



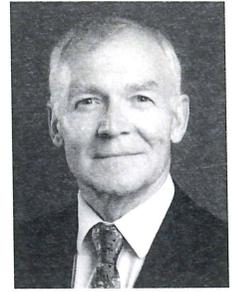
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Dear Board of Directors,

I wanted to reach out today to discuss an initiative recently announced by Minister Conroy and Minister Chen regarding a second intake of both planning grants and space creation grants for Child Care.

As you may be aware our government has been working hard to implement a universal child-care plan that provides affordable, accessible and high-quality care and early learning to every child whose family wants or needs it. This includes the creation of new child-care spaces in communities across the province as part of building a Better BC.

The second intake for the Community Child Care Space Creation Program and Community Child Care Planning Grant Program is now open. The Space Creation Program is accepting applications until November 22, 2019, and the Planning Grant Program until January 31, 2020.

Local governments applying for funding through the Child Care Space Creation Program are now eligible for up to \$4 million to help them create new licensed child care spaces - \$1 million through the space creation program to build spaces from zero to Kindergarten, and \$3 million through the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund to create additional zero to Kindergarten spaces and/or license types, such as school-age spaces. In addition, through the space creation program, local governments are now eligible to purchase land in order to create child care spaces.

I would encourage Mayor and Council to work with the Provincial government to bring the available childcare funds to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. Please reach out to my staff at my constituency office if you require additional information regarding this program.

Yours truly,

Scott Fraser, MLA (Mid Island-Pacific Rim)