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“It’s a very impactful place.” Métis moms grateful for new daycare centre

October 6, 2026 – Heartland of the Métis and Treaty 6 Territory, Saskatoon, SK – A lack of safe, affordable daycare space in Saskatchewan often limits a parents ability to build a career. Today, Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) government is easing the concern by opening it’s new 90-space Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Centre in Saskatoon.

“As a mom and a grandmother, I can honestly say I wish something like this had existed when my own children were young,” said MN–S Vice President Michelle LeClair. “To see our children surrounded by Métis culture, identity and traditions from such a young age is something very special. I’m incredibly proud that Métis families now have a place where their children can learn, grow and know who they are.”

MN–S ELCC Minister Ryan Carriere said, “Every parent deserves to see their children raised in a safe and affordable environment. MN–S is making that happen with a culturally grounded, fully licenced care centre that allows Métis children to grow up with Métis traditions and parents to pursue meaningful employment opportunities that help create a more successful home life.”

A full-time articling student, Brooke Cross-Worobec’s son Holden attends the daycare centre. While it’s a farther drive for her to drop him off, she said it’s worth every minute. “Just to know he’s being raised with other Métis children is super important. He’s only one and a half years old - it’s a safe space, and it’s grounded in wholistic teachings that include plenty of activities for the kids.”

Quietly opening in July, the Saskatoon ELCC Centre has been a timely addition to the Kensington neighbourhood. Said one mother of two attending the daycare, “We were on a waiting list for 3 years before this centre opened in Saskatoon. Living three and a half-hours away from family, it’s a welcome resource, gives us a sense of community to be with other Métis families, and exposes our children to their Métis culture and language.”

The Saskatoon ELCC daycare centre is one of three to be built by MN–S in the province. Prince Albert opened in September and the ground has been blessed at the Regina location. In 2023, MN–S and provincial officials came together to



announce a total new 270 daycare spaces would be provided under the [Canada Early Learning Child Care Agreement](#).

“Our children deserve to grow up knowing who they are and feeling connected to their Métis culture. Having affordable child care close to home supports that foundation while giving parents and caregivers more room to work, pursue their education, and provide for their families. This is economic reconciliation in action, easing the financial pressure on our families and caring for our children in a good way,” said Western Region 2A Director and MN–S Minister of Health, Mental Health and Addictions Beverly Fullerton.

AODBT and Jason Hurd, a Métis architect from Prince Albert, led the design of this facility. The distinctions-based, state-of-the-art, 14,370 sq. ft. building provides endless training opportunities for Métis educators while investing in our children and allowing them to explore their Métis traditions and values.

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