

Verbatim transcript of a proposal to Anmore Council on September 14, 2010 by Tracy Green, President of the Friendly Forest Pre-school Parents, a Director of the Friendly Forest Pre-school Association Non-Profit Society, and Co-Chair of the Anmore Child Care Working Group.

"It has become apparent to our organization that there may now be a need for us to assist and address other child care needs in our community beyond pre-school aged care. With identifying this in mind, our parent body voted unanimously on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at the AGM "to allow the pre-school board or their appointed representatives to pursue discussions with the Village of Anmore about the role the Friendly Forest Pre-School Association might take in the development of a non-profit child care centre in Anmore." So we hope that Council will take us up on this offer and recognize that our organization may benefit the project by acting as a dedicated non-profit partner to assist in addressing some of the issues at hand... So the non-profit model of pre-school care has worked well for Friendly Forest over the years. We hope that not only will Council recognize the role we play in the community but you will welcome our offer to enter into dialogue with you about the proposed non-profit child care centre."

Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

To: Mayor and Council  
Re: Anmore Daycare Working Group Recommendations

Dear Mayor and Council,

Our committee has been meeting regularly since the beginning of the year and we are now ready to put forward our recommendations for the Anmore Child Care Centre Project. After much deliberation our committee agreed at the August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Daycare Working Group Meeting that each committee member would provide a one page letter detailing their own recommendations for the construction of a Child Care Facility in Anmore rather than submitting a joint recommendation.

It is my understanding that our council representatives will be discussing the recommendations at the next regular council meeting and will be putting forward their own comments or recommendations at that time.

Please find the letters from our committee members attached.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Green

Co Chair, Anmore Daycare Working Group

Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Tracy Green, Co-Chair, Anmore Daycare Working Group  
Re: Anmore Daycare Working Group Recommendations

Dear Mayor and Council,

After extensive discussions by our committee and the completion of an RFP, Child Care Needs Assessment Survey, Updated Financial Plan our committee felt it was time to put forward our recommendations council.

Below are my recommendations:

- 1) That Anmore proceed with plans to utilise the \$499,500 grant funds made available through a BC Child Care Grant.
- 2) That Anmore request an extension from the BC Government for the purposes of going back out to tender with a revised RFP. It is apparent that the timing of the RFP produced a low response by builders with only 2 able to meet the deadline and several wanting an extension to bid on the project.
- 3) That Anmore consider including a multipurpose room for use by community groups. This would create more opportunities for recreation, programming, and community interaction, making this a true "Anmore Community Place". An extension of space could be achieved through the use of developer funds earmarked for community infrastructure.
- 4) That Anmore identify an independent non-profit organization to operate a child care centre in Anmore.
- 5) That Anmore seek support for the project through community, non-profit and other partnerships to ensure the successful use of the space and enhance child care opportunities for the youngest members of our community.

I feel that the construction of a building to house an independently operated non-profit child care program and a multipurpose room to house other community groups in the Village of Anmore is supported by research done by the Anmore DayCare Working Group and provides many benefits.

- 1) The Village of Anmore has a high percentage of youth under the age of 18 compared to other communities in Metro Vancouver and providing space for a quality community based child care program is a natural fit for a municipality that has already committed to allowing an Elementary School, a Preschool, and a proposed Middle School to be built here.
- 2) The Child Care Needs Assessment received a strong response rate of 95 surveys or 14% of households in the Anmore area (based on 655 homes) and indicated a need for all ages of care, with an emphasis on out of school care. (*\*\*needs assessment information is provided in the council meeting agenda package*)
- 3) The Child Care Needs Assessment survey showed a high demand by Anmore Residents for "quality of care", "quality of staff" and "location in community". These qualities have been proven to be more easily delivered by the non-profit sector<sup>(1)</sup> and would mesh with the plans for a non-profit organization to operate a child care centre in Anmore.
- 4) A strong business case was provided by a child care operator and member of the daycare committee. This updated business plan shows financial viability of a non-profit child care centre in Anmore even under modest or low growth circumstances.
- 5) The construction of a building to house a non-profit child care centre and community room will provide a financial benefit to the Village in the way of a tangible asset and a negotiated monthly rental fee. Previous council should be commended for securing this funding and a developer contribution, at little or no cost to the Village of Anmore.

In conclusion, I feel that the Village of Anmore and our Mayor and Council should support the completion of this project.

Note: (1) March 2007 Report: An Economic Perspective on the Current and Future Role of Nonprofit Provision of Early Learning and Child Care Services in Canada.