

Logan Lake Laugh & Learn Daycare Celebrates Grand Opening, Marking First Daycare in Canada Outfitted with Antimicrobial Copper

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Logan Lake, B.C. — The Logan Lake Laugh & Learn Society today announced the opening of the new Laugh & Learn Daycare. The daycare was partly funded by the [ChildcareBC New Spaces fund program](#) and will serve to provide much needed licensed child care to local communities.

The opening serves as a milestone achievement in the Laugh & Learn Society's vision to provide high-quality, accessible and sustainable child care. The new facility also marks the first daycare in Canada to feature antimicrobial copper surfaces to help protect the health and safety of children, staff, families, and visitors made possible by support through [Teck's Copper & Health program](#). Teck also provided general funding to support the completion of the facility.

"The Logan Lake Laugh and Learn Society founding Board Members are proud to be here to witness this Grand Opening. It is a demonstration of the community-centered nature of the project, integral from the outset and we're thankful for all the support received to date. The child care facility will create a sustainable positive community benefit for present and future families of Logan Lake," said Acting Board President, Michelle Hawkins, Logan Lake Laugh & Learn Society.

The new facilities feature:

- A 2-room, 2,480 sq.ft space which will accommodate up to 25 children when fully staffed.
- Copper has unique antimicrobial properties and is proven effective in eliminating up to 99.9% of harmful bacteria within 2 hours. When installed in high-touch, high-traffic locations, copper infrastructure can help reduce the spread of infection.
- Installation of over 150 antimicrobial copper touch surfaces on door and cupboard handles, countertops, washroom latches, coat hooks, toilet seats, and water faucets in the daycare to help keep children, staff and parents safe.
- The facility features Health Canada registered CuVerro™ Shield by Aereus Technology products for handles, latches and other equipment, in addition to EOSCu countertops.

The Laugh & Learn Daycare construction was funded by the Child Care Capital and Community Services Branch, Ministry of Children and Family Development. Additional funding has come from District of Logan Lake, Teck, Thompson-Nicola Regional District, Drillwell Enterprises Ltd, Logan Lake Lions Club, Logan Lake Literacy, Highland Valley Plumbing & Heating, Hardy Equipment Services, and Talk Shop.

"The District of Logan Lake is honoured to support the grand opening of the Laugh & Learn Daycare. As a smart growth community with a high quality of life and a commitment to its financial, environmental, and social health, the Laugh & Learn Daycare will be a welcome and much anticipated addition to our vibrant community. We hope that this space provides the resources and tools available to support the next generation of leaders, innovators and artists that will help mold the future through play and inclusivity. It takes a community to raise a family, and we are lucky to be a community that supports all of our residents, no matter how tall," said Robin Smith, Mayor, District of Logan Lake.

"We're proud to support this facility which serves an important community need, providing child care for local families, including our own employees at Teck Highland Valley Copper Operations," said Matt Parrilla, General Manager, Highland Valley Copper Operations. "We commend the Logan Lake Laugh & Learn Society for their use of antimicrobial copper as an added layer of protection at this new, innovative facility."

“Aereus Technologies is proud to supply CuVerro Shield functional copper on high-touch surfaces throughout the daycare, making a safer space for the community.” said Terry Frank, EVP Sales & Marketing. “This technology enables standard building components and equipment to keep surfaces cleaner in between regular sanitizing.”

“We are proud to see this new venture in Logan Lake. Residents who live, work, and raise their families in the community will benefit from Logan Lake Laugh and Learn Daycare,” said Ian Dalglish, Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD), Manager of Capital Projects & Facilities.

Media Downloads:

Video [link](#)

Photos [link](#)

About Logan Lake Laugh & Learn Society

The Logan Lake Laugh and Learn Society was incorporated March 6th, 2020, by the founding Board of Directors, united by a vision to meet the growing demand for childcare in the community of Logan Lake, British Columbia. Laugh & Learn Daycare is a newly renovated and licensed custom multi-age childcare facility and will be the first of its kind in the community. The facility will have the capacity to provide up to 25 new childcare spaces. The Laugh & Learn Daycare aims to provide high-quality, engaging, inclusive, and sustainable community benefit.

About Teck’s Copper & Health Program

Through its Copper & Health program, Teck has funded numerous initiatives across a range of industries and public facilities to help improve health and safety in high-traffic, high-touch areas through the installation of antimicrobial copper. Teck’s Copper & Health program has installed copper surfaces in a number of healthcare facilities, including Vancouver General Hospital, Royal Inland Hospital and St. Paul’s Hospital, on public transit in partnership with TransLink and Toronto Transit Commission, in schools through partnerships with BCIT, SFU and UBC.

About the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD):

The TNRD covers 44,449 km² of river valleys, desert terrain, towering mountains and rolling grasslands across B.C.’s southern Interior. The TNRD includes 10 Electoral Areas and 11 member municipalities, and provides 124 individual services including the Thompson-Nicola Regional Library system, the Thompson-Nicola Film Commission, planning and development, recycling and solid waste, water and wastewater utilities, community services, fire protection, and much more. For more information, visit tnrd.ca.

About Teck

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Aereus Technologies has partnered with Olin Brass, one of the world’s oldest, most innovative and diverse producers of copper alloys, to introduce CuVerro Shield™ by Aereus Technologies. A chemical free solution, solid surface metal alloy that can be applied to metals, plastics and various other surfaces without any product redesign. CuVerro Shield™ by Aereus Technologies is a familiar technology throughout healthcare as a PMRA (Health Canada) and the EPA (U.S) registered antimicrobial copper that begins killing 99.9% of bacteria on contact and self sanitizes 24/7. For more information, please visit www.aereustech.com

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