



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Will Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 8215-05
PC: Doug Ross, Director, Recreation Services **DATE:** December 2, 2022
FROM: Shayne Wright, Manager, Community Recreation
SUBJECT: CHILD CARE SPACE CREATION PROJECTS COMPLETION

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council with a report on the construction completion of the Child Care Space Creation Projects. The completion of the two facilities provides 198 new care spaces for Greater Vernon which will be a significant step toward meeting the continued demand for child care in the community.

The Recreation Complex Child Care facility has the capacity to provide 124 care spaces; 24 infant/toddler spaces and 100 spaces for children aged three to kindergarten. The Lakers Child Care Facility in Okanagan Landing has a capacity of 74 care spaces; 24 infant/toddler spaces and 50 spaces for children aged three to kindergarten.

Both child care facilities were completed on budget, but due to the post pandemic availability of some trades, the construction timelines were significantly impacted, moving the targeted facility openings from September 2022 to the end of the year. Both child care facilities reached substantial completion in September, followed by deficiency mitigation in October and equipment commissioning and occupancy completed in November.

The final step before the child care facilities can be opened to provide child care services, is an inspection and review for each facility by Interior Health for Child Care Licensing. Licensing is anticipated to be in place by the end of December.

The Okanagan Boys and Girls Club will be the operator and care provider of both facilities and they are in process of recruiting and staffing the facilities to provide child care to the community starting in January.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Child Care Space Creation Projects Completion", dated December 2, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Community Recreation.

Respectfully submitted:

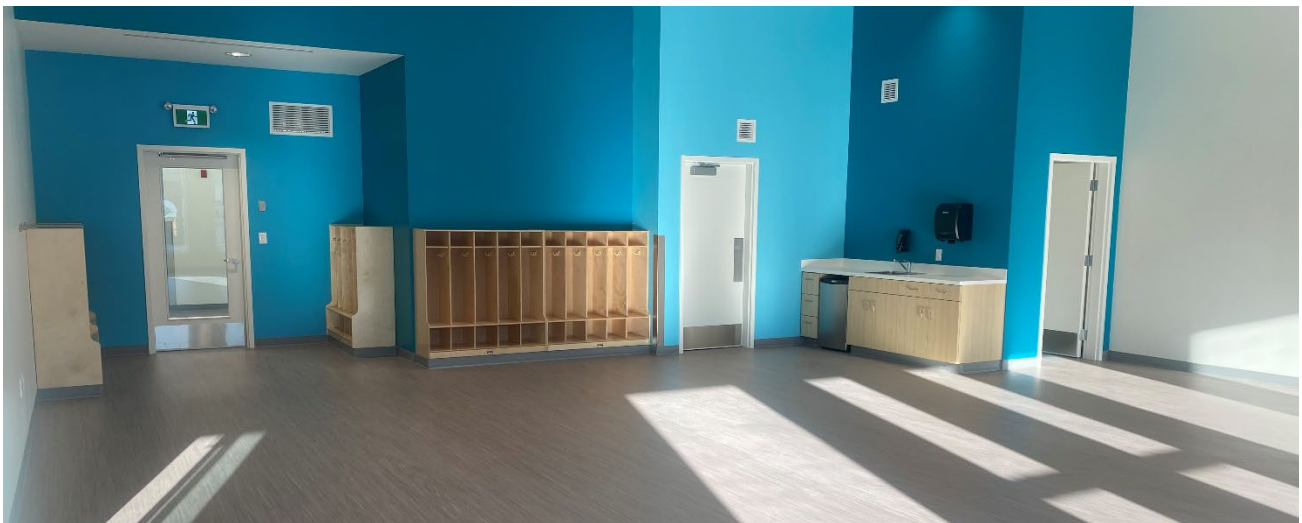
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Attachment 1 – Photos of the Recreation Complex Child Care Facility
Attachment 2 – Photos of the Lakers Child Care Facility

Photos of the Recreation Complex Child Care Facility



Entrance hall of the Recreation Complex Child Care.



A 3-5 class room ready for furniture



An infant toddler room and showing the two nap rooms

Photos of the Lakers Child Care Facility



Lakers Child Care main hallway



A finished classroom



Infant toddler bathroom