services funding
- Fee subsidies
- Capital funds
- Early Childhood Registry

Ministry of Health

- Child Care legislation
- Licensing and Monitoring (completed by regional Health Authorities)

Ministry of Education

- Led the development of the Early Learning Framework
- StrongStart BC
- Increasing role as Partners in School Age Child Care

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

POLICY, FUNDING & REGULATIONS DETERMINE AVAILABILITY, QUALITY & AFFORDABILITY

CHILD CARE BC: 10 YEAR PLAN FOR UNIVERSAL CARE THAT IS AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE FOR ANY ONE WHO WANTS OR NEEDS IT
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

NO LEGISLATED ROLE FOR MUNICIPALITIES – but many have taken leadership.

- **Planning** for childcare, including offering land/buildings, needs assessments, cross-sectoral committees
- Ensuring **bylaws and land use plans and policies** make child care a priority (e.g., identify child care as community amenity)
- **Partnering** with: School districts, Health authority, Community organizations, other levels of government
- **Grants** to child care providers for capital or operating
- Directly **Operating** child care
### CHILD CARE SPACES FOR CHILDREN 0-2

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1. 2016 Census
2. Child Care Space Inventory
3. Green arrow indicates lowest numbers
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Median Family Income for All Families with Children Under 6 vs. Median Family Income for Lone Parent Families with Children Under 6 North Vancouver HELP Neighbourhoods (HELP, 2015)
Percent of Workers Who Work Outside of Home Municipality (Census, 2016)

- Upper Capilano: 78.7%
- Seymour: 73.0%
- North Lonsdale-Delbrook: 79.6%
- Maplewood: 72.2%
- Lynnmour/Inter-River: 73.2%
- Lynn Valley: 75.4%
- Lower Lynn/Seymour Creek: 73.0%
- Lower Capilano: 80.8%
- City of N. Van. - West: 71.5%
- City of N. Van. - East: 71.1%
- City of N. Van. - Central: 70.3%
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Parent Survey (387) + Operator Survey (35)
- Key Informant Interviews (19)
- Meeting with Tsleil-Waututh Nation (2) and with Squamish Nation (1)
- 3 Non-Profit Agencies Focus Groups (23)
- Underserved Population Focus Groups (3)
- Child Care Staff Workshop – 24 participants
- Solutions Workshops – 1 so far – 21 participants (2nd workshop scheduled for February 27, 2020)
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – SOME INITIAL THEMES ......

• Highest needs are infant-toddler (under 3s) & School Age + Part-time, shift workers & those who work weekends

• Families who commute out of the community need longer hours of care

• Access to good indoor & outdoor space is limited and there is a staff shortage

• Child care is expensive – especially for those with very young or more than 1 child, for single parents and for new immigrants
DISTRICT CHILD CARE ACTIONS ALREADY UNDERWAY

- Staff from Community Planning, Finance and Facilities have been working together to prepare an application to MCFD for funding for the new District owned child care facility at Lynn Creek Community Centre.
- Looking at opportunities to co-locate child care in under-utilized District owned buildings.
- SD44 has been reviewing school sites to understand what sites can accommodate purpose built child care. This presents opportunities to establish partnerships to create child care.
ANY QUESTIONS?

WHAT DOES MAYOR & COUNCIL THINK ARE THE PRIORITIES?

WHAT ARE SOME OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS FOR THE SHORT, MID & LONG TERM?