

Applicant Submission

Company Name (if applicable):

Little Heartprints Academy II Inc.

LOC Number (office use only):

Applicant's Name:

Gilbert Bong

Date:

March 8, 2023

Little Heartprints Academy is a daycare that follows a Montessori and Reggio inspired approach to learning. The organization is led by Doreen Ng, a teacher who has more than a decade of experience previously at the Calgary Board of Education teaching grades 1/2.

We believe in the power of early childhood education to help build a strong foundation for everything that follows. In the first six years of life, children develop beliefs and attitudes about themselves and their place in the world. We strive to help them develop confidence and maintain a sense of wonder, and curiosity in an environment that celebrates their individuality and limitless capacity as learners. Little Heartprints Academy currently has a wait list of over 120 prospective students.

Little Heartprints Academy plans to open their second location at 2012 26 Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2T 1E3. The property is currently zoned for Residential - Contextual One / Two Dwelling (R-C2) District, which does not provide child care service. In order to allow for Child Care Services on your site, a land use re-designation would be required. We are seeking re-designation to a Direct Control District. The new district would have a low density residential base district with the additional use of Child Care Service applied.

The property characteristics are ideal given the location on a major roadway with commercial activity, large outdoor space, and generous lane way to allow for pick-up and drop off. The plan is to utilize the current building envelope where the renovations will largely be confined to the interior. Exterior renovations would include but are not limited to building wheelchair accessibility in the front via a ramp or wheelchair lift, new fencing around the backyard, concert or gravel parking pad in the back, concert paths and artificial turf in the backyard.

We hope to create a thriving business in the community of Richmond which addresses a essential need for young families in the area. Given the plan, we believe this will result in minimal disruption for surrounding neighbors during construction and once the business becomes operational.