



## Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:  
Monitoring Inspection

Pursuant to section 21 of the *Early Childhood Services Act*, operators of licensed early learning and childcare facilities must post their most recent inspection report in a clearly visible and prominent place in the facility.

Name of operator 687526 NB	Licence Number 2019639	Inspection Date November 18, 2024	
Facility Name Mel's Toddler Town		Telephone Number (506) 609-4070	
Address 42 Craig Crescent Saint John NB E2K 4J4			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Robyn Nelson		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected

### General Comments

A Monitoring Inspection took place on November 4th, 2024.

During the inspection, children were observed engaging in both indoor and outdoor free play, as well as during snack time. Proper handwashing procedures were followed as children transitioned to snack time. The facility provides steps or platforms to ensure that children can reach regular-sized toilets and sinks independently.

Educators shared that the children are currently very interested in a giant art notebook, which is being used as a collective art project. In addition, they enjoy being active outdoors and exploring their senses using various sensory tools. Educators have also included their own interests in their documentation, showcasing a reflective approach to their work.

Outdoor play is scheduled for at least one hour in every four-hour block when the majority of children are in attendance, weather permitting. A clearly visible area is designated for posting important information, including the license, current inspection report, monitoring reports, and orders for compliance.

Parents and children are greeted enthusiastically upon arrival, creating a welcoming atmosphere. Books have been carefully selected to reflect the children's current interests, and the facility is well-stocked with a varied supply of appropriate equipment, materials, books, and toys. Toxic products, including cleaning chemicals, are stored in a locked and inaccessible area. The diaper-changing area is conveniently located within one meter of a sink, and diaper-changing procedures are posted in a visible location for caregivers. Drinking water is available throughout the day, and outdoor stationary equipment is surrounded by protective surfacing of the appropriate depth to ensure safety.

The facility provides opportunities for both individual and group experiences. Various forms of literacy are incorporated throughout the indoor environment, supporting a rich learning experience. Several forms of documentation were observed throughout the facility, reflecting ongoing learning and development.

A conversation took place with the operator regarding the facility's strengths and areas for improvement. Strengths identified include the variety of loose parts available in the outdoor play space. However, a need was

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identified for the creation of individual portfolios for each child, which would include work samples and learning story documentation to better track and showcase each child's development and achievements.

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Robyn Nelson

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

November 04, 2024

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Date

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Melanie Fouchere

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Signature of Operator/Designate

November 04, 2024

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Date