



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

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Via Email

City of Kelowna
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Dear Council Members,

Re: Letter of support for the new Activity Centres in Rutland, Mission, and Glenmore

On behalf of the Board of Education for School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), I am pleased to express our strong support for the City of Kelowna's Building a Stronger Kelowna initiative and the development of the new Activity Centres in Rutland, Mission, and Glenmore.

As a district, we endeavor to inspire all learners to reach their full potential and contribute positively to our community. We believe that learning and growth happen not only in classrooms, but in the shared spaces where people connect, collaborate, and care for one another. The City's vision for these Activity Centres reflects these same values: creating inclusive, accessible, and vibrant hubs that will serve residents of all ages.

We are especially proud to be a partner in this work, and we commend the City for securing funding through the provincial ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund to create much-needed childcare spaces within some of these facilities. Access to quality, affordable childcare is foundational to supporting families, enabling parents to work or study, and giving children the best possible start in life. These new spaces will directly benefit the students and families we serve, strengthening the bridge between early learning and the K-12 system.

The Activity Centres will also provide opportunities for intergenerational engagement, after-school programs, and community-based learning, all of which align with our commitment to fostering safe, caring, and inclusive environments. We see these facilities as places where partnerships can flourish, where our students can explore new interests, and where the broader community can come together in ways that enrich everyone's lives.

School District No. 23 is proud to stand alongside the City of Kelowna in bringing these projects to life. We look forward to continuing our collaboration to ensure these Activity Centres become cornerstones of a stronger, more connected, and more resilient community.

Yours sincerely,



Julia Fraser, Chair
Board of Education

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