

College will save day-care centres, board announces [CA-BC] ^[1]

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Camosun College will continue to operate its two child care centres, threatened with closure last year due to rising costs.

Camosun's board of governors announced the decision after hearing from a task force set up to study the issue. Task force members submitted a report to the board last month and had worked on a revised business plan for the centres.

The possibility of closing the two child care centres, one at the Lansdowne campus and one at Interurban, came up last June when administrators grew alarmed at the cost of the service. Of late, the college has been spending \$260,000 a year to maintain 60 child care spaces, with another \$90,000 coming from students.

The centres' uncertain fate spurred a demonstration by staff, students and parents. Many users said their ability to attend college depended on the child care operations.

Peter Lloyd, chairman of the board of governors, said the challenge to be met "is to ensure that the operations can be run in a financially sustainable fashion."

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