

The City is making progress towards addressing the child care shortage in Penticton. The Province recently awarded a \$2.9 million grant to replace the aging Edmonton Avenue Centre building in Kiwanis Park. The new facility will provide child care to 116 children and will be operated by OneSky Community Resources. Before this proposal proceeds, there are a number of activities that need to occur including consulting residents about the opportunity and the need to update the zoning of the park to reflect the child care use that occurs today. This fact sheet provides more information about the proposal and how you can get involved.

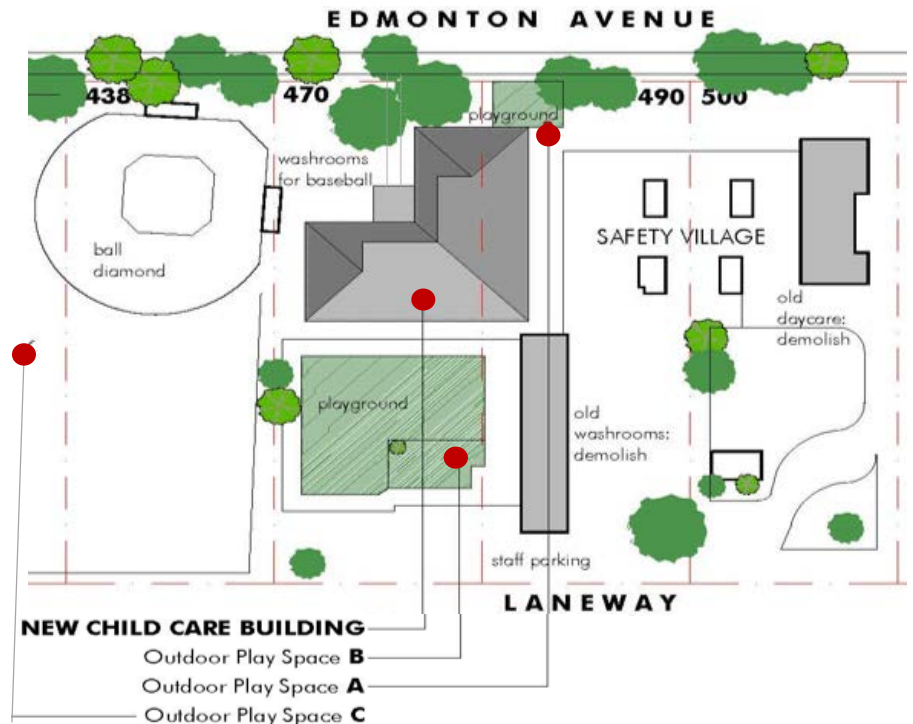


Proposal Features

- Three aging City buildings will be demolished including the Little Triumphs Daycare, the existing Edmonton Avenue Centre, and the washroom building.
- The new facility will be rebuilt on the existing site for the Edmonton Avenue Centre. It will accommodate 116 child care spaces and public washrooms.
- Per the requirements of the Province, the facility must provide three outdoor play spaces for the age groups: 0-3 years, 3-5 years and for the after school program.
- 14 parking spots are required under the bylaw and will be accommodated on site.



The City has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with OneSky Community Resources to run the day care. OneSky operates the before and after school program at Edmonton Avenue Centre and manages the Little Triumphs Daycare which would move into the new location.



The City is seeking your feedback about this proposal for the day care as well as the application to rezone this location to allow for a 'day care centre major' to be permitted. Review the different features of the proposal and then look on the back of the handout for opportunities to learn more or share your feedback.

Benefits of the proposal

In addition to helping address the child care shortage in Penticton, here are a few examples of the anticipated benefits of the proposal:

- Three City buildings that have reached the end of their useable life will be removed. Costs associated with operating these aging buildings will be reduced.
- The new child care centre will use the existing site, preserving the amount of greenspace currently enjoyed by park users.
- With the exception of Play Space A, all playgrounds will be open to the public.
- The project can be funded entirely with the \$2.9 million grant from the Province.

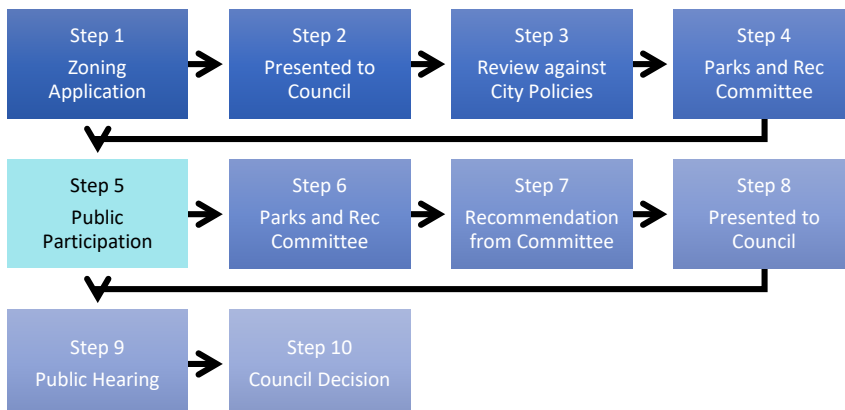
Impacts of the proposal

Through the engagement activities, the City will identify impacts that may need to be addressed in the detailed design of the facility. Some of the impacts that are currently being considered are:

- Parking and congestion can be a challenge at child care facilities during drop off and pick up times. This proposal provides more parking than required by the zoning bylaw.
- The washroom building will be demolished and a new external public washroom will be built as part of the facility that can be used by Safety Village and baseball patrons.
- As portions of this site are shared with the Safety Village, staff are working with the society to understand the impacts and opportunities this proposal may provide.

About the zoning

Day care centres are not currently a permitted use under the zoning for Kiwanis Park. Recognizing that Kiwanis Park has been home to two child care facilities for the past 30+ years, the City is seeking to have day care centre added as a permitted use to the zoning to allow this use to continue at this park only. The City is following the procedure outlined in the Park Land Protection and Use Policy to consult the community about this change. Below are the steps required to consider this change before construction can proceed on the new facility.



Get involved

If you would like to learn more about this proposal or share your feedback, here are the opportunities:

- Complete a feedback form at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca before Nov. 29.
- Attend an online information session* on Nov. 21 between 9 am and 10 am.
- Attend an in-person Open House* at the Edmonton Avenue Centre on Nov. 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

*Registration is required for these events. Email getconnected@Penticton.ca or call (250) 490-2586. Representatives from OneSky will also be in attendance.