

Sonechko Ukrainian Bilingual Daycare Inc.
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President's Report
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Another busy year has passed. The Board had not anticipated that the process of establishing a daycare would require so much dedication, research, preparation, and time. To date, the Sonechko Daycare Board has created communication tools including a logo, website, parent/teacher manuals, and an Operations Manual. To the casual observer, this may seem like a trivial accomplishment, but in fact, was a daunting task. This process is required by the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance, and the Department of Early Learning and Child Care, Ministry of Education as part of the readiness process to establish a government subsidized daycare. The Board now has the responsibility to maintain a working knowledge of these documents so that when the Government of Saskatchewan approves the annually submitted application to establish the Sonechko Daycare, we have a firm understanding of the rules and responsibilities required to coordinate the establishment of the physical site, hire an executive director, and staff.

At this time, there is a need to establish a volunteer fund-raising committee. This is imperative, as without this fund-raising initiative, we will not have the supplementary funds to proceed with building a daycare. Government funding, by design, will not be sufficient to establish a daycare. The Government of Saskatchewan now requires public financial participation. I look forward to community volunteerism to satisfy this need.

I would like to thank the Ukrainian National Federation Recreation and Education Society for providing funding and resources for this project. Thank you, also, to the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church for providing a monthly meeting venue. Thank you to the Ukrainian National Federation Saskatoon Branch membership who was instrumental in initiating the process of developing the Sonechko Daycare. Thank you to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Saskatoon Branch for providing collaborative services. Finally, thank you to the Board of Directors who have so diligently and faithfully worked to create the necessary manuals and government submissions. The Board looks forward to another successful year of serving our community to establish the Sonechko Ukrainian Bilingual Daycare at Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School in Saskatoon.