

# ECEBC

## **Provincial**

ECEBC is a professional organization that Early Childhood Educators can belong to.

## **Locally – Quesnel Chapter**

- We support early childhood educators to inform the broader community about their work.
- We are dedicated to building respect for early childhood education and educators.

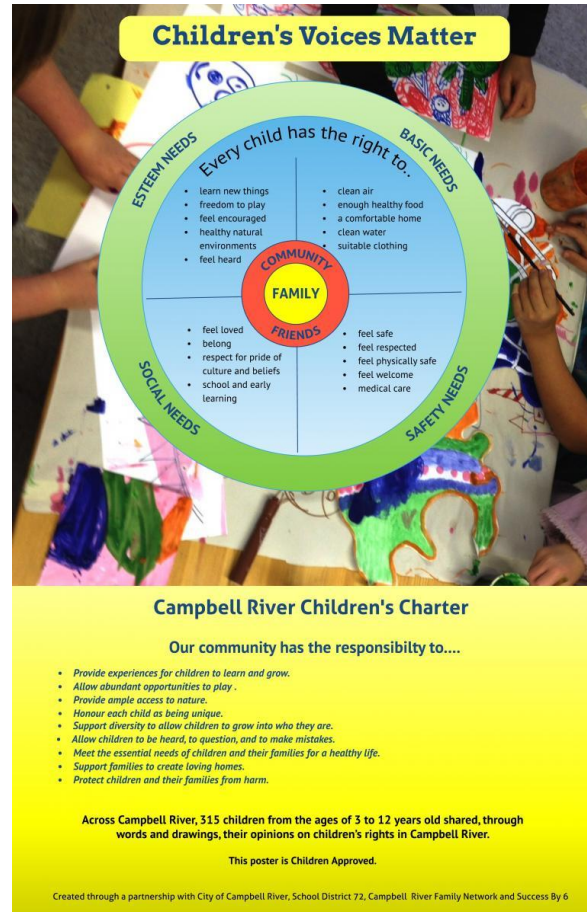
# What is a Children's Charter?

- A Children's charter is a statement by a community that states how children are valued; as young citizens rather than objects of care and charity.
- A Children's charter gives children a voice; policies developed by the city impact all of its citizens and we are all working toward growing good citizens.
- The inspiration for local communities to have their own children's charters comes from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) which is still the most widely ratified international human rights treaty in history. It is legally binding. Canada played a leading role in developing the convention and it was ratified here in 1991.

# Other Communities in BC with Children's Charters:

- Vernon
- Revelstoke  
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- West Kootenays <https://www.facebook.com/childrenscharterWK/>
- Squamish
- Richmond
- Kamloops  
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# Campbell River



# Quesnel's Age Friendly Projects

- Council has an age friendly initiative for seniors.
- Project Comeback Quesnel's Youth Engagement:

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We would like to focus on children ages 0-12, and collaborate with the people already working on these projects.

# How we plan to do it

- We would need to form a committee of people working for this goal which could include people from the school district, health authority, the Early Years Table, and other community stakeholders.
- We would look at the international rights, and then we would choose how we would want this to look in our community – when asking children we could tell a story to get them thinking about community and fairness. We would then ask them draw a picture of their community, and add something that they would like to have that we don't have already.

# What we are asking from the city

- We would like to ask that council support ECEBC to host a community forum, and support the public's participation.
- We also ask that council support ECEBC to do a focus group for children (0-12):
  - Space to do an event
  - Access to funding sources
  - Council member involvement and guidance
  - Swimming passes for prizes
  - Adoption of the charter
  - When complete, a place to display the charter



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