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To: ["Direct to Mayor and Council"](#)

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Subject: EMBARGOED UNTIL MAY 16: Upcoming news release: New South Vancouver childcare centre opens with \$10M investment from the City

Dear Mayor and Council,

The City will be issuing the below news release on Saturday following the community and media event celebrating the opening of Salmon Stone Childcare. **Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City's media email account on Saturday, May 16 at 12PM.**

Chris will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Thanks,

Donny

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News release
May 16, 2025

New South Vancouver childcare centre opens with \$10M investment from the City



Families in South Vancouver's West Fraserlands neighbourhood are celebrating the opening of [Salmon Stone Childcare](#), a purpose-built, 49-space facility for children aged 0 to 5 years.

The City of Vancouver proudly contributed \$10.7 million to the project and the Province of B.C. contributed an additional \$6.2 million.

"The City is making considerable progress expanding childcare across Vancouver," said Mayor Ken Sim. "Salmon Stone Childcare will be a valued resource for South Vancouver families for generations to come, supporting parents, strengthening the West Fraserlands neighbourhood and helping ensure this vibrant and growing community continues to thrive."

Located at 3010 East Kent Avenue South, the 11,000-square-foot facility includes an outdoor enclosed playground, dedicated nap rooms and flexible multi-purpose program space. Following a competitive process, the City selected South Vancouver Neighbourhood House to operate the childcare facility on a non-profit basis.

The building also houses public washrooms, operated by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, enhancing community recreation opportunities at Riverfront Park.

Continued expansion of childcare in Vancouver

The opening of Salmon Stone Childcare is part of the City's ongoing commitment to support childcare expansion across Vancouver. Since City Council's 2022 adoption of [Making Strides: Vancouver's 10-year Childcare Strategy](#), more than 2,000 new City-facilitated childcare spaces have opened across the City.

Affordable, high-quality childcare is vital to families, communities and Vancouver's workforce. It supports gender equity and provides children with a strong foundation to learn, grow, and thrive. While new spaces are helping to meet demand, a shortage remains, and the City continues to work with partners and senior governments to expand access to childcare across Vancouver.

Partner quotes

"High-quality, affordable, and reliable childcare has been a game changer for families and B.C.'s economy. Salmon Stone Childcare is the result of strong collaboration with the city and community partners. Together, we are creating welcoming, high-quality childcare spaces where children can build skills, explore their interests and develop a strong foundation for the years ahead."

Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care

"Expanding access to affordable, high-quality childcare is a key part of building strong communities and a strong economy in B.C. Salmon Stone Childcare will give more families in South Vancouver access to inclusive and quality care that supports children's learning and allows parents to more easily balance work and family life."

George Chow, MLA, Vancouver Fraserview

"For families in South Vancouver, access to affordable, high-quality childcare is essential — not only for children's early development, but for parents' ability to work and fully participate in community life. We're proud to operate this beautiful new centre in our neighbourhood and grateful to the City of Vancouver and the Province of B.C. for this investment."

Jeanette Wong, Childcare Director, South Vancouver Neighbourhood House

Background

The City's recent work to grow childcare spaces in Vancouver has included [expanding opportunities for small childcare operators](#), [streamlining development processes for childcare centres](#), and collaborating with the Vancouver School Board to add new childcare centres to schools. This growth includes the following recently opened and upcoming City-facilitated childcare centres:

- [Marpole Neighbourhood House Childcare](#) at David Lloyd George Elementary School (opened May 2024 in South Vancouver)
- [Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House Childcare](#) at Eric Hamber Secondary School (opened May 2025 in South Cambie)
- [Maple Childcare at Henry Hudson Elementary](#) (opened fall 2025 in Kitsilano)
- [Salmon Stone Childcare Centre](#) (just opened spring 2026 in West Fraserlands – South Vancouver)
- Childcare at the new elementary school in Coal Harbour (opening fall 2026 in Downtown Vancouver)
- Childcare at Oakridge Civic Centre (estimated to open in early 2027 in the Oakridge area)

Learn more about the City's work to grow childcare spaces in Vancouver at [Vancouver.ca/childcare](https://vancouver.ca/childcare)

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