



**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024**

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Report 4, attachment C      Centre, received January 22, 2024.

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# Kitimat Community Development Centre

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*Early Years*

*Middle Years*

*Adult & Community Services*

Request for DOK funding for the Healthy Babies Funding  
Kitimat Community Development Centre  
1515 Kingfisher Ave.  
Kitimat BC V8C 1S5  
Brittney Santos

January 16th, 2024

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Kitimat Community Development Centre (KCDC) is requesting \$34,000.00 from the DOK to sustain our Healthy Babies Program.

In May of 2023 the KCDC requested funding from Northern Health to help offset the operational costs of our Healthy Babies Program a pregnancy outreach program. Currently the KCDC receives a total of \$44,593.40 from the Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP) and Canadian Action Program for Children (CAPC). Terrace receives a total of \$127,000.00 in funding to support pregnancy outreach in the community. Northern Health Provides \$117,000.00 of that funding to the Terrace Child Development Centre.

In July of 2023 we met with Kristen Scrivens Community Services Manager at the Kitimat General Hospital and Health Care Centre (KGH). Northern Health had agreed to provide \$34,000.00 in funding to the KCDC annually. The Business Analyst identified this number based on the number of births at the KGH versus the number of births at Mills Memorial Hospital.

During the months of July through August I corresponded with Kristen to create a budget and allocate funding. In October of 2023 Kristen informed me that Northern Health had a new CEO and a decision was made to focus on keeping services internal and to not proceed with the Healthy Babies and Pregnancy Outreach Program funding. The KCDC did not receive any funding from Northern Health to fund the Healthy Babies Program. The KCDC has relied on the DOK to help sustain the pregnancy outreach program. A program which has not received a lift since inception more than a decade ago.

We continue to be in correspondence with Northern Health and are gathering letters of support from external agencies and families who have utilized this service. If the KCDC does receive funding from Northern Health we would return any unused portion of DOK funds based on months remaining.



Our organization is CARF accredited until December 2025 in the following Community Services:  
Services for Children & Youth: Early Intervention Services,  
Behavioural Consultation Services (Autism Spectrum Disorder – Children and Adolescents), and Family Services.

Sincerely,



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Brittney Santos  
Co-Executive Director/Behaviour Services Manager