

# City of Prince Rupert

## Child Care Assessment & Action Plan

### Community Engagement: Key Themes



#### Limited Care Options

No licensed care options outside of traditional work hours to accommodate shift workers or those with non-traditional work hours.



#### Information Sharing

No centralized registry of available licensed spaces available. It is up to parents to call each care provider.



#### Affordability Awareness

Child care costs are identified as a challenge yet there is low awareness of current child care benefit eligibility to reduce costs.



#### Space Shortages

Shortage of spaces most notably for infant / toddlers but also for 3 to 5 year olds and in before / after school programs. Space shortages limits adults availability to work.



#### Lack of Staff

Recruitment & retention of staff is a challenge with direct ties to low wages & higher paying alternatives. There are no local ECE training programs.



#### Program Locations

Safe, accessible programs around schools and in key areas of the community needed.

