

**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
INFORMATION NOTE**

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PREPARED FOR: Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development
Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care

ISSUE(S): Briefing for Ministers Mark and Conroy and Minister of State Chen on the status of joint MCFD and AEST initiatives to support Early Childhood Educators (ECEs)

BACKGROUND:

The Ministries of Children and Family Development (MCFD) and Advanced Education, Skills and Training (AEST) continue to collaborate on initiatives aimed at supporting Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) including: workforce recruitment and retention strategies; quality initiatives; alignment of educational pathways and oversight; and, accessibility and affordability of programs.

DISCUSSION:

- 1) Overview of ECE education pathway (AEST) – see Attachment A
 - Describes current requirements and expected timelines for traditional and Work Integrated Learning (WIL) pathways for ECE Assistants with no formal ECE training to upgrade their ECE education (see Attachment A)

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4) ECE seat expansion at public post-secondary institutions (AEST)

- Purpose is to increase the number of qualified ECEs across the province by expanding PSI program seats.
- In 2018/19 there were 182 FTEs created through AEST (\$900K) and MCFD (\$350K) funding. Funding will continue through AEST in 2019/20 (\$3.69M) and 2020/21 (\$2.79M).
- It is anticipated that by the end of the three-year period 620 ECEs will graduate.
- Phase two (2019-2021) of the ECE Program Expansion resulted in 18 funding proposals being submitted for various ECE programs (see Attachment C for proposals).
- **Current status: 2019-21 proposals are being reviewed by AEST (with input from MCFD) and funding decisions will be made by the start of fiscal 2019/20.**

5) Work-Integrated Learning Pilots (AEST)

- AEST, in collaboration with MCFD, worked with public post-secondary institutions to develop Work Integrated Learning (WIL) pilot projects that will enable current child care workers, including those who have moved to BC from another province or country, to upgrade while remaining employed.
- AEST self-funded five WIL projects with MCFD funding one additional pilot that is Indigenous in focus. Total funding value is \$628K.
- AEST and MCFD have begun work on developing an Evaluation Framework for WIL pilot projects launch in 2018.
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6) Sector Labour Market Partnership (AEST/MCFD)

- AEST will provide \$1.8M in funding from 2018 to 2022 from the Sector Labour Market Partnerships program. This funding will support the Early Childhood Educators of BC (ECEBC) to produce and implement a sector-led impact assessment to measure the direct and indirect effects of the implementation of the *Early Care and Learning Recruitment and Retention Strategy* on the sector.
- **Current status: Detailed program plan was submitted in January 2019. Data gathering through a variety of means (including survey and interviews) will commence in 2019/20. Final results will be available in 2022, with interim reporting each fiscal year.**

7) ECE Professional Development Fund (for background)

- Professional development opportunities for early care and learning professionals vary across British Columbia in terms of availability and quality.
- \$6.3 million of the Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) funding has been allocated to increase the availability of high quality professional development opportunities for ECEs and other professionals working in the child care sector to upgrade their skills and remain current on best practices.
- The Provincial Child Care Council's (PCCC) Quality Working Group has reviewed the identified priorities, and signaled agreement with the proposed initiatives/streams. Additionally, AEST has provided input and suggestions to help inform the proposed initiatives.
- **Current Status: Funding was announced in March 2019 and is to be expended by March 31, 2020.**

8) ECE Bursary Fund (for background)

- The ECE Education Support Fund (formerly the ECE Bursary Program) provides funds to support the training of individuals working, or wishing to work, in the early childhood care and learning sector in B.C.
- The program has been administered by the Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia (ECEBC) through a contract with MCFD since 2014/15.
- The ECE Education Support Fund received \$10 million through the Canada-British Columbia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (CAN-BC ELCC Agreement).
- The ECE Education Support Fund is offered in two streams: the ECE Student Bursary Program (up to \$4,000 in funding per academic semester) and the ECE Workforce Development Bursary Fund Program (up to \$5,000 in funding per academic semester).
- The program is intended to support up to 4,000 current and future educators to obtain or upgrade their ECE certification through the ECE Registry. The Ministry is on track to meet this target.

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NEXT STEPS:

The Ministry remains committed to the goals outlined in *the Early Care and Learning Recruitment and Retention Strategy* by building capacity through quality education and training opportunities.

MCFD will continue to collaborate with AEST to increase the number of qualified ECEs needed to meet the growing demand across of the province.

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ATTACHMENTS:

A. Work Integrated Learning ECE Pathway

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C. Phase Two (2019-2021) ECE Seat Expansion Proposals

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**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
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PREPARED FOR: Minister Katrine Conroy

ISSUE: Extending the submission timeline of the Family-Based Caregiver Payment Model.

BACKGROUND:

This Strategic Initiatives Branch is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of the Family-Based Caregiver Payment Model, which includes research, jurisdictional scans and engagement activities in order to make recommendations to government on how to strengthen the payment model.

This work has identified the following key challenges within the current state:

- Insufficient funding, which includes:
 - a lack of funding to meet the holistic needs of the child/youth in care and specifically, a lack of funding for connection to family, community and culture;
 - a lack of funding for placement vacancies and respite care.
- Inconsistent application of discretionary funding which creates inequities.
- A lack of non-financial supports such as counselling and caregiver training.
- Inequities in funding and access to supports for different care statuses (in particular, foster care vs out-of-care) often making out-of-care and other more permanent options less financially viable.

In combination, these challenges deter many potential caregivers and contribute to caregiver attrition. Therefore, these challenges, in conjunction with the shortage of caregivers, create placements that are determined by availability and resources rather than the needs and circumstances of the child/youth.

DISCUSSION:

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Barriers

The shortage of caregivers is a barrier to addressing these priorities. Changed social and economic conditions have contributed to younger people becoming less likely to be engaged in caregiving. Young age cohorts of caregivers are decreasing by 60% (19-28 years) and 40% (30-44 years) while the older age cohort (>60 years) is increasing by 42%. The pace of decline in caregivers under 60 is greater than the decline of children/youth in care from 2008 to 2018 (-

27%). This has created a caregiver demographic issue which a new payment model needs to attend to by attracting the next generation of caregivers and reducing attrition of current caregivers.

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ISSUE: Proposed approaches for reimagining youth transitions, and the Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) program.

BACKGROUND:

Since April 2018, the Ministry has undertaken extensive research and engagement to understand the current state of its youth transition services; as well as, identify approaches to strengthen existing programs and supports including the Agreements with Young Adults (AYA) program. Some of the key challenges facing youth during their transition to adulthood include:

- Leaving care without the necessary skills or support network to navigate adulthood;
- not being able to meet their holistic and cultural needs;
- insufficient or lack of funding support;
- navigating complex administrative processes and inconsistencies in AYA program delivery; and
- experiencing challenges with entering, and staying enrolled in the current AYA program due to its restrictive eligibility criteria.

DISCUSSION:

Youth transitioning from government care require additional supports:

- Government in its role as parent is not providing an equitable safety net for youth aging out, as compared to youth in the general population: The Conference Board of Canada (2014) and Statistics Canada (2016) estimate that 40% of young adults ages 20-29 continue to live at home.
- Through policy and practice shifts, fewer children are coming into care and more children/youth are being placed with extended family – particularly Indigenous children and youth. However, young adults in out-of-care options are not currently eligible to access any post-majority supports.
- Improving transition supports aligns with other government commitments and initiatives, including: Poverty Reduction and Increased Affordability; Grand Chief Ed John's Recommendation; UNDRIP; and the Ministry's strategic framework.

There are social and economic implications to not improving youth transitions:

- In BC, former youth in care die at five times the rate of the general population of young people (BC Coroners Service, 2018).
- Approximately 50% of former youth in care end up on Income Assistance within 6 months of transitioning to adulthood.

- Homeless youth are 193 times more likely than the general public to have been involved with the child welfare system (Nichols, Schwan, Gaetz et al., 2017)
- Conference Board of Canada (2014): the average youth who ages out of care earns \$326,000 less over lifetime than the average Canadian. Each youth who ages out of care costs the government \$126,000 in lost tax revenue and increased social assistance payments.

The following highlights key elements to reimagine youth transitions (see Appendix A for a table with more detail).

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A. Approaches Table

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Appendix A: Approaches Description

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ISSUE: Information for Meeting with MLA Furstenau on how the Ministry responds and supports families where domestic violence is a concern.

BACKGROUND:

- The Provincial Office of Domestic Violence (PODV), formerly located with MCFD, was dissolved in April 2018 and the activities of that office were transferred to Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG). PSSG continues to fund women serving agencies who provide services to families who are impacted by domestic violence.
- MCFD holds quarterly meeting with the Ending Violence Association of B.C., B.C. Society of Transition Houses and PSSG to discuss systemic issues and barriers and work collaboratively to enhance safety planning.
- MCFD is committed to increasing its capacity to respond to cases involving domestic violence in a well-trained, thoughtful and respectful manner across communities in British Columbia.
- The Provincial Director of Child Welfare appointed the Directors of Practice (DOPs) as the Domestic Violence (DV) leads for the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) and Delegated Aboriginal Agencies (DAAs). They are the key points of contact for complex case consultation, training and program leadership within the respective Service Delivery Areas (SDA) and DAAs.
- The DOPs are required to have an in-depth understanding of domestic violence which includes having a good working knowledge of the *Best Practice Approaches: Child Protection and Violence against Women*. They also have comprehensive knowledge about the application of any related assessment tools, ensuring delivery of domestic violence-related training within the SDAs and any other training relevant to supporting best practice in the area of domestic violence.
- The DOPs have received training in domestic violence including Interagency Case Assessment Team (ICAT) training. MCFD continues to explore additional training to enhance the expertise of the DOPS. They have a specialised learning plan that supports their

attainment of increased knowledge and skills to allow them to provide effective support to field staff.

- The Domestic Violence: Risk and Reintegration of Offending Parents Guidelines were developed at the request of child protection workers and provide information and guidance when making decisions relating to offending parents remaining with their families, having contact with their families.

DISCUSSION:

- The DOPs have a provincial practice responsibility and perspective and are the key practice leads in the area of Domestic Violence. Their primary focus is embedding best practices in response to domestic violence cases.
- The DOPs and consultants work to support evidence informed practices in the field of domestic violence, in collaboration and partnership with Service Delivery staff. They provide consultation, training and coordination support on domestic violence. They also provide specialized consultation as requested in complex, high risk domestic violence cases.
- The DOPs, as domestic violence partners, have linkages to community tables related to domestic violence in their communities. This includes the Violence against Women in Relationships Committee, the Integrated Case Assessment Team processes, and may include connections with domestic violence related activities.
- On-line (8 hours): the on-line domestic violence safety planning training was initially offered to MCFD staff in 2013 and continues to be offered. The on-line training is a pre-requisite for the two day face to face DV training that all fully delegated staff is required to complete beginning in 2015.
- Face to Face (2 day): Practice Branch staff contributed to revising and delivery of the curriculum for the two day face to face domestic violence training for child protection social workers. This training is intended to equip child protection staff with more in-depth knowledge about how to respond to domestic violence situations and it is repeatedly offered to staff to cover those that did not previously receive the training or have been newly hired.
- Joint Training with Community Partners (1 day): Provincial Practice Branch staff, in collaboration with community partners, has led six one day training sessions in collaborating and responding to domestic violence across the province. Further offers of this training are planned. There were 6 sessions scheduled and 5 sessions completed in 2017/18. The final (sixth) session is in the process of being scheduled.
- Discussions are underway to decide how similar training can be delivered in the future, on an ongoing basis. One option being discussed is a “train the trainer model”.

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MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION NOTE

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PREPARED FOR: Honourable John Horgan, Premier

ISSUE: Meeting with Sharon Gregson of the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of British Columbia

BACKGROUND:

The Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC (CCCABC) is a membership-based organization comprised of individuals and groups including parents, grandparents, child care providers, community organizations, academics and unions. In partnership with Early Childhood Educators of BC, the CCCABC developed the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning, popularly known as the \$10aDay Child Care Plan. Sharon Gregson is the provincial spokesperson for the Plan.

Key features of the \$10aDay Plan, by the end of a 10-year implementation period, are:

- Child care is the responsibility of school boards, with oversight and funding from the Ministry of Education;
- Fees capped at \$10aDay for full day care;
- Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) are paid an average of \$25/hour and have a minimum of a diploma, and;
- A new Early Learning and Care Act establishes an entitlement to quality child care for BC families.

DISCUSSION:

In October 2018, the CCCABC submitted its recommendations for Budget 2019 (see Appendix 2) to the Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. The following summarizes the recommendations and the provincial response to date:

1. **Affordability** – re-allocate funding from the planned expansion of the Affordable Child Care Benefit (ACCB) to an expansion of the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative.
 - *Provincial response: Budget 2019 continues with plans announced in Budget 2018 to enhance ACCB rates for care for children over the age of 3.*
2. **Access** – transfer remaining capital grant funds into purchase/building of public assets, beginning with the immediate bulk purchase of custom-designed modular buildings to house new child care facilities, and phase out the use of capital grants to third parties to purchase/build privately owned facilities.
 - *Provincial response: Budget 2019 continues grant funding from MCFD's operating budget to public, non-profit and for profit agencies to create new child care spaces.*

3. **Quality** – implement an additional wage lift of \$1/hour effective April 1, 2019 (in addition to the \$1/hour increase already committed for 2018/19 and 2020/21).
 - *Provincial response: Budget 2019 includes funding for a \$1/hour wage lift for ECEs only in 2018/19 and in 2020/21.*
4. **Infrastructure** –transfer the Child Care Branch from the Ministry of Children and Family Development to the Ministry of Education.
 - *Provincial Response: The responsibility for child care remains with MCFD.*
5. **Implementation** – increase in operating funding for fiscal 2021/22 of \$200 million, bringing the new budget for Child Care BC to \$664 million in year 4.
 - *Provincial response: Budget 2019 allocates \$366 million for child care in 2019/20. Over the 3 years of the fiscal plan (2019/20 to 2021/22), expenditures total \$1.3 billion.*

On March 4, 2019, CCCABC released an update to the \$10aDay Plan to acknowledge progress to date by the provincial government and to highlight remaining areas of work, namely:

1. Enact new legislation under the authority of the Ministry of Education enshrining the rights of children and families to quality, affordable child care.
2. Ensure stable and adequate funding, including a dedicated capital budget, expand the Universal Prototype Sites as well as the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative and accelerate wage enhancements for ECEs and other strategies to enhance recruitment and retention.
3. Move the responsibility for child care to the Ministry of Education, create local child care planning councils led by school districts and to start delivery of child care by school districts.

SUMMARY:

Government is committed to implementing universal quality child care, affordable and accessible to the families who want or need it. Implementing universal child care will take time. Government is currently in year two of the 10 year implementation plan and is committed to working together with the key stakeholders such as CCCABC throughout the implementation to increase the accessibility, affordability and quality of child care in BC.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Appendix 1 – \$10aDay Child Care Plan - UPDATED 2019 edition
- B. Appendix 2 – \$10aDay Child Care Recommendations for BC Budget 2019

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ISSUE: Background on federal Indigenous child welfare funding

BACKGROUND:

Child Welfare Services Funding

The Province, through the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), provides child welfare services on and off reserve in British Columbia. Canada and BC negotiated a service level agreement (SLA) in 2010 intended to fund those child protection services provided on-reserve by BC through MCFD. \$29 million is provided annually for this purpose. 84 communities receive child protection services from MCFD on reserve.

In some communities, some or all child protection services are delivered by Delegated Aboriginal Agencies (DAAs). In that case, Canada funds the DAAs directly.

Services intended to prevent children from coming into care are also provided by both DAAs and by MCFD. Prevention services are provincially funded for the most part. Recently, as a result of Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) decisions, Canada agreed that federally funded DAAs providing prevention services on reserve would receive full reimbursement based on actual expenditures. BC received no additional funding for prevention services for the remaining 84 communities. [s.13,s.17](#)

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BC does not have full insight into what Canada provides directly to on-reserve communities across BC. Their funding rates are different than the provinces, which creates disparity between different communities and requests to the province to increase funding.

BC has also increased its direct investment in Indigenous communities (see Appendix A for a complete analysis).

Indigenous Jurisdiction over Child Welfare

Canada and BC and many Indigenous nations share a common goal of supporting Indigenous jurisdiction over child and family services. Work towards this goal is being achieved through discussions at trilateral tables.

The Federal Government has recently introduced legislation that, if passed, would allow Nations to assume jurisdiction and will increase funding pressure for capacity development and service delivery.

DISCUSSION:

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CONCLUSION:

Additional federal funding for services and supports is imperative. A collateral strategy to support Indigenous governance and capacity building, particularly in the face of federal legislation and the provincial commitment to child welfare jurisdiction is also critical to breathe life into the commitment to jurisdiction.

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**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
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ISSUE: First Nations Leadership Council Member Biographies for Possible Outreach by Minister

BACKGROUND:

The First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) is comprised of three organizations: the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN), the First Nations Summit (FNS), and the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC). FNLC was established in 2002 with the signing of the Leadership Accord. This enabled the three organizations to formalize a cooperative working relationship to represent the political interests of First Nations in British Columbia.

The BCAFN advances the rights and interests of BC First Nations people by working to restore and enhance the relationship among First Nations people in BC, the Crown, and people of Canada. BCAFN is a provincial-territorial organization representing the province's 203 First Nations. BCAFN representation extends to First Nations currently engaged in the treaty process, those who have signed modern treaties, and those under historic treaty agreements.

The FNS is comprised of a majority of First Nations and Tribal Councils in BC and provides a forum for First Nations in BC to address issues related to treaty negotiations and other issues of common concern.

The UBCIC strengthens Indigenous nations to assert and implement their Aboriginal title, rights, treaty rights and right of self-determination by acting as an advocacy body (regionally, nationally, internationally).

The FNLC is committed to changing the course of First Nation-Crown relations in BC in a way that empowers First Nations and results in concrete change for children, families, and communities.

DISCUSSION:

The FNLC participates in the Tripartite First Nations Children and Families Working Group (TWG) along with the Province and the Government of Canada.

The TWG was formed in the fall of 2016 following the First Nations Children and Family Gathering, co-hosted by FNLC and the Province. The goal of the TWG is to improve outcomes for First Nations children and families by focusing on addressing current policy and legislative

frameworks as well as identifying potential governance models for First Nations communities and investing in programs that support prevention, cultural connection, family reunification, and self-governance.

In June 2018, the TWG refocused on four key areas: (1) federal and provincial legislation on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, (2) the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action and jurisdiction, (3) amendments to the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* and (4) funding.

Recent discussions of the TWG have focused on the implications of the federal enabling legislation - Bill C-92 for the Province, should the legislation pass. Continued collaborative relations with the FNLC are important in this continued work and the FNLC TWG leads are wanting to engage directly with the Minister on political matters.

CONCLUSION:

The FNLC plays an integral role in the efforts the TWG is making to improve outcomes for First Nations children and families in BC. Strengthening the relationship with the leaders of BCAFN, FNS, and UBCIC that attend the TWG stands to further strengthen the collaborative relationship between the Province and FNLC leadership.

ATTACHMENTS (if applicable):

- A. First Nations Leadership Council Lead Member Biographies
- B. First Nations Leadership Council Lead Contact Information

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Attachment A: First Nations Leadership Council Lead Member Biographies

BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN)

Regional Chief Terry Teegee



Regional Chief Terry Teegee (Maxweeum Tsimghee) is a member of Takla Lake First Nation. He was elected BCAFN Regional Chief on October 12, 2017. Chief Teegee is also the elected Tribal Chief of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council (CSTC).

Regional Chief Teegee is a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) and graduated from the University of Northern British Columbia with a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry in 2006.

Regional Chief Teegee, his wife Rena Zatorski and his children, daughter Rylie and son Rowan reside on Lheidli T'enneh reserve – 22 kilometers from Prince George.

First Nations Summit (FNS)

Grand Chief Edward John
(Akile Ch'oh)



Grand Chief Ed John was called to the BC Bar in 1980. He holds a B.A. from the University of Victoria, an LLB from the University of British Columbia. In addition, he holds Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of Northern British Columbia and the University of Victoria. Grand Chief John is currently serving his eleventh consecutive term (June 2016 – June 2019) as an elected leader on the First Nations Summit Political Executive. He is a former Expert Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (January 2011 – December 2016) and was involved in the development of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2007. Grand Chief John continues to advocate for the full recognition and implementation of the Declaration.

In November 2016, Grand Chief Ed John submitted his final report "*Indigenous Resilience, Connectedness and Reunification – From Root Causes to Root Solutions*" to the Province of BC. This report continues to guide the direction of MCFD in working with Indigenous children, youth and families.

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Cheryl Casimer is a citizen of the Ktunaxa Nation and is from the community of ?aqam, located near Cranbrook. Ms. Casimer is a longstanding advocate for First Nations issues and perspectives. She is a former Chief and Councillor of ?aqam First Nation. Previously, she was also the Director of Treaty, Lands & Resources for the Ktunaxa Treaty Council. She also served one term as Co-Chair of the First Nations Summit (2002-2004) and one term as a board member of the BC Assembly of First Nations. Ms. Casimer was elected in June 2016 for a second consecutive three-year term on the First Nations Summit Task Group (political executive).

Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC)

Kukpi7 Judy Wilson,
Secretary Treasurer



Chief Wilson has served her community of Neskonlith since she was first elected chief in 2007. Chief Wilson is a strong advocate for recognition of inherent Title and Rights and self-determination. Chief Wilson's education includes public administration with focus on governance, public relations, and media. In addition to her role as Secretary Treasurer with UBCIC, Chief Wilson is currently a member of the following boards and committees: The First Nations Leadership Council, the Assembly of First Nations Comprehensive Claims Policy Committee, the BC Specific Claims Working Group, and several other community-based committees. She formerly served on the All-Chiefs Task Force, and the First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council.

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**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
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PREPARED FOR: Honourable Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care

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ISSUE(S): Minister Chen will meet with the United Church to discuss relocation issues facing with the Lakeview Childcare facility in Vancouver, BC.

BACKGROUND:

Lakeview Childcare and Montessori is located in the Lakeview Multicultural United Church on Semlin Drive in Vancouver BC, next to Lakewood Terrace Housing Co-Op and across the street from the YWCA.

Lakeview Childcare and Montessori owned by Sushp K. Singh and managed by Priya Singh has been operating since 1991 with new management since January 2016, in the Lakeview Multicultural United Church providing 36 child care spaces for children 30 months to School Age children.

Lakeview Childcare and Montessori according to their website, take a whole-child approach to early childhood education. They indicate an emergent child curriculum as well as themes that encourage involvement in the world around them, and indicate they work closely with supported child care to support early intervention. They provide some of the following services and programming:

- Large gym and outdoor playground;
- Garden to table program, Compost Bin, Worm Bin;
- Grow your own butterfly program;
- Yoga class with a certified instructor; and
- Healthy nutritious snacks, including fun snack programs like “Make Your Own vegetable sushi”, Bread baking weekly and Vegetable and Fruit smoothies.

Since 2018/19 Lakeview Childcare and Montessori have received \$3,501.75 in Childcare BC Maintenance in funding and the following sums of funding from other MCFD programs:

18/19 YTD CCOF funding as of Mar 20, 2019:	\$51,210
18/19 YTD CCFRI funding as of Feb 28, 2019:	\$46,694
18/19 YTD ECE WE funding as of Feb 27, 2019:	\$2,822
18/19 YTD ACCB funding as of Mar 15, 2019:	\$27,844

The Lakeview United Church in Vancouver is one of three sites that BC Housing is partnering with the BC Conference of the United Church of Canada (BCCUCC) to develop new homes at church sites. The other two sites are in Coquitlam and Nanaimo.

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RECOMMENDED RESPONSE

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ISSUE: Draft MCFD Action Plan in Response to RCY's report *Room for Improvement: Toward Better Education Outcomes for Children in Care*

BACKGROUND:

On October 26, 2017 the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) released the monitoring report, *Room for Improvement: Toward Better Education Outcomes for Children in Care*. The report examines education outcomes and supports for children and youth in care (CYIC). The report contained six recommendations, three of which involve MCFD.

Findings in this report determine that:

- Multiple home moves for CYIC can lead to less success in school;
- Indigenous CYIC need more opportunities to connect with their culture at school; and,
- Information-sharing and proactive collaboration between the adults who support CYIC are critical for their success at school.

MCFD will work with the Ministry of Education (MOE) to address recommendations in this report and to improve education outcomes for all children in care.

MCFD and MOE created the *Joint Educational Planning and Support for Children and Youth in Care: Cross-Ministry Guidelines* in 2008 in response to the RCY report *Health and Wellbeing of Children in Care* (2008). These joint guidelines were revised in 2017 in response to the RCY report, *Paige's Story: Abuse, Indifference and a Young Life Discarded* (2015).

DISCUSSION:

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NEXT STEPS:

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