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Child Care Centre announcements



The Ministry of Education approved the tendering of two new child care projects to make high-quality child care easier to access for families in Northern Ontario. The child care addition at Donald Young Public School in Emo and the child care retrofit project at Robert Moore School in Fort Frances will each create three child care rooms conveniently located in an existing school setting, and each will offer local families an additional 49 child care spaces.

The Honorable Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Minister of Indigenous Affairs, shared the news on Nov. 1, 2019, on behalf of Minister Stephen Lecce, at the Robert Moore School in Fort Frances.

Robert Moore School

The Child Care Centre is currently operating a preschool and toddler program in two rooms of the old Kindergarten Program at Robert Moore. The Approval to Proceed to Tender will allow for the completion of the renovations to the remaining two rooms, which will create an Infant Program, kitchen, staff room and support spaces for the child care. A tender package was issued in October and closes on the 19th of November. If the tender package comes in on budget, we will be looking for Board Approval at the December 3rd meeting. With that approval, construction will begin in January and is expected to last 4 to 6 months.

Also to occur in the spring is the construction of an additional parking lot in front of the Education Centre, as well as spaces where the existing garbage bins are now. We will also, at that time, construct a bus pull off alongside the new Kindergarten playground. These enhancements will conclude the construction activities to incorporate a much needed Child Care Centre at Robert Moore.

Donald Young School

We have received Approval to Proceed to Tender for the Child Care Addition to the backside of our existing gym section of the school. We are currently preparing the tender package and hope to have it issued in the near future. Once tenders come in on budget, it is our hope to begin construction in the spring. This addition will be a great asset to incorporate our early learners in the school and will be a great benefit to the community of Emo.

Donald Young School Site Plan

We have just completed the addition of fencing surrounding the playground to enhance student safety. This fence line includes gates so that the hill leading to the river can still be accessed as it was before with supervision. We will be issuing a tender package early in the new year to install the rest of the play structures, a basketball court, walking paths, and drainage features. This will then complete the renewal activities for Donald Young School we started in 2016 which saw a new classroom wing constructed, the complete renovation of the gym section and the renewal of our outdoor play areas. The only remaining item will be to complete the paving in our new parking areas, likely after the Child Care addition construction is done in 2021.

Rainy River K-12, Child Care and Child and Family Program Project

After the previous tender was cancelled due to coming in significantly over budget, a Capital Priorities submission was again made to the Ministry of Education requesting funding for a new consolidated school. The Board also reapplied for additional funding for the renovation as a second option. Currently, the school is continuing to move back into areas previously vacated as we await to see if we were successful at obtaining further funding. We are hopeful to hear a response to our application sometime in early 2020.

Atikokan K-12, Child Care and Child and Family Program Project

We submitted for an Approval to Proceed to Tender to the Ministry of Education Capital Branch on August 14th, 2019. We are hoping to move forward to stay on track for the 2021 date. Once Approval to Proceed to Tender we will put the project to market for construction.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Travis Enge at travis.enge@rrdsb.com

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