

Public Consultation Summary

Response	Number of Responses	Issues Identified
<i>I support this proposal</i>	1	
<i>Accept if one or two features were different</i>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play area and safety of the kids • Parking area for drop-offs and pick ups
<i>Accept if many features were different</i>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play area in the premise • Number of kids in residential building • Noise • Traffic • Current road status
<i>Completely opposed</i>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic • Noise

1. **Issue: Play area and safety of the kids**

The commenter is concerned about the proposed play area, which currently is not fenced and open to Cowen Street. According to the comment, this will adversely impact the safety of the kids.

Applicant's Response: As per the plan provided by PSW Architect, there is a future fence planned to secure the safety of the children.

Administration's Response: Administration is requiring a 1.83 metre (six foot) tall fence along the north and west property line of the subject property and on the portions between the building and southwest property line. The applicant will also fence along the east property line. Provision of fence all around the property contributes to the safety of the children on site. Other safety measures are regulated by the Province through monitoring and inspection.

2. **Issue: Number of children in the proposed day care centre**

The comments are related to the number of children in a residential property. There were also questions related to the health and safety of the children due to the size of the centre.

Applicant's Response: The space required per child is regulated through *The Child Care Regulations, 2015*. According to the Ministry of Education Childhood Education Consultant all measurements and spaces can accommodate up to 30 children in this new place.

Administration's Response: The number of children in a space is regulated by the Province and the City's review is based on proposed land use. However, the Administration will review the safety of the users while reviewing the building permit. The applicant will need to engage a design professional (registered architect or engineer) to ensure compliance with the National Building Code (NBC).

The typical upgrades that are required to meet the NBC related to fire protection and life safety are:

- Exiting and egress requirements,
- Required floor, wall and supporting member ratings,
- Emergency lighting and signage,
- Required handrails and guards,
- Spatial separations (allowable windows, exterior wall ratings and cladding requirements); and
- A fire alarm will be required if the occupant load is greater than 40

3. **Issue: Traffic and parking**

Comments are related to increase of traffic and on-street parking at times of drop off and pick up. The concerns are related to the on-street parking along the east side of Turgeon and the north side of Cowan Crescent.

Applicant's Response: We expect rush hour to be between 7:30 and 8:30 am and again between 4:30 and 5:30 pm. We have a two parking space on our plan, we can also ask families to park along the schoolyard on the south side of Cowen Crescent.

The traffic will not increase significantly as most of the families using this new centre will remain the same as they already have kids at the day care across the street and will be using this parking lot to drop-off their other children.

Administration's Response: Administration agrees with the applicant on rush hours as per similar experiences from other examples.

There is approximately a 33 metre long drop-off parking area on the west side of Turgeon Crescent. This extends from the intersection to the City easement. Similarly, there is approximately a 17 metre space along the north side of Cowen Crescent. These spaces are available and can accommodate the parking of six cars at a time. As the applicant has mentioned, there is ample space on the south side of Cowen Crescent.

Administration sees a negligible increase of traffic with nominal impact on existing conditions.

4. **Issue: Noise**

Comments are related to the noise generated by the children playing outside.

Applicant's Response: As per one of the City of Regina suggestions, we are agreeing on screening and buffering along the west and south property line, which will take the form of solid 6' tall fence for visual and noise control purposes.

The administration of the daycare centre also proposes not to use the daycare play area before 9 a.m. After this time only 10 children would use the play area at a time. There would not be all 30 children at a time in the play area. That being said, we have to keep in mind that the daycare closes at 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, and it is closed on the weekend and statutory holidays. The centre will also be using the play area from the other daycare across the street when weather and other governmental requirements are met.

Administrations' Response: The Administration is requiring a solid fence to be constructed around the building, which will reduce noise and safety concerns. Children will only be playing outside on weekdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. As well, the applicant is seeking opportunity to take the children across the street to the adjacent Child Day Care Centre or school for play, which also contributes in noise reduction in the vicinity of the 2 Turgeon Crescent.

Comments from the Hillsdale Community Association

The Discretionary Use application was circulated to the Hillsdale Community Association (HCA). The HCA had general operational concerns regarding the day care centre. The applicant provided responses to these concerns through a letter addressed to the Hillsdale Community Association, and copied to the Administration. Administration received an email from the community association president stating that the letter was helpful and informative in further understanding the proposed development. Administration is satisfied that the operational concerns have been addressed.

1. The number of school aged children in the proposed centre

Applicants Response: This would be early childhood day care. It will have toddler and pre-school children between 18 to 36 months.

2. Safety of the children (both in and outside of the centre)

Applicant's Response: We already have contracted an architect firm to ensure that we are meeting all requirements inside the building and as for the outside, we will be putting a fence up as required by the Provincial regulation.

3. Waste management on site

Applicant's Response: We do not expect to have garbage more than the regular brown bin. Since the garbage pick-up is every week over the summer months, we will be able to evaluate our needs once we are up and running. If required, we will have commercial garbage collection arranged. However, the revision of the site plan as attached in Appendix A-3.1 has allocated space on site for commercial garbage containers.

4. Status of the municipal services

Applicant's Response: We are committed to comply with City recommendations, regulations and required modifications to serve the property for this purpose and our architects are working on it.

5. Recreation of the children

Applicant's Response: We must provide a safe outdoor play area of seven square metres per child care space, unless otherwise provided in the Provincial Licence. At least half of the outdoor play area required by subsection must be adjacent to the centre and the remainder must be within walking distance of the center. In our case, we will also use the 1601 Cowan crescent day care play area. For more detail:
<http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/freelaw/Education/ChildCareLicenseeManual/Section-59-Outdoor-Play-Area.pdf>

6. Addition of bathrooms and required modifications

Applicant's Response: As per Ministry of Education, the daycare needs to provide one bathroom per 15 children. As of now, we are within the regulation, but the architectural firm we are working with has added 1 more toilet to exceed the minimum requirement. At the end of the renovation, there should be three toilets for the children.