



VANCOUVER
BOARD OF
PARKS AND
RECREATION

February 24, 2021

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners
FROM : Donnie Rosa, General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT : **Kensington Community Centre Childcare Programs - Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

In response to a recent enquiry, the purpose of this memo is to provide an update on licensed childcare programs at Kensington Community Centre.

As noted in the [October 19, 2020 GM's Report](#), Park Board Recreation staff are now solely responsible for coordinating services at Kensington Community Centre following the Court's decision to allow the termination of the Joint Operating Agreement with Kensington Community Centre Association on October 7, 2020.

Since October, staff have transitioned to a Park Board operational model, similar to Creekside Community Recreation Centre, and continue to expand program offerings that are compliant with Provincial Health guidelines.

Recreation staff recognize the importance of licensed out-of-school care and preschool to the community, and are working diligently to re-establish this service as quickly as possible. As such, staff are working with Vancouver Coastal Health and City of Vancouver Social Policy staff, and are liaising with parents from the Tecumseh School Parent Advisory Council. Next steps include issuing a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEOI), selecting a new licensed childcare operator, and resuming services prior to the next school year starting in September 2021.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Donnie Rosa", written over a circular scribble.

Donnie Rosa (*she/they*)
General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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