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**playground
news**

"The success of the Lord Kitchener Elementary playground was a collaborative effort between the school, the school district and the community. We were happy with the products and services supplied by Habitat for this project."

Chris Foxon,
Grounds Maintenance
Supervisor,
School District #39
(Vancouver)



✓ Lord Kitchener Elementary • 4055 Blenheim St • Vancouver, BC

Have You Played on Kitchener? One of Vancouver's Largest Playgrounds!

Habitat's Vancouver Playgrounds

- Balaclava Playground
Balaclava & Carnarvon
- Coal Harbour Community Centre
500 Broughton Street
- Concord Pacific Daycare
188 Drake Street
- David Oppenheimer Elementary
188 Drake Street
- General Gordon Elementary
2896 6th Ave. West

Children at Lord Kitchener Elementary, located in Vancouver, BC enjoy their recesses and lunch hours playing on one of Vancouver's largest playgrounds. Installed in 2001 by Habitat Systems Inc, this playground project began when concerns were voiced that the existing wooden structure did not meet current CSA (Canadian Standards Association) guidelines for playstructures. In the year 2000 the school's playground committee wanted to be proactive and began fundraising for a new playground with the goal of having it installed a year later. While the playground is located on school property, this area is enjoyed by a large number of children. This includes the nearby preschool, the Dunbar Softball League and the Dunbar Soccer Association, both of who were contributors to the Kitchener Project.

This playground project was made possible through the combined efforts of the Kitchener Playground Committee, School District #39 and the surrounding community. Sandra Herd, member of the Kitchener Playground Committee stated that "the over \$100,000 of equipment purchased for the playground was raised completely through fundraising efforts. This included donations from community organizations, businesses and grants."

The Landscape Structures playground equipment selected by Kitchener was chosen based on a variety of factors including environmental concerns, warranty, company history, references, the opinion



✓ Lord Kitchener Elementary 3D • Vancouver, BC

of the Vancouver School Board, whether the equipment could accommodate a large range of ages, and price. Herd also stated "the school wanted to select colours for the playground that would blend with the surrounding natural environment". For this reason the colours Pine Green, Tan and Blue were selected.

When asked what advice Herd would give to other schools looking to begin a large playground project she stated that, "you should always talk to the School Board first and see what they can do to help, then go out and test a variety of equipment, and finally make it a community project; it is far too large of a project for a PAC Chairperson to do alone." When asked about how the children liked the playground, Herd stated, "the kids love it!" ✓

Habitat Systems Provides Local Playground Support



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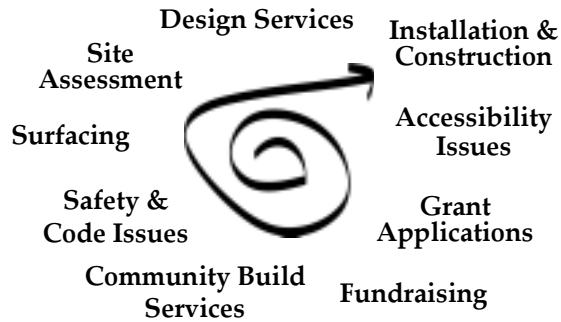


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Habitat's PAC Support System has been designed and created to specifically address the service and support needs of Parent Advisory Councils. Habitat's dedication to service and exceptional playground equipment has made a significant impact on PAC's buying decisions. After careful consideration by buyers, clients have repeatedly chosen Habitat's playgrounds equipment, enhancing our local communities for kids.

Habitat's expert staff will take you through each stage of the playground planning process including the items listed below. ✓



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Habitat's Vancouver Playgrounds

- Graham Bruce Elementary
3633 Tanner Street
 - Gray's Park
33rd & St. Catherines
 - John Henderson Annex
801 East 54th Ave.
 - Little Mountain Neighbourhood House
425 East 29th Ave.
 - Lord Roberts Elementary
1100 Bidwell Street
 - Quayside Park
1010 Pacific Blvd.
 - Quilchena Elementary
5300 Maple Street
 - Strathcona Park
Venables & Raymur St
 - Guy Carleton Elementary
3315 E. 22nd Ave.
 - Richard McBride
1300 29th Ave. East
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