

COVID 19 Childcare Working Group

Mandate

The Childcare Working Group will advise on possible pandemic response efforts related to local childcare closures, with a particular focus on external and internal essential service workers who require childcare services to report to work (i.e. healthcare workers, some City functions, first responders, public transit drivers, etc.).

Responsibilities

Supporting Fraser Health's leadership role taken across the region and addresses those initiatives on a local level from the information that is provided through the Ministry of Children and Family Development F & A document.

Developing short, medium and long term actions to support childcare needs for external and internal essential service workers within the city during this pandemic response.

Liaising with families and childcare operators in identifying childcare needs for infant/toddler and school aged care children.

Compiling information, reviewing current situation and responding to childcare closures in a collaborative approach to childcare requirements.

Developing a communication plan to ensure that external and internal essential service workers have information related to childcare availability and access to childcare services through community referral agencies.

Providing regular status updates to Senior staff, key City Departments, and reports to City Council and others as required.

Proposed Membership

The COVID 19 will be comprised of Interdepartmental City staff, and representatives from various local provincial ministries

- Renee Chadwick, Manager , Recreation Services – Lead
- Anur Mehdic, Housing /Child Care Analyst – Development Service
- Christine Cho, A/HR Business Partner - Human Resources
- Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent, School District #40, or designate

- Jody Mischuda, Practice Consultant, Fraser Health Community Care Facilities Licensing, or designate
- Lisa Paterson, Community Development Worker, Ministry of Children and Family Development, or designate
- Tazeen Bharucha, Program Supervisor, YMCA Child Care Resource and Referral, or designate
- Stephanie Erdelyi, Childcare Operator in New Westminster
- City staff will also act as resources and represent their respective Departments
- Additional city staff as required

Meetings

The working group will meet as required basis, not less than weekly. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, there may be occasions when special meetings are required. As much advance notice as possible will be given to ensure members can make the necessary arrangements. The meetings will be set up remotely.

Participation

The working group will have decision-making authority to determine the best approach to taken in order to deal with childcare requirements for external and internal essential service workers.

Term

The working group will function for the duration of the pandemic and community recovery.