

Childcare Operator Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) No. 4 Information Session

Date: Thursday, April 8th 2021

Time: 2:30- 3:15pm

Online

Questions and Answers

Q1. Will the slide deck be distributed to proponents?

The slide deck will be posted on the RFEOI page (BC Bid Website) following the meeting.

Q2. Do you want the camps to be licensed?

There is no expectation for the optional spring, summer, and winter break camps to be licensed.

Q3. Is there a space to store a filing cabinet that does not have to be put away at the end of each day?

Yes, there is.

Q4. Is there any existing equipment and toys that will be included and available for use?

Unfortunately, there is not.

Q5. Are there any hidden costs related to the space (ie. maintenance fees, utilities, etc) that we should be factoring in?

The regular building maintenance will be taken care of by the Park Board. The childcare operator will need to cover costs associated with licensing and obtaining a development permit.

Q6. What times did the pre-existing preschool operate prior to closure? Were there or two classes per day? And what was the duration of the classes?

The previous operator ran two preschool programs per day, and the operating time varied based on the age of the children.

Q7. Can you confirm whether or not the space provided is currently licensed for Preschool and Out of School Care?

Yes, the space was licensed for preschool and out of school care prior to the closure of the program.

Q8. What do you mean by nominal rent?

The rent is 10\$ per term, including any potential day camps for school-age children operated on pro-d days in that space ("seniors lounge").

Q9. What if we want to operate camps that fall outside the typical school schedule (i.e. summer camps)?

The RFEOI no.4 is seeking an operator for preschool and school-age care programs only. Any camps operating outside the scope of RFEOI no.4 will need to be negotiated with Park Board separately. That said, if there is interest in operating spring, summer, and winter camps at the Community Centre, applicants can indicate that intent in the application.

Q10. How and where did the previous operator run the pro-d day camps?

The previous operator ran the pro-d day camps in the room used by the preschool/ school age care programs. On these occasions, the preschool would not operate. On other occasions, the previous operator would make a request to the Parks Board for an additional room/space to run the pro-d day camps. The additional space, when available, was granted at no extra costs.

Q11. How easy was it for licensing to approve the additional room to run pro-d day camps?

The Pro D camps were not licensed.

Q12. Is there startup funding for these programs?

There is the opportunity to apply for City grants, but no guarantees that funding will be available. You can visit our website (<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/child-development-resources.aspx#grants>) to learn more about the types of grants available to childcare providers (e.g. the Childcare Program Development Grant)

Q13. In the Budget page of the RFEOI should we break down the proposed budget for different programs (e.g. school-age care, preschool)?

Doing so is not a requirement, but breaking down the budget by program would be helpful and would further assist the review process

Q14. Should we include programs that fall outside the scope of the RFEOI in the budget (e.g. pro d days and camps)?

The RFEOI no.4 is specific to the preschool and school-age care programs, and any proposed programs that fall outside the scope of the RFEOI do not need to be included in the budget.

Q15. Are you able to provide insight on why the former operator did not continue operating?

The Society experienced governance challenges that resulted in the permanent closure of the childcare and recreational programs on the site.

Q. 16 Can you notify us when the budget forms are up or should we keep checking in?

They will be posted by end of day Monday, April 12th.