

Squamish Child Care Action Plan

Council Special Meeting – May 19, 2020

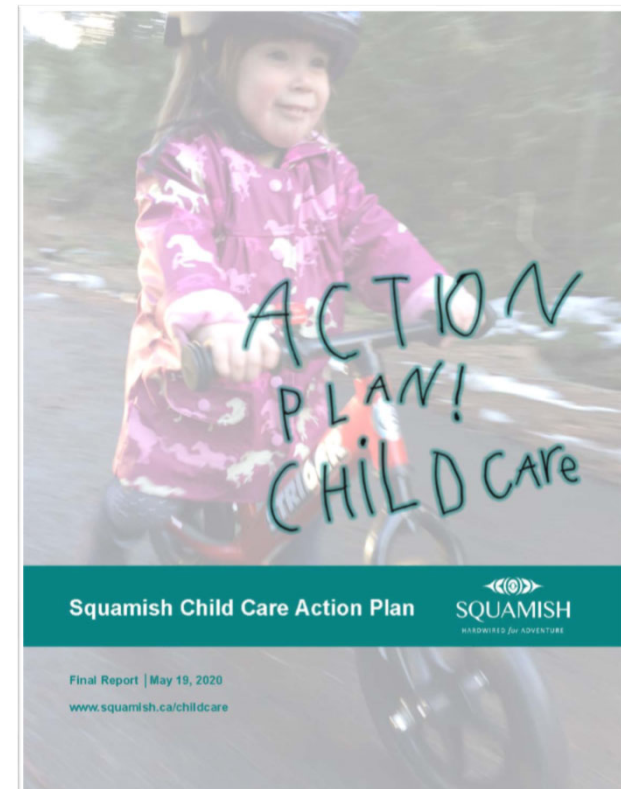
Companion document to the *Squamish Child Care Needs Assessment and Strategy 2018-2023*

Part 1: Current State and Future Needs

Refined, detailed summary of the current state of child care in Squamish and projected future needs.

Part 2: Actions

Tangible, actionable strategies for advancing the highest priority recommendations in the Squamish Child Care Needs Assessment and Strategy



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Part 1: Current State and Future Needs

Squamish Overall Child
Care Access Rate

21%

By Age Group (Sept 2019)

Age Range	Age Range Total*	Number of Spaces	Child Care Access Rate
Infants and Toddlers (12-30 months)	478**	96***	20%
Preschool Age, including part-day Preschool (30-60 months)	1010	516	51%
Preschool Age, excluding part-day Preschool**** (30-60 months)	1010	414	41%
School Aged Children (5-12 years)	2117	205	10%
Total Child Population (0-12 years)	3894	817	21%

In Squamish there are...

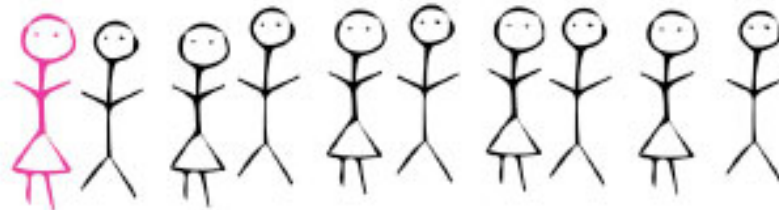
...licensed full-time spaces for **one in five** kids aged 12 to 30 months.



...licensed full-time spaces for **fewer than half** of kids aged 3-5 years.



...licensed out-of-school care spaces for **one in ten** school-aged kids.

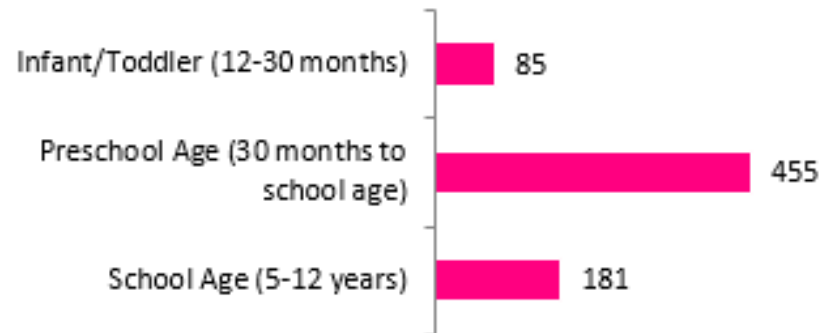


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Projected Future Needs 2019-2029

“Reach” Target Access Rate: 30%

- 720 new licensed spaces by 2029 (72 per year)
- 88% increase



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Part 2: Actions

- Amenity space creation guidelines
- Affordable housing for educators
- Update District processes and resources
- Provide child-minding and improve middle years programming
- Build partnership between District and School District 48



Recommendations

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THAT the District of Squamish endorse the final *Squamish Child Care Action Plan* dated May 19 2020 and attached to this report.

AND THAT in concert with the Province of British Columbia proclamation attached to this report, the District of Squamish proclaim May 2020 as ‘Child Care Month’ and May 21, 2020 as ‘Child Care Provider Appreciation Day’ in recognition that child care is a vital community service that supports healthy families and a healthy economy.



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