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Newly Renovated Thurber Street Childcare Centre Now Open

Smiths Falls – More childcare spaces are now available in Smiths Falls, thanks to the re-opening of the Child Development Centre’s Thurber Street location.

“The growth that we are experiencing in Smiths Falls has created an increased demand for childcare spaces in our community,” said Shawn Pankow, Mayor of Smiths Falls. “Every child deserves access to quality learning and care, and having more options in the community helps reduce wait times, and makes it easier for families to thrive.”

The centre, which officially re-opened today, is located at 73 Thurber Street and has 34 new licenced spaces – 10 toddler and 24 pre school. Subsidy spots are also available for those who qualify.

In September of 2018, the Town’s toddler and pre school childcare operations moved from the Thurber Street location to the new Saint Francis de Sales School as part of a partnership with the school board. At that time, the decision was made to keep the old childcare centre licenced in case the growth in the community warranted the expansion of the service. In September of 2019, Town Council approved the expansion of the Child Development Centre, to accommodate for current and future growth in Town.

In order to facilitate this expansion, Town staff identified a number of repairs and improvements that were required to move ahead with the re-opening of the Thurber Street facility. The work is now complete, thanks to the support of the Government of Canada, the provincial Ministry of Education, and the County of Lanark.

Re-opening the childcare centre aligns with the Town’s [Strategy Priority](#) to improve the quality of life for the residents of Smiths Falls.

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