

# Spruce Grove Community Feedback

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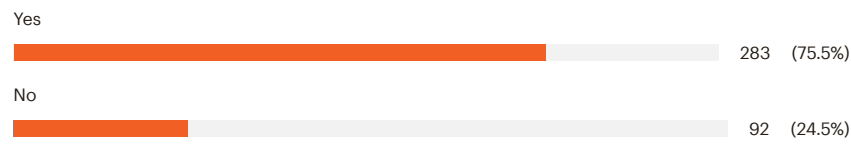
Question 1 has 376 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Are you aware that Not-for-profit Spruce Grove Playschool has been operating in Parkland County for 45+ years and has been located at the 447 King Street log cabin, for 10+ years?”



Question 2 has 375 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Have you had a child(ren) attend Spruce Grove Playschool?”



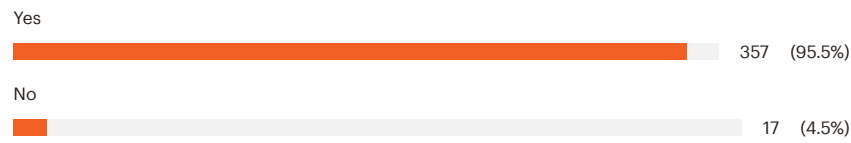
Question 3 has 374 answers (Radio Buttons)

“If Spruce Grove Playschool were to remain at its current location, would you recommend other child(ren) to our school?”



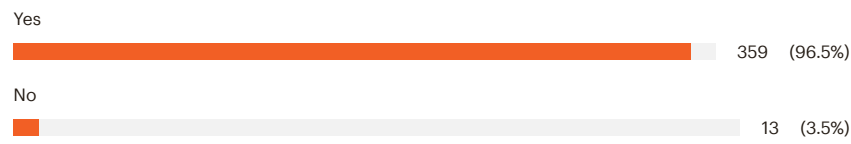
Question 4 has 374 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Do you view Spruce Grove Playschool as an integral part of the City of Spruce Grove?”



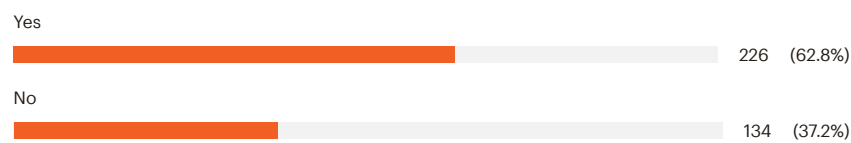
Question 5 has 372 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Were you upset to hear that Spruce Grove Playschool is being forced to move?”



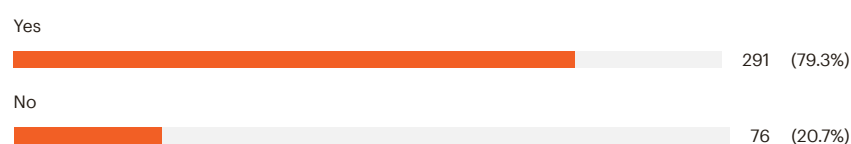
Question 6 has 360 answers (Radio Buttons)

“If Spruce Grove changed locations, would you still send your other child(ren) to our school?”



Question 7 has 367 answers (Radio Buttons)

“If Spruce Grove Playschool changes locations, would you still recommend anyone to our school?”



Question 8 has 373 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Are you at all concerned about what the log cabin might be used for, once the Playschool is forced to move?”



Question 9 has 176 answers (Open Text)

“Please share any additional thoughts, you feel, may be important in regards to this issue.”

Unknown contact said:

"Would like the City to provide clear answers as to why they are not renewing the lease. It's such a beautiful building & the location is fantastic. The classrooms are spacious and well suited for nature based exploration and play. There's ample space for when families drop off & pick up - it lends itself well for families to meet and builds community within SG. The green space and playground are right there! Central Park and the library are across the street for east access. The parking lot makes for easy SAFE drop off/pick up as it's not on a Main Street.

I wonder if the city isn't renewing the lease because of the growing number of homeless in SG and the location of the after hours drop in facility and/or because they are concerned for the safety of the families and/or because they don't want families aware of just how many homeless (un-sheltered) folks are now living in our city. Perhaps the location of the homeless population and the potential close proximity to young families is a liability City Council can not afford. Completely understandable, however not renewing SG Play school's lease is not the answer. "

Unknown contact said:

"This play school has been an essential part of our community for many years. It would be a travesty to move them. "

Unknown contact said:

"Probably using it to house the homeless heck no we want the play school to stay "

Unknown contact said:

"We had both kids attwnd this beautiful school. Would be sad to see it move. "

Unknown contact said:

"I think the city needs to be more transparent about what their plan is, and why they didn't renew for the preschool"

Unknown contact said:

"It's just the perfect place for children to learn and experience, laying a great foundation for life."

Unknown contact said:

"We love the log cabin playschool! We love that the location is close to both a playground and the forest trails, which both enhance outdoor time at school. The location of the school is also ideal as it is located so centrally in Spruce Grove. This makes accessibility quite easy which is important to our family. We will greatly miss this location if the playschool is forced to move. We sincerely hope the City will consider renewing the lease. "

Unknown contact said:

"The Spruce Grove Playschool's facility is the perfect location for our children to grow during such a critical period in their life. The playground right next to the facility is the perfect canvas for the children's imaginations to explore and create worlds in their mind. The surrounding bush is great for outdoor walks and adventure. The field next to the log cabin is great for the kids to run and play with each other. The playschool is safe, tucked in, and away from roads. As a parent I do not have to worry about my child's safety when they are there. We currently live in Edmonton but we chose the Spruce Grove Playschool for our child because of this amazing location, nothing in Edmonton can compare to this playschool. The commute from Edmonton to Spruce Grove is absolutely worth it for this very reason. We were very saddened and dissapointed to hear that they were being forced to move, as we would love to have our second child go there as well. I urge the City of Spruce Grove to reconsider the decision to relocate the Spruce Grove Playschool. "

Unknown contact said:

"Both my children will attend this school and I chose it for the reason of having a park behind and a wonderful playground.

There is no other playschool like this in Spruce Grove or even in Edmonton. People travel from Edmonton, Stony Plain and surrounding areas to attend here. That brings traffic and is exclusive to Spruce Grove . This city needs to keep setting themselves apart from Edmonton and other areas by having these different types of business which makes us a unique city for people to come live and start families here.

Children Matter! And Spruce Grove is known as a family friendly city. Our tax dollars will be used to turn the school into what? .... Ripping up the playground will cost dollars instead of putting that money towards fixing areas of the building needed. I am willing to get a petition and go around to many houses and get signatures and I can guarantee the pages will be signed. The people of spruce grove are tired of the city making poor choices and turning that street into downtown Edmonton with the homeless taking over the older parts of Spruce Grove.

PLAYSCHOOL MUST STAY! "

Unknown contact said:

"I feel the Spruce Grove Play School is special to our city. The building and location is what brings the most to the play school experience. "

Unknown contact said:

"The location of the school has provided many benefits for my family. From the ease of use when the weather is bad during school operation. The functionality of the facility is perfection!

The simplicity of the playground for when central park has "been done"

When the trails have "been done"

It has been a great place for our family and friends to meet and congregate, both during and after school hours.

We have enjoyed the ease of the parking to get to the walking trails after the play in the sand and on the slide.

With all the angle parking being striped from McLeod, it's been easier for this to be a meeting area with friends and family.

The people and pets we have met both during school and after, have given ample opportunities to connect with the community.

The socialism it has provided my family just from being out. It's a popular place.

From the countless times as a volunteer at the school, and the interactions the kids have had during school hours with pets and people of all ages, it has been a valuable contribution to all parties.

After covid. Community is the answer. Support is the answer. I strongly believe keeping the school at the heart of the city provides as such. For both the young and old and young at heart, the community deserves the limitless smiles and silent and spoken cherished moments that having the school and playground in its specific and crucial location has provided for all these years. To many more. Help us save this integral heart of our community.

Sincerely, Bonnie Besman

Spruce Grove Resident, 10+ years"

Unknown contact said:

"The natural playground is the perfect location for the school... what could possibly be better in that building?"

Unknown contact said:

"Although I would still recommend the playschool in a new location because I have immense belief in the teachers and executive to make any space amazing, the log cabin with its outdoor space and access to the trails behind, not to mention walking distance to the library for field trips, is something very integral to the playschool's philosophy and to it's ability to provide a unique educational experience to the young children of Spruce Grove. I would go so far as to say the log cabin has become a part of the school's identity! It is such a far cry from the preschools held in strip malls beside liquor stores or with only concrete parking lots to look at out the windows. It is hard to imagine another group that would benefit as greatly from the space as our Spruce Grove preschoolers do. I'd be very interested to hear what the city plans to do with the space going forward and to hear how that is a better use of the space than what is currently happening there. "

Unknown contact said:

"This is an amazing play school in the community.

It's well run and the parents love the location as well as the kids.

To take this away can have a huge impact on all, it's disruptive.

It's unfortunate the city doesn't consult parents and the community regarding moving the play school.

The city says we are moving you and people are not consulted or even able to give feedback.

Very disappointed."

Unknown contact said:

"The feeling and atmosphere that has been created at this location feels so cozy and comforting. We also love the access to nature and the space outdoors that gets utilized. This was also a deciding factor in putting our kid in this program - the fact that it felt integrated in nature and not just a playground in a busy parking lot. "

Unknown contact said:

"I truly believe it is not in the best interest of our community and our communities children to move their school. Most children at this young age are just learning to be away from their caregivers, to change their routine will present unnecessary challenges and anxiety for many. Many of our children thrive at this location and we as parents feel at ease knowing our children are safe here. Changing locations creates uncertainty about our children's safety and mental health. My partner and I, as well as many other parents we have spoken to from the school, were very saddened to hear of the lease not being renewed by the City of Spruce Grove as well as anxious about what a new location might look like for our children. We really hope the City will change its decision and allow the Playschool to remain open at this location. Thank you for your consideration on this. "

Unknown contact said:

"The current location of this playschool makes it unique in our community. It's ideal for its purpose and fosters a love of the outdoors in our children."

Unknown contact said:

"The nature area is spectacular, kids don't need to be moved into one of the other concrete buildings! "

Unknown contact said:

"The location of the Spruce Grove Playschool Society is in a convenient location being central in Spruce Grove, with its backyard being a beautiful wooded area, having a park outside the doors that the children love, and the multiple trails they have access to. Other centres play spaces that you see throughout Spruce Grove are fenced, small, and have limited natural resources. Why move children away from these natural resources that are provided at SGPS? Why take children away from a playground that fosters development within their young bodies? The SGPS playground offers gross motor & fine motor development, imaginative play, and of course a large outdoor play space. The square footage of the classrooms permits small classroom sizes and these sizes are perfect because it gives the children opportunity for one on one time with their educator and is beneficial for the children's development. You will not find small class sizes in any other child care setting, let alone public school setting.

The log cabin has been the SGPS for 10+ years and the educators have made it home for all the families that have passed through. The SGPS is our children's second home away from home. They have grown to be comfortable and confident within that environment and the children see themselves being celebrated within the classrooms.

If the Playschool is moved to another location then what guarantee would the families have if the City of Spruce Grove wouldn't force the Playschool out of another building? Families rely on early learning classrooms because it provides consistency, structure, and stability for the children and themselves. Uprooting the families will cause unnecessary stress to everyone involved.

Why haven't the SGPS board members been informed of who will take over the log cabin? Why is that being kept a secret? If the City of Spruce Grove wants to model transparency to their citizens and then give us answers!

The playschool needs to stay at the log cabin! "

Unknown contact said:

"To my knowledge the city has been aloof and not forthcoming with information as to why they are choosing to not continue the Play-school's tenancy, and to what they will be using the facility for in the future. I feel there are too many coincidences with the growing homeless population in the area and the increasing inconsideration of the adjacent churches involvement and how it affects the safety of the children/parents/staff of the preschool. The solution is not to move the people that are raising concerns."

Unknown contact said:

"We love this location too."

Unknown contact said:

"I Love the play school because of the area and the location. it is highly favorable area for little kids to use. I would love to have the school stay here."

Unknown contact said:

"Why change something that works ? "

Unknown contact said:

"Please do not move this playschool. All 3 of my children have attended this location. This Montessori style of the school needs the nature at their fingertips, the park there gives the children a different way of playing and it's safe and welcoming and the walking trail provides the children with access to real nature learning. This school stands apart because of its location. The families who attend all agree this is so necessary for our city of spruce grove to allow our children the opportunity to attend an early education centre like this. There is no other preschool that can provide the variety of educational opportunities for this school in this location. Our children deserve this. "

Unknown contact said:

"The city should be well aware that it is extremely difficult to find space to run a business in this town. You either have to have one million dollars at your disposal to create a commercial space or rent from the very few/ not optimal options. It is so hard here to find space here that even the movie theatre has been rented out for public events. Additionally, to take away a historic school when spruce grove is touted to be a hall mark town to "grow a family" and leave the school program and all the families who rely on it without a solid secondary option is not thinking of everyone's needs in this scenario properly. Couldn't the city come up with a win win strategy? This seems like the most appropriate route of action considering how many families and lives they will be affecting if they take over this building.

I strongly disagree with the city's decision to take over this rental and would like to purpose that they create a new space to help solve the rental space issue in spruce grove with their organizations available finances. "

Unknown contact said:

"The log cabin is in the centre of spruce grove. The location and building could not be more perfect. Moving the preschool is just foolish. I have two other little ones I was hoping could attend the school. If it moves, I don't know that I will put my boys in the school "

Unknown contact said:

"We need to support the law-abiding tax paying citizens of our city. Decisions within Spruce Grove should be made based upon improving/assisting the largest portions of our community. Not minority or special interest groups."

Unknown contact said:

"Both my boys went here & it was an amazing school & is a landmark in Spruce Grove, I do not see any reason why they need this building."

Unknown contact said:

"Community care and housing is vital for People in Parkland County who have been displaced, or struggle financially. However, the space has grown over 45 yrs to create an inclusive, specialized program for young children. It holds memories of the childrens parents and elders, as well as many who love and care for our community. Displacing the children and changing locations for the preschool feels disrespectful to the community, and unfair for the children. Please consider a more appropriate place to care for our house less community and allow the children to keep their home. "

Unknown contact said:

"Why would such a wonderful environment for learning be taken away from our future leaders!

I would think that over the last 45 years, that quite a few of our past and present Spruce Grove council members attended the Spruce Grove play school. We need good leaders!"

Unknown contact said:

"I hope that any future use of this building will keep in mind the close proximity to schools and public recreational areas. "

Unknown contact said:

"This space is incredible for the playschool, and was one of the top deciding factors for us in registering our 3 year old for this coming fall. It's such a wonderful use for this building. Please let them stay! We want our children to attend playschool here!"

Unknown contact said:

"I sent both my kids and they loved it. It was the best experience for all of us. I'm very disappointed that they want to close it.. Please don't!!"

Unknown contact said:

"Spruce grove playschool is in a prime location for preschool aged children to learn and have fun while also being safe. My daughter is currently in there and my son in a year and i was very sad to hear that he won't be going to the same school as her. I really like this location for the playschool because they can be more outside versus other preschools we looked at in the city center and we weren't comfortable sending our kids there for that reason of being in a concrete jungle vs beautiful outside area. Moving Spruce grove playschool from this location would be very unfortunate for any future preschool aged children like my son who won't get to experience how wonderful this location is and the program that the school worked hard on to incorporate with their current location."

Unknown contact said:

"My children, my grand children, and my great grandchildren have all used this facility. It would be very sad to lose this spectacular. 😞😞😞😞"

Unknown contact said:

"Spruce Grove Play School has been attended by both my children. My kids are now 11 and 14. The memories from play school still exist. I really hope that the building can stay as it is, and that it can be used as an inviting, warm and welcoming safe space for families to bring their children to. It's location now allows the children to play in the lovely playground and walk and explore in the trail system, there is also a little field for games and recreation. This is something not all play schools can offer due to location. Spruce Grove Play School really stands out above the rest in my opinion. They have been an integral part of the community for many families as they help to transition our children through their very formative years and onto Kindergarten. I would really hope that there is something terribly pressing and rather emergent for the city to make this decision. Please consider allowing Spruce Grove Play School to remain in its existing location for families to enjoy for years to come! "Where did your kids go to play school?" "In the log cabin". It's called Spruce Grove Play School! "

Unknown contact said:

"As a former member of the play school executive that was involved with finding and securing the lease for the log cabin, I am deeply disappointed by the City withdrawing the lease.

When we entered in to the lease agreement, the log cabin was not being used by the City and needed repair and upkeep and what better renters than a play school for children. Having nonprofit education available in our community is so important. Having an opportunity for parents to be involved in volunteering and taking ownership in the education for their children is so important.

The play school has always been supported by our community and I am sure this will continue. However, there needs to be accountability from the city about why the lease is not being renewed and accountability by the City to offer a comparable location. "

Unknown contact said:

"Hi there, it is so disappointing that the lease has been terminated. This is literally the only playschool in the city that allows for outdoor play every single day. The log style structure is so inspiring to our little people and gives a sense of the deep history of our amazing city. I have had 2 of my kids attend SGPS, and plan to return if they stay in this location. The building is perfectly suited for organizing and protecting small children, and the staff are completely wonderful. Please let them continue with educating our city's youngest!! Alanna Sinclair 780-983-3622 "

Unknown contact said:

"Beyond upsetting that this will not be the location or school for my youngest "

Unknown contact said:

"My oldest son started at Spruce Grove Playschool in its final year at Broxton Park. We attended through the transition through the Elks Hall to its current home in the log cabin. The period of transition was so disruptive to my child. He was so excited to be in their "forever space" and really loved how the space was tailored specifically for their ages. It was nice to be settled and be able to host programs that enriched their learning. My daughter was able to do both her years in the current space and there was so much more they could do using a permanent space instead of a borrowed space. I would not want any child to have to go through the transition we went through. It was so much work on the parent group and created instability for the students. Please make our communities children a priority and reconsider kicking them out of their home."



Unknown contact said:

"That cabin makes the school special Andy the forest location and park. So sad to hear the city is doing this"

Unknown contact said:

"What is the point of breaking the lease after so long? "

Unknown contact said:

"The mission, in conjunction with the location and physical setting of the school, was what sold us on feeling overjoyed with trusting Spruce Grove Playschool with the life and wellness of our only child. The warmth my husband and I immediately sensed due to the homey setting inside and outside the log cabin made us feel like moving in as well! I joke, but it really made us feel so at home. This feeling is not something you can easily integrate into building plans because it's something intangible. Yet, I believe that such a central and homelike, warm building is integral to the social and emotional well-being of little humans. For small children, it is imperative for them to feel safe and cozy - as, many times, this is the first time these children are staying somewhere other than their own homes.

We wouldn't have chosen this school if it wasn't for the location and the building it currently resides in. Being so close to nature, watching animals live and flourish around the playschool and being able to see this through their windows offers a kind of education and experience that is often overlooked - yet, the importance of such exposure is paramount for the kind of values we seek in our own lives and the life of our flourishing child. "

Unknown contact said:

"We loved Spruce Grove Playschool. My son attended 3 year & 4 year old play school with Mrs. Williamson when it operated out of Broxton Park School. It's a great program that should continue to be available to children. "

Unknown contact said:

"My 3 youngest attended SGPS (now 20,17and13) and I was very involved in the relocation from Broxton School to Log Cabin. I am born and raised in Spruce and had watched the cabin sit vacant for a very long time, falling into a rough state after it was no longer being used for the Japanese School. When I suggested we contact the city and inquire about the possibility of obtaining it for our new home, it was honestly very exciting and a huge relief, when we got it as the search was proving to be VERY challenging. We knew we had found a great new home for sure, but didn't realize just how AMAZING it really was until we were settled! I know a lot of money and time went into making the space perfect for the play school (repairs from sitting vacant and renovations to accommodate licensing rules) and EVERY penny was well worth it both for the play school and the city, in my opinion. I was under the impression that the lease was more or less a forever lease. I was excited to think that possibly my future grand babies (of which I know have !!!) could maybe one day attend where their Uncles had, as it holds so many wonderful memories and absolutely the finest program around! I know that it's what happens within the walls that is most important and the program will be just as exemplary anywhere it goes, but I honestly think it will have a huge impact on the play school and honestly the city as well if they are forced to relocate. I am sure the city can relocate/house any of their facilities in any number of places without disrupting such an integral part of our community in my opinion. With the park already exciting and the nature trails right there what other use could possible be as PERFECT as the home of Spruce Grove Play School? Ask yourself that and please reconsider renewing a long term lease with them. Thank you. "

Unknown contact said:

"Excellent program! Great location in central spruce grove. Keep young families drawn to the middle of town and keep the preschool lease! We have enough problems with an at risk central population, we need to keep some positive community programming in the heart of our town. "

Unknown contact said:

"I would like to know more of the reasons why the city is going in this direction. "

Unknown contact said:

"I loved the space they have for the children. My son loves his school. This school was perfect. I cannot believe the lease is being terminated :( "

Unknown contact said:

"I have heard amazing things of this playschool and was looking so forward to sending my daughter here.. "

Unknown contact said:

"It is a wonderful site and. Building for a play school! "

Unknown contact said:

"My daughter went to this preschool when she was 4 . I really wanted my new baby girl to attend preschool in this log cabin"

Unknown contact said:

"The current location feels so perfect for the playschool, especially being surrounded by nature. I would be so sad to see it moved- anywhere else would not quite feel the same. "

Unknown contact said:

"If it's for catering to the homeless that are flooding our streets and paths, then no."

Unknown contact said:

"I did not know the city would do this to non profit organizations. The school is run by amazing teachers and volunteered parents. My kid loves that he goes to this wonderful school at this location. Not many people can say their school is a log cabin. Location is awesome as kids are able to experience the best learning about what spruce grove has to offer. The trails, library, and downtown are all in walking distance which is great for the kids to get some exercise. Please let this school stay where it is. "

Unknown contact said:

"I have young kids but we never attended play school -if we did we would have likely chosen 'the log cabin' everyone we ever talked to who attended LOVED IT! and we knew it as the LOG CABIN... I even recommended people to it (having never been but hearing enough RAVE reviews for it. And meeting some amazing people who were/are involved. They are awesome community members and the playschool has been a great part of Spruce Grove. Bringing people together -sharing the bond of the LOG CABIN playschool. I was very upset to hear of it having to move. What a great (SUPER COOL!) location for a playschool. Shows kids that they are important and special and so connected to nature (with most child care places being in strip malls, surrounded by parking lots, liquor stores and shops... it is so refreshing to have a location removed from that. So much more natural and kid friendly. Thank you for your great service in our community! (Nothing was going to tip the scale for me to send my kids away for playschool -but this was a very tempting option!!!)"

Unknown contact said:

"Spruce Grove Playschool and it's teachers set a high standard for early childhood education in our city. Their use and understanding of Reggio Emilia philosophy and focus on outdoor play is superior throughout Edmonton and area. These preschool also acts as a community site for children with PUF funding, diagnosed with severe language delays, autistic children and children with chromosomal disorders. For a city that has a true shortage of quality early education programming, especially for children coming out of the COVID pandemic, I'm extremely disappointed in the City of Spruce Grove for making it more difficult for this preschool to provide its essential programming. "

Unknown contact said:

"There are a lot of preschools in Spruce Grove. While the log cabin is kind of cool and unique, I'm sure it will continue to thrive if they were to move it. "

Unknown contact said:

"This is the perfect location for the preschool Shame on the city of spruce Grove "

Unknown contact said:

"I walk by this location almost everyday and it's such a joy to see the kids and such an ideal location for them. "

Unknown contact said:

"This school has been such a huge part of our son's life. The location is perfect for the kiddos and I sincerely hope this decision be reconsidered. "

Unknown contact said:

"This is so sad to hear. Such a wonderful, helpful, respectful program for our children, one that actually brings good to the community "

Unknown contact said:

"Seriously :City of Spruce Grove :

I do not have young children any more - but I know just as well as 'you' do that the community NEEDS daycare - and what is more important than our children?????????"



**Unknown contact** said:

"The log cabin school is a unique and celebrated part of the tri-municipal area, not just Spruce Grove. The affordable pre-school option gets families into the city centre daily, and enjoying beautiful building and its architecture. It is a unique operation, allowing the kids to enjoy nature right out the window, the little city park on the land and open and safe space to run and play. The building should be used for a progressive, non-profit venture that is accessible to families in the area -- and I think the preschool accomplishes that. I would be interested to see what City Council see as more valuable to put into this space, rather than the hearts and minds of our littlest citizens. This is another example of Spruce Grove losing touch with the "small city" perspective that drew us there in the first place. Since our daughter graduated from the school, we moved to Stony Plain because Spruce Grove is losing the aesthetic and spirit that we had originally appreciated so much about it. The pre-school was one of the services that exemplified that for us. I have recommended this school to other families time and time again, speaking of the quality and uniqueness of it, and the fact that the city had a hand in supporting it via its lease of the building for the school. It makes me sad that the "log cabin school" will no longer exist for the kids growing up in Spruce, and for the sake of what? Leasing revenue from what? I'd be interested to hear from the administration and elected officials as to what could be more important. I sincerely hope the city gets back some perspective on this. The school can not thrive in other spaces like it does at the log cabin -- and, as a result, neither will its little students. So sorry to hear the staff are facing this situation. In a word, this decision simply and truly SUCKS."

**Unknown contact** said:

"I don't have any more kids to attend but definitely recommend this play school. My daughter met friends there and it made her transition to kindergarten easier. Teachers were fantastic. Sad to hear they are losing their space. Hoping you find an alternative place for it. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"This is a nice central location for families that do not have transportation! It's in a beautiful area of town that provides kids with the perfect amount of green space and play area. We need more spaces like this for learning instead of concrete pads to play attached to 4 other commercial spaces. Leave this school and location alone! "

**Unknown contact** said:

"Our family was absolutely heartbroken to hear that the city is not renewing the lease for SGPS. The teachers create a wonderful learning environment for our son and the school/space itself acts as a third teacher. It's welcoming, emergent, and gives our son the confidence to learn and grow alongside his peers. My daughter will eventually go to SGPS and to think she won't get the same welcoming environment to grow and learn is truly upsetting. We hope the city seriously reconsiders their decision and allows the school and its families to continue to grow and be a part of the community in our current space. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"This location is perfect for a playschool. There is a sense of home that comes along with this building. The kids feel safe and loved here and it is set up perfectly to house a playschool."

**Unknown contact** said:

"I've had three grandchildren attend this play school at the log cabin... the teachers and staff are an absolute treasure for children attending here...the facility is safe with a playground and surrounding area for these young minds to explore with their teachers & learn in a nature filled environment... it's time this city started making responsible decisions especially where our young children are concerned... shame on city council!!"

**Unknown contact** said:

"It has been a wonderful facility for the play school and it saddens me to hear they will be required to move. Especially since we have a young vibrant community that will require more accommodations for young children"

**Unknown contact** said:

"Spruce Grove Playschool is a vital part of our community. A child's first experience at school is an extremely important milestone and can be difficult. It can be overwhelming and location of the school matters. Attending play school in the log cabin provided my child with a sense of comfort and a unique first experience. Taking it away from our children would be doing them a disservice. "

Unknown contact said:

"This school has been a wonderful addition to spruce grove for so many years. My nieces and nephew went to this school and have so many fond memories of it.

I don't know why the city is forcing the school to be relocated. My worry about this is that this place is going to be used for the unsheltered people of spruce grove which would be such an awful use of this building.

If this building was used for the unsheltered it would not be good as it is by many schools and puts many children at risk as well as the residential area it is around. Right now the HUB (which is located right down the street from this building) has brought so many unsheltered people to the area as well as more crime, danger to our kids and the schools located within the area, drugs being done so close to our homes and children and unwanted garbage everywhere.

Being from this area and just living down the street from this school I can't imagine it being used for anything else but a school. It is wonderful to hear the voices and laughter of the kids that attend this school everyday.

It would be so damaging if this building was used for the unsheltered and not being kept as the beautiful school that it is and has been for some many years. It has brought so much joy to so many kids and parents and I really pray that it will continue to do so for so many years to come!

Please spruce grove do the right thing and keep the school where it is now and let many more kids and their families make many more beautiful memories there! "

Unknown contact said:

"Push back against the government, you must win "

Unknown contact said:

"My daughter is only 2 so hasn't had a chance to attend Spruce Grove Playschool. We live very close and have expected my child to attend preschool there, even as a small infant.

Moving the playschool will potentially have devastating effects on the school considering the volunteer/parent involvement. Moving locations could mean losing the children (and volunteers) due to a lesser convenient location. Not to mention the tuition fees are much more likely to increase with the need to relocate and start all over, with today's commercial rental market.

The playschool is located in a central location, close to the walking trails, parks, and nature. Finding a new location so close to these amenities would be incredibly difficult, and I think if the playschool moves, it will very likely potentially sway parents minds to have their children attend their.

I'd still recommend the playschool to others, depending on its new location; however, it is unlikely my child would attend at the new location unless it was very close to their current location.

Best wishes to everyone at Spruce Grove Playschool. "

Unknown contact said:

"I personally went here and hope to send my future children here. Great school and great teachers and great location. I don't know why they are being forced to move but it is a shame. They have been such a hallmark for me and my family"

Unknown contact said:

"Spruce Grove Playschool is such an integral part of the community and the city's history and future for our youngsters. The educators and program are top notch. I hope that the city will either reconsider or work with the Playschool to find a solution that works for everyone to give the playschool and their mission the honor that they deserve. "

Unknown contact said:

"I have heard all great things about the Playschool. I hope the city of spruce grove rethinks letting you stay. I am worried about what the plan is for the log cabin if you are to move. Best of luck no matter what happens."

Unknown contact said:

"Hopefully it's not for a Hub. "

Unknown contact said:

"Please keep the school here. These children are the future of spruce grove. They deserve a space to learn, play and grow. This school is loved by so many and would be a sad misuse of space to change it. "

Unknown contact said:

"We are very sad to hear the school has to move. My son loves this school and this location and I want me other children to be able to too. No where else could the kids have access to the playground, central park and be able to walk and learn at the library, nature and other great places in spruce grove's downtown. Let's keep this space for our kids"

Unknown contact said:

"I was one of the parents that helped fundraise and move the playschool to its current location. It was not an easy finding the perfect place for the school and the log cabin fits all their needs. It would be terrible if Spruce Grove makes them move. "

Unknown contact said:

"If this is related to the homeless situation, I think the playschool has put up with a lot of garbage from the City of Spruce Grove and their poor decisions which made the area unsafe.

If the city decided to make a playschool for our children move to accommodate more homeless initiatives, that is a sad day for our community. "

Unknown contact said:

"I hope we can help! Good luck with everything 🙏"

Unknown contact said:

"The program needs to be recognised as unique to North America. As the environment is the the 3rd teacher with which young minds flourish, it would be very difficult to recreate.

There are obviously greater political issues at prey here, is there time to make a new approach? How can alumni families help?  
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Unknown contact said:

"I wanted to register my first child for preschool here but unfortunately it did not pan out. I have every intent on sending my second to this preschool at this location in 2 years so I truly hope it remaina where it is!"

Unknown contact said:

"It has proven to be a great location for the playschool..no sense moving them when thete

there are no future plans for the building! Please douse itas anot consider to it place for a new location for that terrible Hub group of homeless..they should be located away from schools and business ! Please retain the playschool in its current location for years to come!"

Unknown contact said:

"This building has been loving cared for by SGPS for the last decade. It has become a complete part of the school image and philosophy. Children deserve beautiful spaces with access to local parks and natural spaces. Serving over 90 children a year, SGPS is a vital part of our community! "

Unknown contact said:

"The log cabin gives children a feeling of magic which is hard to come by these days. My daughter loved attending preschool there. The log cabin will always have a soft spot in our hearts and it will never be looked at the same if used for something else . I am so sad to hear this news "

Unknown contact said:

"Both my children, now 16 & 21, attended Spruce Grove Playschool when they were each 4 years old. My oldest attended when the school was run out of a portable at Broxton Park School. It was efficient and effective, but also a bit crowded. A small hallway was shared by the 2 playschool classes and the elementary students that shared the portable.

My youngest attended when it had moved to the log cabin, and it was like it was made for it. Roomy and bright, a nice welcoming lobby, and use of the building exclusively for the school. Before the log cabin was confirmed to accommodate the school, there was a fear that the school would have to close as there wasn't a suitable option available in Spruce Grove within their budget. The City needs to consider extending the lease of the school as there are too few options for parents of preschool children within Spruce Grove. "

Unknown contact said:

"Please do nope move them .... This school is priceless in every way ... and the location and building are optimum.. the kids are the future!!!!"

Unknown contact said:

"It's an amazing spot for the play school. It would be a shame to see it shut down for any reason"

Unknown contact said:

"I have had the opportunity to work at this school as an SLPA sub and it is by far the best preschool I have been to. Also, as an Early Childhood Educator myself, I would highly recommend this playschool. This one is unique and its location provides such amazing outdoor experiences. We don't need another strip mall daycare. Getting rid of this fantastic location to enrich our children's lives would be devastating."

Unknown contact said:

"The school has been a fantastic community resource for many and has taken excellent care of the city's building! It will be challenging for them to find another space in such an ideal location, especially with the nearby playground and walking trails. We would very much like to see it stay and implore the city to change their decision. "

Unknown contact said:

"I just think it's been there and they are set up so nicely why make them move. No one else will move into the log cabin and it would be a shame if it just sits and is not utilized"

Unknown contact said:

"I think that building is perfect for a playschool and should stay Spruce Grove Playschool. It's already set up. All the supplies and equipment are there. The playground is already there.

I'm concerned that the building will be used for a homeless shelter or something that is not family friendly, making it more difficult for our family to use that area of the city and forest. There are many places that we explore in the forest area and then come across people that restrict our exploration making us feel unsafe. and I fear if this playschool area is not used for the playschool, we will not feel comfortable in yet another beautiful area of the city that we currently enjoy. "

Unknown contact said:

"I have no children in the school but my daughter attended 25 years ago I was also the treasure for the school that year. Loved the school "

Unknown contact said:

"This school has taught my kids so much about nature and is the perfect school and location. I'm very sad to hear they have to move. It has a field and the perfect playground for these kids to play. "

Unknown contact said:

"It's not just the log cabin that makes it important. It was the surrounding area. The kids got to see the wildlife and take walks in the trails. "

Unknown contact said:

"Our entire community has fought for the last 6 months to shut down the hub to keep our children and seniors safe . Now with the hub closing , there is no reason to relocate the play school as this area will soon be safe for our children again "

Unknown contact said:

"Please please stay in the same location. It's so cute and perfect for yoh guys! I want to send my son but I'm waiting on the decision to be made"

Unknown contact said:

"To my knowledge, for the past 25 years, SG Playschool has always run out of city owned buildings. City Hall, Agena, Log Cabin. I would hope they would find a new home in city owned facilities for the organization to operate out of."

Unknown contact said:

"Spruce Grove Playschool's location is central and offers an idea space for the young minds of our future to be shaped. We have had our grandchildren attend here and the educators are the best. The location is the best. Please reconsider, its important to keep this log cabin for the children of our community!  
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Unknown contact said:

"This location allowed for so much outdoor programming and connecting with nature. It is ideally suited to be a playschool and is bitterly disappointing that the City is forcing the move. "

Unknown contact said:

"Please leave the school is there is a lot of kids go there and the park right there for them to play"

Unknown contact said:

"The log cabin is a perfect location for the play school. Inside is the perfect setup for 2 class rooms and an area in the middle for Moms and Dads to connect. The forest and path system outside allows so much opportunity for learning about nature and with the play structure right outside it offers another area to play. We have such fond memories of our time there. "

Unknown contact said:

"I worked at the log cabin when it was a Japanese school (i taught English to Japanese students), back in the mid 1990's, when it was Kokusai Kaiyou School. This partnership allowed me to also go teach in Japan. This school holds a special place in my heart. It was my understanding that the owner of the Japanese school gifted the log cabin back to the city when they closed down. I enjoyed knowing that it continued to be a school after i finished teaching (& i even sent my daughter there). I absolutely loved the program....& the only thing i loved more was the affordability . I felt like i was getting an Ivy league education -on public school costs. I would love to see the school stay in its current location... but either way, i certainly hope it stays in Spruce Grove & continues to offer top notch programs at an affordable cost."

Unknown contact said:

"Sad to hear spruce grove decided not to renew lease. The log cabin has been the best place for this play school for many years! And was hoping for the school to remain a staple in the community "

Unknown contact said:

"Part of the magic of Spruce Grove Playschool is its building and location. All my children have attended, with one currently enrolled, and they refer to it as "their log cabin school". From the cozy location nestled among the trees and set-back from the main road, to the charm and character of the log structure, this is the essence of Spruce Grove Playschool. One of the main reasons we chose to send our children to SGPS was the cozy, welcoming environment that we deemed extremely important to our children's early development. This goes beyond the teachers and activities (we are lucky to have many great preschool programs in Spruce Grove). The whole environment and setting of the log cabin instantly sets my children at ease when they enter. They will spend 12+ years in traditional school classrooms, so to spend their young years in an enriched and unique environment is such a benefit to them. In addition, the natural playground and outdoor spaces are a great asset to the kids' development, and this is not easy to find with other preschool programs.

I do have concerns over what the building will be used for. It has such character and history, and it's easy to imagine all the little faces that have gone through that building - learning how to share and hold a crayon, the echos of songs and laughter bouncing around off the ancient logs. I believe spaces have an energy to them, and I can't think of any better use for the building than as a space for children to grow. "

Unknown contact said:

"The log cabin has become a favorite among kids and parents. The access to walking trails and natural park are icons are encourage full, inclusive, learning. The staff are amazing and creative and I'm worried that if they move from the log cabin and the urban forest, creativity will be curbed and students and families will feel a significant loss. "

Unknown contact said:

"I was planning on enrolling my daughter this year once she is of age, I'm sad to hear this news! Lets hope you stay!!"

Unknown contact said:

"Why does the City need the school, leave as us. Both my Grandchildren went to playschool at the log cabin."

Unknown contact said:

"I said no to sending my children based on mine are not that age anymore. I also would not send to the cabin based on the homeless issue that is not being addressed by the city in that area.  
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Unknown contact said:

"The central location, with purpose-built playground adjacent to natural area is integral to operations. There is zero probability discontinuing the lease will result in a more community-building opportunity than what the Spruce Grove Playschool has provided. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"Why? It is a perfect location. ComfortVle for my child to attend. Not just the people but the feeling he would get walking up to the place. It is welcoming. I would really like to know what the plan is for the building. What is more important than the kids?"

**Unknown contact** said:

"The log cabin has been an ideal location for Spruce Grove Playschool. I would really like the city to be more transparent as to why they are not renewing this lease. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"I would of course still recommend Spruce Grove Playschool because of the teachers not just the location. However, the location brings so many opportunities for the students to learn outside. Being located directly on the trail system for nature walks and having a park directly next to it are HUGE factors of why I originally chose this playschool. No other Playschool's in the area can offer daily outdoor time. So this is very upsetting that we will be losing this."

**Unknown contact** said:

"I think the log cabin is the perfect location for Spruce Grove Playschool. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"I would prefer if council would allow for more public consultation "

**Unknown contact** said:

"This log cabin is a huge part of Spruce Groves history! We have so many fond memories of our daughter attending play school there. It is a perfect fit for the log cabin!"

**Unknown contact** said:

"This building is perfect for a playschool, and it would be a waste of funds to change it to anything else. I've only heard rumours of what the space might become, so don't want to assume those are correct, but it is a beautiful building with history in spruce grove. It should remain used for historically important businesses, education or uses. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"I would always recommend this play school BUT with it not being in the log cabin I don't know if it would have the same feel and enjoyment . This playschool location is not only convenient but also so unique and irreplaceable!!! It truly needs to stay where it is ! I spent 4 years at this playschool with my children and they still remember it it (grade 4 and 6 now ) "

**Unknown contact** said:

"It's perfect for preschool. Can't imagine it being anything else. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"The log cabin is such an iconic location for our children's first experience with school & learning. It is set in such a nature friendly location with a natural park, walking trails, community garden and wildlife right at the children's finger tips. Hoping the city of Spruce Grove will take these factors into consideration and realize the importance of this building in the play school community. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"It's should not be used to house the unsheltered. The location is to close to other schools and neighborhoods with small children. The log cabin should be used for play school children as it is perfect size and work's wonderful in the location for nature walks and so on. Plus the playschool built the park there. It has roots. My children would be upset to find out their old play school would be used to house the homeless. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"My children have grown, but we loved our experience at Spruce Grove Playschool they had years back! It is an ideal spot in the center of Spruce Grove and a beautiful rustic space for the learn through play classrooms. It is a quiet location and they made use of the walking trails for their outdoor time and I think that is what attracts many families to the school. As a resident in the area, and whose children attend neighboring schools, I would be concerned that the space may be used for the unsheltered as an alternative location for the HUB. I don't feel that the location would be suitable and hope that this is not a possibility of Spruce Grove Playschool cannot operate there any longer. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"Both my kids went to school at the cabin(my kids called it the cabin) for 2 years each. I love where the playschool is and that its close to walking trails for the kids to enjoy. It's not close to a road so there is peace of mind when dropping off and picking up that you don't have to worry about on coming traffic. I think it would be a major upset to spruce grove if this amazing school is forced to move. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"This building is perfectly suited for its current use as a playschool. I chose it for its proximity to the outdoor area and for the unique log design. I want my kids to appreciate the city and its history, and this building/playschool helped with that.

I hope that the city reconsiders the lease termination.

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**Unknown contact** said:

"I have registered my daughter for the fall session. We chose this preschool not only because of the rave reviews, but largely because of the log house setting. I am so saddened to hear the city of Spruce Grove is no longer supporting this iconic program. Somehow it doesn't sit well with me that the city will ignore public opinion and attract the homeless population from Edmonton to occupy the old police building - but toddlers, be gone! Appalled, really.

(I do have empathy for the homeless but I also have family members at Broxton park school whose children see absurd things and find drug paraphernalia on school grounds regularly at the hands of these residents.)"

**Unknown contact** said:

"This beautiful spot should not be turned into a homeless shelter. The city needs to re-think this ridiculous plan. I had considered sending my young child here but may not if the location changes."

**Unknown contact** said:

"With the cities increased homeless population, my fear is that this beautiful structure will be treated horribly. My siblings went to this play school years ago, and my children attended as well. The location is lovely so children can explore the outdoors while being close enough to run inside for any purpose. I'm extremely disappointed that the education of children in this city are clearly not important enough so keep this school as is, as it has been for many many years. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"Both of my sons attended Spruce Grove Playschool many years ago, when it was located in Broxton Park School. (My youngest is graduating from high school this year.) We were very pleased to see that they had moved to the log cabin, and even dropped in to visit the teacher and see the new classrooms. What a wonderful location for children to be able to connect with nature, with the natural playground and the trails so close by. Spruce Grove Playschool, a nonprofit parent cooperative playschool is an affordable option for many families, and losing this location would be a terrible loss for many children and families.

The City of Spruce Grove prides itself on being a great place for families to live. The decision to terminate the school's lease is likely based on financial factors, but the city should consider the needs of Spruce Grove's largest demographic population. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"The city should ashamed of itself for terminating this lease. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"Both of my children, who are now both in high school, attended Spruce Grove Playschool. They both still remember their teacher and as a parent, I feel the playschool laid the ground work for my children's successful school careers."

**Unknown contact** said:

"We never sent the kids there as I didn't know about this at the time. But, this has been a long-standing school and should be allowed to remain in the building."

**Unknown contact** said:

"My children never attended (because I couldn't get them back and forth, we did dayhome instead) but I heard many wonderful things about this school. My kids love the park attached so we visit often. The rumours I've heard of what is to come of the building is terrifying to have in the center of my community close to my kids school, places we walk and spend time so frequently. The school should stay!"



**Unknown contact** said:

"The City of Spruce Grove is making a huge mistake terminating the lease of the Playschool, and are also being intentionally shady about what is to replace it. It's almost to obvious that they're prioritizing their ridiculous "community hub" which has brought nothing but addicts to the area over our children. If the City goes ahead with their decision it's obvious the people of Spruce Grove need to voice their displeasure come voting time. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"I was so sad to hear about Spruce Grove City council forcing the Playschool to relocate.

The location, and the school are what make the experience for the kids. The building was so perfect, as my kids got to explore and the set up was a lot like what their next school (Kindergarten) would be like. My kids met friends there, and they are still friends to this day.

I have deep concerns about what the school is going to be replaced with, as the downtown core of spruce grove seems to be falling into the depths of homeless and drug addictions. It's unfortunate, because 5 years ago it was such a safe area, but this past year with the homeless population growing there, it made us decide against putting our youngest in playschool at spruce grove play school.

I hope you can find a more family friendly area, and a better location. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"I'm curious what the reason is that they're not renewing "

**Unknown contact** said:

"The heart of the playschool will continue even in a new location, but the log cabin has been a great spot for the playschool and I can't see it being used for anything else that I'd as integral to the heart of our city and such a great location for our children to explore, learn and play in."

**Unknown contact** said:

"Love that location and natural setting."

**Unknown contact** said:

"What would it be used for??? The City should be expressing this in transparency as to why the lease is being terminated. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"Not only did my kids attend, I went to playschool here. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"This is such an important school. The teachers provide so much value to the community. With spruce becoming a family community it would be such a loss to lose this important part of spruce grove history "

**Unknown contact** said:

"I am concerned it's going to be a shelter.

This school is a Reggio Emilia School! One of very few across the province!!! This schools environment is so beneficial to the brain development of young children! The school gave my child An experience that can't be offered at any other program in the city.

I think the city should have done a better job with where the homeless shelter is because that was not so safe for homes or the schools surrounding the shelter at the fire department across the street.  
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**Unknown contact** said:

"My children both attended here. It was a warm welcoming environment made in most part by the teachers, especially Mary Scofield. It was a loving space where the kids could easily access the forested area and experience nature hands on in the backyard. The nature playscape really made the kids develop their imaginations further. I hope that they can find a similar space for the future! "

**Unknown contact** said:

"It's really too bad. The log cabin is a perfect place for a play school. Being that SGPS is a nature-based play school, it just makes so much sense for it to be nestled into the park system. I have had two kids attend for three years, and another one will be attending this fall, and it's such a beautiful, peaceful, inspiring place for the children.

I would hope whatever it is used for next will be an equally edifying purpose. City of Spruce Grove, this location is too special to be wasted on anything less."

**Unknown contact** said:

"The placement of the preschool is such a great central location, its easily accessible, and a perfect spot for the program to run. There is nothing like it in the area that is easily accessible for many families at this central location. Please keep it where it is!!"

**Unknown contact** said:

"It's absolutely ridiculous that the city of spruce Grove is terminating a long standing agreement with a respected business which is a pillar to families within the community to potentially begin a homeless shelter. Bringing that demographic into the centre of three other schools, and kicking out the preschool is shameful. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"Please keep this playschool And location! It is so important to our community"

**Unknown contact** said:

"The log cabin that Spruce Grove Playschool is located in gives it character. The set up that they have there is absolutely amazing. It is the perfect size for the amount of students that attend. Spruce Grove Playschool is located in the perfect spot. The atmosphere is perfect. They are in the right location for their outdoor nature walks, trips to the public library and even have the park there for them to play on. It's absolutely wonderful. Please, City of Spruce Grove, reconsider your location for Spruce Grove Playschool. Thank you. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"As I have children that attend this school, I am highly disappointed that the city will be removing it from our education system. It is a Central school for kids. A huge part of our education system is going away. Along with what will be replacing it. Or will the historic building be knocked down. More information would be nice "

**Unknown contact** said:

"Problem with preschool moving locations is it's probably a political money decision. No concern for community, young children and the environment in which they learn in their developmental years. It's a wonderful and special location for children. Only reason I would recommend the school to other people no matter where they are located because it's a wonderful staffed preschool. Please don't take away the charm for our future adults."

**Unknown contact** said:

"The location was a selling feature for me when I first chose a playschool. It is an integral part of the community and is so cherished by many families "

**Unknown contact** said:

"This school has been an excellent starting point for my children to start their school years. It goes well with the image the school is aiming for (nature, outdoors) I can't imagine any place that would be better, and I can't image anything else being better suited for this log cabin location. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"A great school! Perfect location. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"This playschool has been an integral part of our family. My children both went through the playschool. Now our grand children are enrolled. The log cabin has been a convenient, central hub for pickup, drop off, socializing with other parents and guardians. A central hub to start our babies on the path to growing up. "

**Unknown contact** said:

"Continuing to send my children to the playschool would greatly depend on where they are forced to move. The current location is so ideal with the playground, the forest, and the green space right there. As well as the spruce grove library. It would be an absolute shame to have to potentially find a different playschool to send my kids to. Our family absolutely loves the teachers and the philosophy of the spruce grove playschool. "

Unknown contact said:

"The kids absolutely love the log cabin and playground right there. Feel very safe having my children playing farther away from any roads"

Unknown contact said:

"Was hard to answer as I do not have all the information. I don't know if I would send my kids depending on location to where you are and where I need to be for work. If it works out for those families then yes. "

Unknown contact said:

"The log cabin has long been used as an educational site welcoming families local and from afar. Having SGPS central in town is one of the backbones of our community and community's history. SGPS's Reggio inspired and natural environment programming is unique in our community and as such should remain in a unique and natural space. Being Reggio inspired means focusing on families as a whole not just the child; so allowing the playschool program to stay in this perfectly fitting unique space is not only supporting early education but also many local families. Reggio also means being able to be outdoor learning from and about our natural environment. The location of this school is perfect for that with the trees, trails and distance from any major roadways. The location keeps the children safe while they learn. While I can understand the city of Spruce Grove has a downtown vision, I hope it can continue to include the small town feeling. The SGPS is iconic in town; many of us parents remember attending the program as well. As a current parent and long ago alumni I'm saddened to see the school being asked to move and especially with such little notice. (I'm sure the lease covers the short notice but partnership wise it certainly seems uncaring) "

Unknown contact said:

"This school is an integral part of the community. Its location is perfect as it's close to the forest to allow for nature learning and set back off the main road making it safer for little ones and families. I request that Spruce Grove Playschool be granted this location to continue to teach our future generations. "

Unknown contact said:

"I have a granddaughter currently attending play school at the log cabin and it would be a shame to see this wonderful setting changed."

Unknown contact said:

"The playschool has always been a huge part of my children's lives, after 10 years of attending they still look for it and still talk about their amazing teachers and experiences there.  
The log cabin has THE PERFECT set-up/lay-out for this amazing playschool.

I recommend the place to all friends and families with little ones looking for playschool.  
Not just because of the teachers and the experiences the children have but also the building, the park and forest that surrounds it.

This playschool is one of the longest operating playschools in the City of Spruce Grove. They offer something unique that goes above and beyond many of the others in the area.  
The City of Spruce Grove should be supporting the playschool and doing their part to make them successful. NOT forcing them to relocate and possibly close their doors permanently.

I worry of what will come of this building once they are forced out.  
Is there actually a better use for it or is it a money thing and the city wants to increase their rental fees????

The City of Spruce Grove has not publicly disclosed the future use of the building (to my knowledge).

I really hope that the City of Spruce Grove will re-consider their decision, this affects SO MANY children and families in Spruce Grove area."

Unknown contact said:

"I feel that the log cabin is The play school. Depending where they move depends on if I would send my other children or not. The cabin is a safe and central location"

Unknown contact said:

"I will be devastated if the city chooses to not have the school there. This location for the school is perfect to align with what the school's motto and focus is which is LOTS OF OUTDOOR PLAY. Please please don't take this away from our kids. Spruce Grove already hardly has good places for children that involve the outdoors.

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Unknown contact said:

"I taught at the Playschool for many years and was working there when the Playschool moved into the log cabin. It was/is the perfect location. The Playschool spent a lot of money renovating the building to make it the perfect home for the students. I was very upset to hear the City is terminating the Playschool's lease. I hope the City will rethink their decision and let the log cabin continue to be the vibrant home of Spruce Grove Playschool. "

Unknown contact said:

"The Playschool is best suited to this space, a move would cause tax dollars to be spent to renovate the space to something new and waste the not for profits dollars renovating a new space to fit. The parking situation, park, adjacency to the forest and building itself are all best suited to the Playschool and the community members. This Playschool serves Spruce Grove well and will continue to. Moving is a mistake. "

Unknown contact said:

"Spruce Grove Playschool has been a wonderful introduction to education for my daughter. The log cabin location provides a welcoming and whimsical experience for children. I'm currently expecting my second child and was hoping he too would attend the Spruce Grove Playschool at its current location. I can't even begin to describe my disappointment that this will not be the case.

As a Spruce Grove resident of 8 years, I am also concerned about the reason the town of Spruce Grove deciding to terminate the lease without any kind of explanation. It sounds like they have some kind of sneaky plan that they don't want to disclose given the pending election. Our town is growing and the cabin is a gem that I couldn't imagine being used for anything other than a playschool.

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"My kids are older but I always recommend SG playschool. It's really unfortunate that it would possibly have to move again. Ive seen it move 3 times now - my kids started at Broxton, then Elks hall for a bit then the log cabin. And what is the city planning for the log cabin if not leasing to the playschool?"

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"The reason we loved SGPS so much was not just the amazing teachers, but also the log cabin and the attached park with adjacent trails. This is the only not-for-profit Playschool in spruce grove, as well as I'm aware and even with the child care subsidy, the other schools would be too expensive for us. Its a shame to evict a great school out of this building for no good reason. The city could be eliminating a successful not for profit in our city, with this decision. "

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"We were devastated to discover the city was terminating the lease. The beautiful playschool, natural playground and walking paths were the leading reasons for wanting to send my children here. The teachers are phenomenal and I will continue to send my children to any locations, but it is still absolutely heart wrenching to lose the location. "

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"I am concerned what the building will be used for in future. Further concerning that the city is saying nothing. Why is the City of Spruce Grove not forthcoming to its community partners and constituents? "

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"I like the current location and I'm concerned about what the city has planned for the log cabin"