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Subject: Resolution from CRD Board supporting Planning Grant for Child Care

Hey Margo & John, hope you're both well.

You may or may not be aware that there is a UBCM Childcare grant open for local government to apply to for either capital funding for a child care facility or a planning grant. The money that UBCM is managing has a deadline of January 18. There is a parallel funding stream the Province has that has a continuous entry application process. Both funding streams will provide up to \$1 million for a capital project to build more childcare spaces.

We tried to work with the Child Care Resources and Referral (CCRR) group in Quesnel to see if we could get a capital project together in the very short time allowed for the UBCM application window and, while the CCRR did a really good job, we're not comfortable putting a capital application in. We've decided instead to apply for the planning grant, and Council supported that with a resolution last night.

As a single local government applicant we are eligible for \$25k for the planning process, but if the CRD Board would provide us with a supporting resolution, we would be eligible for \$50k and could do a much better job of the needs assessment, capital plan, and business plan for a future capital funding application.

Quesnel and area (the North Cariboo writ large) desperately needs more child care spaces, the lack of spaces is becoming a major roadblock to resident attraction and workforce retention, especially of single parents.

Given the short timeline, could we put a resolution in front of the Board next week and add it to our application at the eleventh hour? The CCRR will be putting the application together, and, as you'll note in the letter I've copied below, the resolution required from the Board is very simple and there are no financial implications for the CRD. As this project develops we can engage the NCJPC in the process and would brief them at our meeting next week to seek their endorsement (I've copied Jeff and Rhya on this email so they can grab it for the agenda for next week's meeting).

I've highlighted the resolution we would need from the Board, as kindly provided by the two provincial Ministers. 😊

Thanks for your consideration.

VIA E-MAIL

Ref: 241210

His Worship Mayor Bob Simpson and Council
City of Quesnel
E-mail: cityhall@quesnel.ca

Dear Mayor Simpson and Council:

As we enter a new year, we would like to thank local governments for the important work you do to support communities and families throughout British Columbia. Many families across the province are looking for access to affordable, quality child care, and currently too many are struggling to find the care they need.

To support the expansion of affordable, quality and accessible child care throughout British Columbia, the province has partnered with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to offer two funding programs for local governments to help create more licensed child care spaces:

- The **Community Child Care Space Creation Program**, established with \$13.7 million in funding under the Canada-British Columbia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, will award up to \$1 million to local governments creating new licensed child care spaces within their own facilities for children aged five and under, with a focus on spaces for infants and toddlers.

- The **Community Child Care Planning Program** will provide up to \$25,000 in funding for local governments to engage in child care planning activities in order to develop a community child care space creation action plan. Local governments who work together on applications will be eligible for up to \$25,000 per local government. For example, three local governments applying together for one project may be eligible to receive up to \$75,000.

The deadline for both programs is approaching quickly—be sure to submit your application to UBCM no later than January 18, 2019.

UBCM is administering both programs. These partnerships ensure that planning for child care spaces is done at the community level and that child care spaces are created where they are most needed; after all, local governments know their communities best. We encourage you to consider how you can take advantage of these programs to help meet the child care needs of families in your communities.

We understand that assembling a strong application takes time and would like to highlight that the Community Child Care Planning Program requires only a budget and council/board resolution in addition to the application form. To assist you in meeting the application deadline for these programs, we have enclosed a sample resolution to bring to your council or board.

If you do not have a project ready to meet the UBCM application deadline for the Community Child Care Space Creation Program, please also consider the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund, which has no deadline to apply. This fund offers up to \$1 million per facility for public sector partnerships with non-profit child care providers (as well as school boards and band or tribal councils or First Nations governments directly operating child care programs), and up to \$250,000 or \$500,000 per facility for all other types of organizations.

For more information about the community child care programs, visit [UBCM's Web site](#) or contact Local Government Program Services at 250 952-9177 or lgps@ubcm.ca.

As always, please feel free to contact the office of the Minister of State for Child Care with any questions at CC.Minister@gov.bc.ca, and visit [Childcare BC](#) for more information about the province's investments in child care.

Thank you again for the outstanding work you do for families in your community.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Katrine Conroy
Minister of Children and
Family Development

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Katrina Chen
Minister of State for Child Care

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Local Government Program Services, UBCM

Encl (below): Council or Board Community Child Care Resolution (SAMPLE)

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WHEREAS there is a need for child care in the *[LOCAL GOVERNMENT NAME]*,

WHEREAS the *[LOCAL GOVERNMENT NAME]* support the creation of quality, affordable, child care spaces to help provide employment, relief for working parents and support a strong economy;

WHEREAS there are unprecedented funding programs now offered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and the Province of BC to help local government plan and build new child care spaces;

BE IT RESOLVED That the *[LOCAL GOVERNMENT NAME COUNCIL OR BOARD]* direct staff to apply for the UBCM Community Child Care Planning program to do a child care needs assessment and manage any funds received through this program,

Or

For collaborative projects only: BE IT RESOLVED That the *[LOCAL GOVERNMENT NAME COUNCIL OR BOARD]* support the *[LOCAL GOVERNMENT NAME COUNCIL OR BOARD]* primary applicant to apply for, receive and manage the grant funding on our behalf.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the *[LOCAL GOVERNMENT NAME COUNCIL OR BOARD]* direct staff to investigate potential opportunities for use of the Community Child Care Space Creation Programs, and the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund, and come back to Council with a recommendation of ways to avail ourselves of this new funding opportunity to create child care spaces.