

# Childcare & Affordable Housing Project

District of Sechelt





# Agenda

- Background
- 2. Where we are today
- 3. Project Overview
- 4. Partnerships
- 5. Land Transfer

## Background

**2020** Sunshine Coast Child Care Action Plan

Oct 6, 2021 Council directed staff to apply for a grant for a 77-space

Childcare facility

**April 2022** Ministry of Education and Child Care (MECC) approves

\$2.8M grant

Fall 2022 BC Housing (BCH) was approached to provide affordable

housing

## Background

2023 DOS applies to MECC for a grant increase of

\$2.69M. A total of \$5.46M is approved

July 26, 2023 A concept design was presented to Council (100)

space childcare facility/16 housing units). Council

endorsed a partnership with BC Housing.

2023-2024 Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society

(SCAHS) approached to become housing operator

Draft working agreement negotiated between

SCAHS, MECC, DOS, BCH

### Where We Are Today

#### November 2024

Colliers was engaged to provide additional resources to the District to support the Childcare + Housing project:

- 1. Confirm project scope + guiding principles
- 2. Confirming roles and responsibilities for each partner and terms and conditions to proceed
- 3. Mapping the working path forward

### Project Overview

- To construct a mixed-use project located at 6000 Lighthouse Avenue, including:
  - A Childcare facility to service the community
  - Affordable Housing to support facility operations and community housing needs



### Project Scope

77 total childcare spaces

37 spaces (Ages 0-5): Group Childcare 40 spaces (School Age): Before/After Care

Affordable housing

# of units TBC

Funding

**\$5.4M MECC** 

Remainder to be financed by BC Housing

### Guiding Principles

- Provide childcare to community
- Provide affordable housing to enable childcare, and support the community
- Financially viable (residential rent is net neutral)
- Financially accountable (funds spent as planned)

### Roles + Responsibilities

#### **BC Housing**

- BCH PDF will finance due diligence
  & concept plan through to vision
  confirmation
- BCH will fund residential development and corresponding site work
- Manage Development Management
  & Design Consultants
- Confirm financial feasibility through proforma modeling
- Retain non-profit operator for housing (SCAHS)

#### **District of Sechelt**

- Facilitate Land Title transfer & Subdivision process in support of equity funds
- Transfer MECC funds to BCH
- Work with School District 46 to meet grant scope
- Initiate Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments, and support permitting to allow for project
- Procure non-profit childcare operator
- Support creation of Strata Corporation

### Roles + Responsibilities

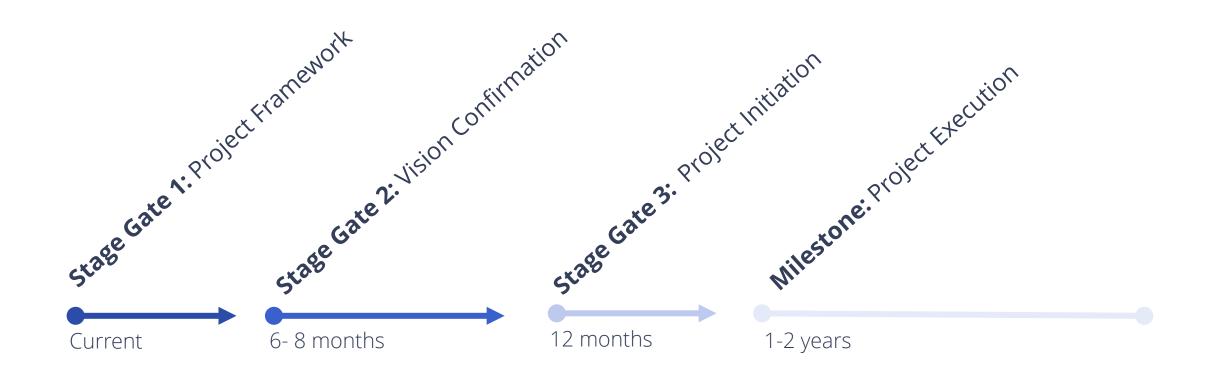
#### **MECC**

• Disburse grant funding

#### **SCAHS**

• Residential operator

# Project Work Plan



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Project Framework

Vision Confirmation

**Project Initiation** 

**Project Execution** 

- Updated Project understanding
- Identify Partner Roles+ Responsibilities
- PDF Budget
- Council presentation

- Consulting team
- Due Diligence
- Subdivision & Rezoning
- Concept Plan
- Financial Analysis + Budget Confirmation

- Governance Structure
- Project Management Plan
- Required Permits
- Design Development
- Construction Drawings

- Tender
- Construction
- Occupancy + Handover

Current

6-8 months

12 months

1-2 years

### Land Transfer

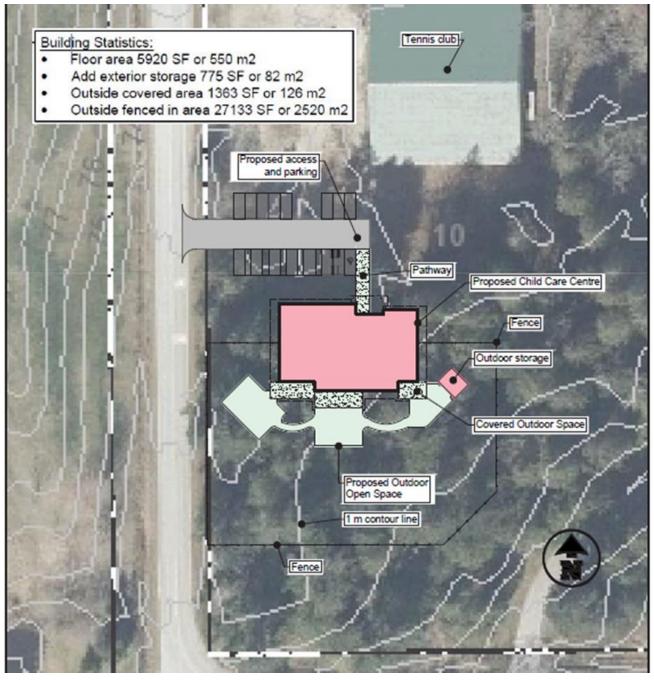
- BCH's capital funds are equity based and can only be injected once title has been transferred to BC Housing.
- Land Title transfer at project confirmation, instead of at project completion, avoids borrowing costs to develop residential portion of the work.
- At construction, interim interest rate is 4%; at completion, financing interest rate applies (~4.38%)
- · Rent to cover maintenance, operations, and long term asset renewal
- Ownership: strata between BCH/DOS
- Subdivision prior to land transfer
- Rezoning

### Request for Decisions by Council

1. Approval of initating subdivision, rezoning, and land transfer processes.

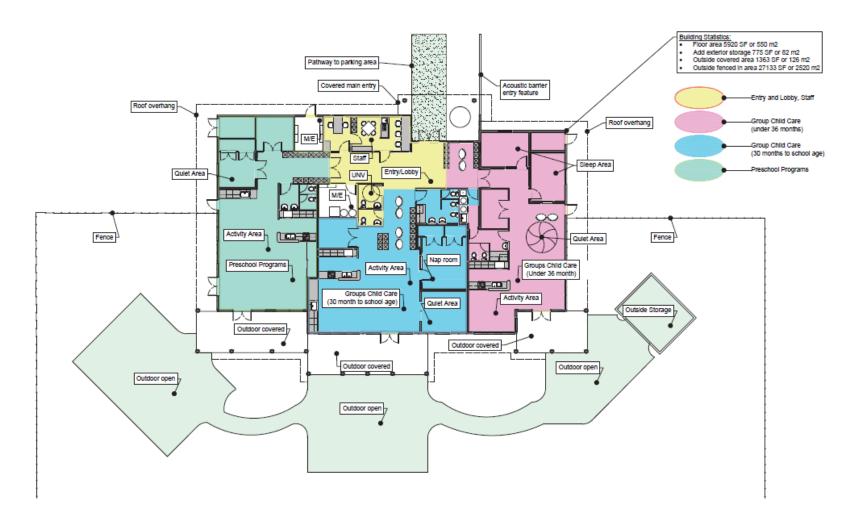
# Questions

### Concept Design Childcare



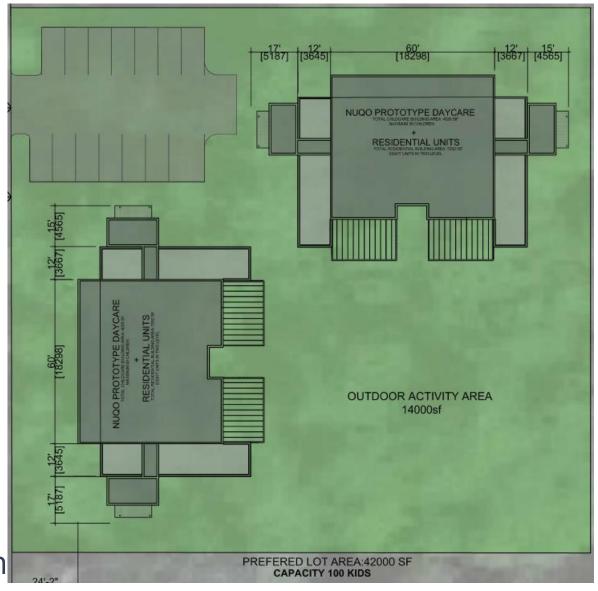
2021 Concept Site Plan

### Concept Design Childcare



2021 Concept Plan & Programming

### Concept Design Childcare and Housing



2023 Concept Site Plan

### Concept Design Child Care and Housing



2023 Concept design Modular construction

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#### Project Framework Vision Confirmation **Project Initiation Project Execution** BCH + Development Manager **Updated Project** Consulting team Governance Structure Tender understanding · Due Diligence Project Management Plan Construction **Deliverables Identify Partner Roles** + Responsibilities Subdivision & Rezoning **Required Permits** Occupancy + Handover PDF Budget Concept Plan Design Development Council presentation Financial Analysis + Budget **Construction Drawings** Confirmation Current 6-8 months 12 months 1-2 years