

Remington project brings child care options to Quarry Park

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Rendering of planned Quarry Park Child Development Centre
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Finding the right daycare can be a frustrating problem for young parents across the city and a big concern for new, young hires.

Those living in and around the southeast community of Quarry Park will be excited to learn Remington Development is building Quarry Park Child Development Centre, a purpose-built facility to be operated by YMCA Calgary.

“It’s a perfect addition for residents and corporate tenants of Quarry Park who will be able to leave their children in a safe and stimulating environment, within walking distance from the under-construction 95,000 square foot recreation facility which will also be operated by the YMCA,” said Remington president Cody Clayton.

Scheduled to be open in 2016, the rec centre, to be owned by the city, was kick-started by a \$2 million investment from Remington.

The child care centre will be well-equipped to provide an exemplary opportunity for about 350 children aged 12 months to six years. An on-site kitchen will be staffed daily to provide nutritious snacks and lunches to children, along with a separate kitchen to allow for hands-on nutrition education.

The YMCA is already the largest provider of child care in the country and the new Quarry Park centre is “a vital part of our commitment to building healthy communities,” said president and CEO Helene Weir.

“We are proud and grateful for another opportunity to implement our proven Playing to Learn curriculum at this new centre with foundations in language and literacy, math, science, technology and the arts — these children are in for a very exciting child care experience.”

Construction has begun on the new building located on a three-acre parcel of land on the south side of Quarry Park along 18th Street S.E. and will be delivered to the YMCA in the fall of 2016 for its furnishings and equipment.

Tanis Cochrane, vice-president, children and youth association services at YMCA Calgary, said being the same operator as the new recreation centre will be advantageous to the organization along with parents and children who will have access to the rec centre’s many amenities, including a six-lane pool, gymnasium and fitness centres, along with a 10,000-square-foot Calgary Public Library.

The development will need a staff of about 60 and could be an ideal place for students in the Mount Royal University’s early childhood development and health and wellness programs.

It’s also a wonderful addition to Remington’s 300-acre live/work/play development at Quarry Park that already has a population of about 6,000 people, with a further 600 Imperial Oil employees moving into its new campus complex in April.

Remington also has another two spec office buildings each of 160,000 square feet under construction at Quarry Crossing and will add another 500,000 square feet in 2017.

A leader in this city’s commercial development sector, Remington is also building the Meredith Block in Bridgeland — a joint venture with Western Securities — and a 91,000-square-foot new office for world-leading Computing Modelling Group in University Research Park.

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