

A FAMILY FRIENDLY VANCOUVER

OUR PLAN FOR
MORE AFFORDABLE,
LICENSED, AND SAFE
CHILD CARE SPACES

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The NPA Child Care Plan—A Family Friendly Vancouver—will create incentives to stakeholders, waive fees, and will leverage funding from the B.C. Provincial Child Care Plan. The NPA plan provides solutions to expedite permits and fast-track licensing requirements between different levels of government and regulating bodies.

3 IMMEDIATE STEPS

to make new child care spaces faster, easier, and less costly to build.

Purpose-built child care space provides a valuable and urgently needed amenity to local communities. The NPA will remove the barriers to building child care facilities and recognize the public benefit they provide.

- 1. **Waive the costly fees.** This begins with eliminating the \$42,600 fee charged by the City to approve an “air space parcel”.
- 2. **Provide incentives.** Allow those interested in building child care space to be eligible for the incentives currently offered to rental-only projects (Rental 100).
- 3. **Put child care in the Fastlane.** This means expediting Permits and Fast-tracking projects, especially for non-profit child care centres. This lowers costs and makes spaces available more quickly.



OUR LONG TERM STRATEGY

Fill the gaps. Prioritize underserved areas for city development and partnerships to ensure adequate child care centres in all 22 Vancouver neighbourhoods.

Include child care as the norm. This means on city-led developments or rental housing or other projects built on city land, include child care facilities as the default.

Facilitate a single window process. Develop partnerships with Vancouver Coastal Health and the Province of BC, with the City providing frontline service to streamline permits and licenses, and assist with accessing funding from other levels of government.

Promote accessibility and connections. Encouraging intergenerational connections by locating child care facilities near seniors' centres. To make facilities more accessible, the placement of child care near transit will be encouraged.