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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION REPORT

To: Mayor Darrell R. Mussatto and Members of Council

From: P.R. Penner, Community Planner

SUBJECT: BC CHILD CARE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Date: May 24, 2016 File No: 10-4750-01-0001/2016

ATTACHMENTS:

1. BC Gov News Press Release dated May 18th, 2016 and entitled "British Columbia honours outstanding child-care providers" (Doc # 1398928);
2. Letter of Nomination dated March 21, 2016 from June Maynard, Manager, Parent and Child Resource Programs, North Shore Community Resources Society to the Ministry of Children and Family Development (Doc # 1398805);
3. Letter of Support dated March 24, 2016 from Glenda Burrows, Senior Child Care Licensing Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health to the Ministry of Children and Family Development (Doc # 1398812).

DISCUSSION:

It was recently announced that the City of North Vancouver, along with the Districts of North and West Vancouver, were the collective recipients of the 2016 BC Award for Child Care Excellence in the Local Government category (see Attachment No. 1). The nomination was made by senior staff in Parent and Child Resource Programs at the North Shore Community Resource Society (see Attachment No. 2). Senior child care licensing staff with Vancouver Coastal Health wrote a letter in support of the application (see Attachment No. 3). Both letters laud the Mayors and Councils from all three North Shore municipalities for their on-going support of child care, including the allocation of staff time to support the licensing process, community initiatives and emergency responses. Long-term and ongoing support for child care has resulted in the City becoming a regional leader in the field, and this has now been recognized provincially.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



P.R. Penner,
Community Planner

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British Columbia News

British Columbia honours outstanding child-care providers

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/10972>

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 9:00 AM

Victoria - Energetic, devoted, creative and compassionate are just a few words used to describe the outstanding child-care providers being honoured with 2016 Child Care Awards of Excellence as part of Child Care Month and Child Care Appreciation Day on May 19.

After an open call for nominations, 10 child-care providers from across British Columbia have been selected to receive Child Care Awards of Excellence in one of five categories: provincial, innovation, local government, leadership and Aboriginal.

“Anyone who dedicates their careers to caring for children during their earliest years deserves to be recognized every day,” said Minister of Children and Family Development Stephanie Cadieux. “The Child Care Awards of Excellence is just a small way for us to show our appreciation for those who go above and beyond the call of duty to support B.C. children and families.”

In addition to Child Care Awards of Excellence, 17 child-care facilities with more than 40 years of service will receive a Child Care Legacy Award recognizing their contributions to B.C. children and families.

“Child-care providers do some of the most important work in our province, and they are not regularly acknowledged for the immense contribution they make to the lives of children, families and communities,” said Wayne Robertson, chair of the Provincial Child Care Council.

“Whether it’s finding a creative way to teach toddlers about bullying, preparing little ones for kindergarten with personalized ‘Welcome to Kindergarten’ booklets or attending Christmas concerts and events of former kids they’ve cared for, child-care providers make a huge difference in the lives of the families they support.”

To help make this year’s awards extra special, former youth in care were invited to submit artwork to be used for the awards. The winning submission was inspired by the artist’s time working in pre-schools and child-care settings and reflects nurturing relationships and growth.

The Child Care Awards of Excellence recognize the exceptional contributions made by early childhood educators, licensed family child-care providers, organizations and local governments throughout British Columbia. Award recipients were nominated by peers, parents and local governments and a total of 52 nominations were received this year.

Quick Facts:

- There are approximately 5,000 licensed child-care facilities in communities throughout British Columbia.
- Throughout the province, there are close to 15,000 early childhood educators and more than 5,000 early childhood educator assistants.
- To help celebrate Child Care Month in May, the Province invested \$500,000 to the Early Childhood Educators of BC to continue the Early Childhood Educator (ECE) bursary fund for students enrolled in early childhood education programs. The Province has now provided

Learn More:

For more information about child care in British Columbia please visit:

www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare

For more information about becoming a licensed Early Childhood Educator in B.C. please visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/training-and-professional-development/become-an-early-childhood-educator>

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Backgrounders**2016 Child Care Award of Excellence Recipients**

Ten child-care providers will receive a 2016 Child Care Award of Excellence for their outstanding work on behalf of B.C. children and families. In addition to the Child Care Awards of Excellence, 17 licensed child-care facilities will receive a Child Care Legacy Award in recognition of more than 40 years of service.

Provincial: Recognizes Early Childhood Educators with an active licence, individually or as a team. Also recognized in this category are licensed family child-care providers who are currently working in a licensed child-care setting. This year's winners are:

- Kiwassa Variety Club Daycare – Vancouver
- Harpreet Gill, Terrace Sunflower Childcare – Terrace

Innovation: Recognizes an individual, facility or organization demonstrating innovation in child-care programming in a traditional or non-traditional setting that links services to opportunities for child development and growth. This may include a StrongStart BC Centre, recreation centre program, or programs offered by a business. This year's winner is:

- Kristin Webster, Salal Child Care Team – Vancouver

Local Government: Honours local governments that demonstrate excellence in supporting or delivering existing child-care initiatives. This year's winner is:

- North Shore Partnership – City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver and District of West Vancouver

Leadership: Honours child-care providers under three categories, including lifetime achievement, business leaders, and emerging leaders who have a minimum of three years' experience.

Leadership – Business: Honours licensed businesses that provide non-direct child-care service delivery – through external partnerships – to provide exceptional child-care support for employees and their children. This year's winner is:

- Lexie Biegun, Lexie's Little Bears Child Care and Puddles & Paints Playschool – District of Highlands (Victoria)

Leadership – Lifetime Achievement: Recognizes a child-care professional's outstanding contributions to enriching the lives of children and families. These contributions may be through innovation, knowledge, or new ways of improving professional practice. This year's winners are:

- Carol Hunter, Castlevew Child Care Centre – Victoria
- Charlene Gray, Comox Valley Children's Day Care Society – Comox
- Noreen Marshall, Noreen's Daycare – Fort St. James
- Wendy Lowe, Infant Plus – Victoria

Aboriginal: The Lenora Pritchard Mentorship Award recognizes an Aboriginal nominee working in a licensed child-care setting who demonstrates leadership by acting as a role model and mentor to others. This year's winner is:

- Joan Gignac, Aboriginal Head Start Association of B.C. – Cobble Hill

Child Care Legacy Awards: Recognizes licensed child-care facilities that have provided more than 40 years of service. This year's honourees are:

- Armstrong Preschool – Armstrong
- Britannia Child Care Centre Pre-School – Vancouver
- Cameron YMCA Kids Club – Burnaby
- Children's House Montessori Preschool – Coquitlam
- Douglas Park Preschool – Vancouver
- Kensington Community Centre Preschool – Vancouver
- Kids Club – Vancouver
- Kitsilano Area Childcare Society – Vancouver
- Lakehill Co-op Preschool – Victoria
- Little Neighbours Preschool – Coquitlam
- Queen Mary Out Of School Day Care – North Vancouver
- Queen Mary Preschool/Daycare – North Vancouver
- Stepping Stone Preschool – Vancouver
- Sunbeam Preschool – Langley
- Sunflower Early Learning Society – North Vancouver
- Trimble After School Care Society – Vancouver
- Windermere Valley Child Care Society – Invermere



March 21, 2016

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to submit a nomination for the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) Child Care Awards of Excellence for 2016. I would like to nominate the three North Shore municipalities: the City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, and District of West Vancouver. It is not possible to nominate them other than as a group as it is the community collaboration and joint initiatives of the three municipalities on the North Shore that serves our families so well.

Each of the three municipalities is very supportive of the operation and development of child care and family support services. They demonstrate this by having progressive child care policies, encouraging child care as a community service in new development, and facilitating the establishment and expansion of family service hubs. Each municipality offers grants and funding to support child care related initiatives.

For well over twenty years the City and District of North Vancouver and District of West Vancouver have sent key representatives, at the Community Planning level, as participants of the North Shore Child Care Planning Committee. This multi-agency Committee meets several times a year to exchange information, identify needs and solutions, and facilitate tri-municipal and agency cooperation on child care planning. In addition, representatives from each municipality are active on our Connect for Kids - North Shore Early Years Planning Table and related subcommittees.

We are indeed fortunate that the City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, and District of West Vancouver are such active and forward thinking local governments when it comes to the value and role of child care in a healthy community. This comes directly from each Mayor and Council with municipal staff time committed to the issue.

As a long-time Agency partner on the North Shore, North Shore Community Resources Society would like to nominate the municipalities as a collaborative group for the MCFD Child Care Awards of Excellence for 2016 in the category of Local Government and feel this is both timely and well deserved.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this correspondence support for the nomination for the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) Child Care Awards of Excellence for 2016. I would like to support the nomination of the three North Shore Municipalities: The City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, and District of West Vancouver as one submission. The municipalities partner in joint Child Care initiatives to the benefit of our community as a whole.

The three municipalities work in collaboration with the Community Care Facilities Licensing (Licensing) Program to assist applicants to provide new licensed child care facilities. In addition whenever there is a crisis or emergency situation such as a flood Licensing can rely on building and fire inspectors to be deployed in a timely manner to assist Licensing in seeking a temporary alternate space, when applicable, to assist the families in need of child care. On an annual basis key players from the municipal social planning and business licensing departments meet with Licensing to review procedures and collaborate regarding any issues related to the licensure or operation of child care programs.

The North Shore community is fortunate to have key representatives from all three municipalities participate with other community partners at the North Shore Child Care Planning Committee Meetings scheduled several times a year as well as the North Shore Early Years Planning Table and related subcommittees. The municipalities, under the direction of each Mayor and Council, provide information sharing, opportunity to identify and find resolution to emerging issues. This has resulted in strength and unity for a shared North Shore child care vision which resonates well with the Provincial Health Services and Vancouver Coastal Health's Healthy Built Environment initiative.

It is my pleasure on behalf of North Shore Community Care Facilities Licensing Program to support this nomination of the three North Shore municipalities as a collaborative group for the MCFD Child Care Awards of Excellence for 2016 in the category of Local Government.

Respectfully,

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