

# Request to Appear as a Delegation

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Name of Delegation: Block 8 Children's Society

Name of Primary Contact Person: Danita Sepp

Name(s) of Delegation Member(s) in Attendance:

## Purpose of Delegation:

To speak about the outdoor play space issue for daycare children in Moody Centre. Although Port Moody is growing rapidly, as is the need for daycare, the green space available to daycares for outdoor playtime is actually diminishing. Daycare children are getting decreased outdoor time as a result. This issue needs to be publicly discussed. With all stakeholders working together, a solution can be found which efficiently utilizes public funds.

## Details of Request:

As a local daycare operator and part of two projects receiving capital grants for the creation of new daycare spaces, I am in the position to see the difficulties the rapid densification is causing for daycares in Moody Centre. These issues are arising largely because of the diverse ownership and control of available public lands.

- Prevents open public discussion on the issues like the shrinking public greenspace that is available to daycares
- Results in spaces and public funds potentially not being used efficiently
- Is causing significant risk to local businesses trying to provide the needed daycare service

The restrictions on play space are resulting in a decreased level of care for many children in group daycares in the area. With public discussion, making the issues transparent, solutions can be identified.

Additional Information in Support of Request: