



Official Grand Opening of the pamināwasowin Child Care Centre, First Nations University of Canada, Regina Campus

January 31, 2020, Regina, SK. – The First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv) will host an Official Grand Opening of the pamināwasowin Child Care Centre, Regina Campus, 1 First Nations Way, on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. As part of the traditional protocols, a pipe ceremony is scheduled in the First Nations Veterans Ceremonial Tipi starting at 8:00 a.m.

The pamināwasowin Child Care Centre was designed and renovated to accommodate 90 spaces, ranging in age and groups for 12 infants, 25 Preschoolers and 53 Toddlers. Since it's unofficial opening on January 7, 2020, spaces have gradually been filling up, with current number at 15 children.

The First Nations University of Canada partnered with Douglas Cardinal Architect Inc., Ray Gosselin Architect Limited, and Ledcor Construction Limited, to design and renovate the space, formerly the Student Success Services department. Within a period of four (4) months, the area was transformed into three (3) play areas, an infant sleeping room, a kitchen, converted washroom, laundry room and office spaces. A playground was designed, and construction will proceed by early spring.

The Child Care Centre fee structure is now one of the lowest in the City of Regina. The University wants to ensure, to the best to our ability, that students needs are met as we understand the financial constraints encountered as a post-secondary student.

“Having the pamināwasowin Child Care Centre on campus for students, alleviates one of the concerns they encounter while attending University.” – Dr. Bob Kayseas, Interim President, FNUUniv

All phases of the renovation have been designed from the perspective of making positive impacts on the learning experiences of FNUUniv students. This emphasis on placing students first is in keeping with the priorities of the 2019 – 2024 Strategic Plan, ôê nîkân “in the future”. pamināwasowin translates to “*child rearing*” in Cree.

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secondary education that will lead to the pride and success of all students, First Nations communities, and Canada.

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