North Shore Child Care Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 24th, 2026 @ 2:00pm

Location (Virtual): Teams

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Meeting ID: 292 948 654 950 215

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome & New Member Introductions**

2. **Community Updates & Announcements**

3. **After-School Care Discussion**

- Reviewing family and parent needs, expectations, and priorities
- Exploring potential community partnerships and collaborations

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North Shore Child Care Planning Committee

September 24th, 2026, 2:00-2:30 (hybrid)

In Attendance

Heather Evans (City of North Vancouver)

Eirikka Brandson (District of North Vancouver)

Laine Anderson (School District 45)

Chandni Bhatnagar (Métis Nation BC)

Sara Sutherland (Capilano University)

Autumn Hood (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

Tooka Shahriari (North Shore Community Resources)

Xiaotong Yang (North Shore Community Resources)

New Members on North Shore Child Care Planning Table

Autumn Hood – Manager, Child and Family Development Centre (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

Tooka Shahriari – Manager, Child and Family Program (North Shore Community Resources)

Before- and After-School Care Needs & Challenges

- Community & Provider Demand
  Ongoing demand from parents for before- and after-School care on the North Shore. Parents with multiple children face challenges balancing drops-offs/pick-ups between school and daycare, making proximity and availability critical.
  Parents: Who require safe spaces for their children after school hours and wish to minimize travel between multiple schools and daycare centers.
  Providers: Who have heard from parents about the difficulties of enrolling children in existing childcare centers.

- Licensing & Space Constraints:
  Challenges regarding licensing regulations and logistics (e.g., borrowing playground space during 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM hours).
  Learning from Existing Models: Reaching out to North Shore Neighbourhood House (NSNH), which currently operates Kids Club (before/after-school care) at multiple West Vancouver and North Shore schools (e.g., Queen Mary, Ridgeway). NSNH could potentially partner or approach the school district to expand capacity in high-demand neighborhoods.

Action Items

School District & Licensing Outreach: North Shore Community Resources to connect with School District and Vancouver Coastal Health regarding space, licensing, and potential expansion options.

Action Plan Development: North Shore Community Resources to draft a formal action plan to address before- and after-school care capacity and update the group on potential collaborations.

Xiaotong will update the data with Sara related to ECE credentialing, wage enhancement numbers, and childcare program metrics.

2026-2027 meetings

March 26th (Done)

May 28th (Upcoming – In Person)

September 24th (Done)

November 26th (Upcoming)

January 28th (Upcoming)

March 25th (Upcoming)