

PROPOSED CHANGES FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES AIM TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC, PARKING AND SAFETY

With approximately 25% of Beaumont's population under the age of 15, the City is proposing changes to support safe, accessible spaces for child care facilities in neighbourhoods. Childcare is an important service for young families. We're making changes so we can address the traffic and parking demands in neighbourhoods during busy pick-up and drop-off times early in the development process.

What's Changing and Why It Matters

Right now, schools and daycares are allowed in every part of the city without extra review. The City is proposing a change so child care facilities may be more carefully evaluated before being built or expanded. This gives the City more say in where and how these services are located in order to proactively manage things like traffic and parking.

For safety reasons, we're also proposing a new rule that would require all child care centres to have a proper drop-off area.

Background and Next Steps

- May 27, 2025 Bylaw 1083-25 was introduced at Council (first reading).
- **June 2025** Engagement with affected groups.
- **July 8, 2025** Council will hold a Public Hearing for Bylaw 1083-25 and then make a decision (second and third reading).



Frequently Asked Questions

I want to get a new permit for a child care facility. How will this impact me?

If the proposed amendments are approved in July, new applications for child care facilities, will be reviewed as a *discretionary use*. This means the City can ask for more information related to the size and location of the facility, and nearby traffic conditions including a Traffic Impact Assessment.

Under the proposed changes, if the permit is approved by the City, it is then subject to appeal.

The City will also notify residents and business owners of the development permit by posting a sign on the property and publishing a notice on the City website. Anyone feeling affected by the permit has 21 days to submit an appeal. No work can take place on the development until after the 21-day appeal period and a final decision has been made.

If the permit is refused, you will receive written notice of the decision.

I already have a permit for a child care facility. Will this impact me?

No, existing approved Development Permits for child care facilities will not be impacted. The proposed changes impact you if you expand your daycare or relocate to an area that does not already have a permit in place.

What conditions or restrictions can be added to a Development Permit?

The City may ask to make the development more compatible with the surrounding area. This can include:

- requiring the applicant to submit a study to show how traffic in the neighbourhood will be impacted by a new daycare (Traffic Impact Assessment).
- setting specific hours of operation, including specific pick-up and drop-off times.
- applying special parking provisions.
- adding other conditions to confirm the development is compatible with surrounding area.

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