

The Mississippi Mills Childcare Centre

New Facility - Complete for September 8, 2026

Mississippi Mills Childcare Services is excited to announce the development of a new center that will better fulfill the early learning and childcare needs of the community.



The Municipality has identified the need for more childcare spaces to support families in our community. The new childcare centre will increase capacity from 73 to 151 spaces all at \$10 per day.

Lanark County Council approved start-up grant funding and will be assisting the Municipality in securing further federal grant support. Additionally, the Municipality will apply for grants, utilize development charges as well other funding sources to finance the project.

Vision

It is our vision to create an inviting, and natural space for families, children, educators to gather and live out the four foundations of engagement, expression, belonging and well-being.

These foundations are fundamental in “How Does Learning Happen, Ontario’s Pedagogy for the Early Years.”

Features

- **Child-centric design** prioritizing the safety, well-being and development of children with spaces designed for their scale, age-appropriate learning and play.
- **Inclusive and accessible** to ensure accessibility for children and adults with disabilities in accordance with AODA requirements.
- **Sustainable** systems, materials and environmentally responsible design features to attain LEED Silver certification.
- **Community integration** reflecting Almonte’s unique culture and character while fostering a welcoming, inclusive space for families.



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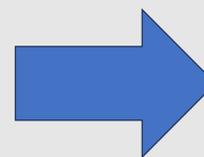
Building Features:

Indoor spaces will be warm, inviting and child-friendly areas with secure access control. In addition to age-appropriate classrooms featuring play-based learning environments, storage cubbies and group activity areas, the design will include flexible space for group activities, events and parent engagement sessions.

Outdoor spaces will include separate play areas for each age group with safe, durable play structures, rubberized safety surfacing and natural elements like sandpits and water features. Shaded areas will be incorporated into play zones to protect children from excessive sun exposure. Gardens and green spaces will be incorporated for interactive learning and quiet natural spaces for reflection.



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Project Timeline

- 1 Request for Qualifications
- 2 Request for Proposals
- 3 Proposal Evaluations
- 4 Contract Negotiations
- 5 Contract Award
- 6 Site and Foundation Design & Permits.
- 7 Ground break/Foundation and Site Work
- 8 Design Completion/Permits
- 9 Building Construction
- 10 Permitting Occupancy
- 11 Grand Opening – September 8, 2026