

## 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 Cassel Enterprises Ltd.	Licence Number 2021023	Inspection Date August 14, 2025
Facility Name Hands On Learning Enrichment Centre - Saint John		Telephone Number (506) 857-4263
Address 1672 Rothesay Road Saint John NB E2H 2J3		
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Amanda Wills		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (a) lighting, ventilation and other general health standards under the Public Health Act. Comments: Deficiency is now compliant	28(3)(a)	Apr 18, 2025	Aug 14, 2025
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children. Comments: Deficiency is now compliant	31(3)	Apr 18, 2025	Aug 14, 2025
33(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall provide outdoor play area materials and equipment that are varied and in sufficient quantity for the number and ages of the children receiving services at the licensed facility. Comments: The outdoor play areas have a limited variety and quantity of materials for all children. The Operator must ensure to provide outdoor play area materials and equipment that are varied and available in sufficient quantity for all children present. Examples of materials to add to enhance creativity and engagement include child-sized shovels, trucks and cars, buckets, funnels, bubbles, watering cans, various-sized balls, art materials, and outdoor games such as bean bag toss, parachute play, skipping ropes, etc.	33(1)	Aug 28, 2025	
40(1) An operator of a licensed facility shall ensure that personal belongings of a child receiving services at the licensed facility that are brought to the licensed facility, including combs, brushes, toothbrushes, towels, washcloths, bedding, pacifiers and soothers, are (c) stored separately for each child. Comments: Deficiency is now compliant	40(1)(c)	Apr 10, 2025	Aug 14, 2025

General Comments
A Monitoring Inspection occurred August 14, 2025.
The children were observed engaging in a variety of activities across indoor and outdoor environments. As well, during pick-up time, parents were greeted upon arrival.
Infant Room: The children were observed outdoors going down the slide, climbing on the wooden jungle gym, and digging in the sandbox. The educators indicated that the children are currently interested in sensory

## General Comments

exploration, animals, movement-based play involving dumping, filling, and transporting, and music.

Two-year-old Room: The children were observed at nap time and outdoors. Outdoors, the children were observed mixing sand and water to make mud in the mud kitchen, playing in the sandbox, running, and jumping. The educator indicated that the children are currently interested in sensory-based activities, superheroes, dramatic play—specifically playing the role of a hairdresser—The Very Hungry Caterpillar book and going outdoors.

Three-year-old Room: The children were observed at nap time and outdoors. Outdoors, the children were observed engaging in conversation with their educators and peers, playing in the sandbox, and playing with toy animals. The educator indicated that the children are currently interested in bugs, nature, water play, and sensory play.

Preschool Room: The children were observed drawing, playing with blocks, and looking at books indoors. Outdoors, the children were observed playing tag and playing Simon Says with their educator. The educator indicated that the children are currently exploring ocean animals.

Afterschool Room: The children were observed indoors reading books and coloring. Outdoors, the children were observed playing tag and playing Simon Says with their educators. The educators indicated that the children are currently interested in sports, board games, and are exploring ocean animals—specifically sharks.

A clearly visible and prominent area was designated for posting the facility's license, current monitoring reports, and any orders for compliance. Additional documents observed included incident logs, daily attendance records, daily information sheets, and records of evacuation and monthly fire drills.

A conversation took place with the administrator on the following:

- Outdoor Play Area: No shade provided in the afterschool fenced in play space. Operators must ensure to provide at least 0.45m<sup>2</sup> of shade per child. Examples of shade can include shade sails, canopies, umbrellas, or pergolas.
- Mixing age groups. Further clarification was sent to administrator for review.
- Preschool Room: Purposeful planning was not evident. Purposeful planning is to be visible through invitations, documentation, and planned activities. Educators are to review the Operator's Manual, Section 7: Programming and Daily Routine.
- Educators are to ensure that art activities are open-ended, encouraging children to explore and experiment with a variety of materials. This approach allows children to express themselves freely, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and personal expression—aligning with the New Brunswick Curriculum Framework.

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Amanda Wills

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

August 19, 2025

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Date

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Signature of Operator/Designate

August 19, 2025

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Date