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**playground
news**

“We wanted to build a playground that was high quality...something that would last many years for the kids.”

*Colleen Horch,
Parent Advisory Council,
Bakerview Elementary*



✓ **Bakerview Elementary** • 32622 Marshall Road • Abbotsford, BC

Bakerview Elementary Starts 2004 / 2005 School Year on New Playground

Habitat's Abbotsford Projects

- Abbotsford Christian School
35011 Old Clayburn Rd.
- Bradner Elementary
5291 Bradner Road
- Dr. Roberta Bondar
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- Goldfinch Park
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- Ross Elementary
2451 Ross Road
- Dasmesh Punjabi School
33094 S Fraser Way
- Ten Broeck Elementary
2580 Stanley Street

Children at Bakerview Elementary, located in Abbotsford, BC now enjoy their recesses and lunch hours playing on their school's new playground. Installed in March of this year by School District #34, this playground project began when there were voiced concerns that the existing wooden structure did not meet current safety standards. While the playground is located on school property, this area is enjoyed by a large number of children in the community, including the on-site preschool.

This playground project was made possible through the combined efforts of parents on the Bakerview Advisory council and the local community. Colleen Horch, part of the Bakerview council stated that “the approximately \$40,000 of equipment purchased for the playground was raised through fundraising efforts.” This included volunteering at a local bingo hall in exchange for funds from the BC Gaming Commission, gift-wrap sales, chocolate sales, meat sales and a community walk-a-thon.

The Landscape Structures Inc. playground equipment supplied by Habitat Systems Inc. was selected by Bakerview School based on four key steps taken by the PAC group. They began the project by talking to School District #34 and obtaining a list of recommended suppliers. Meetings were then requested with each

supplier. Based on these meetings, the PAC narrowed the list down to three suppliers based on requirements such as the quality of the equipment and maintenance related issues. Parents at the school then visited existing playground sites and tested the quality of the equipment. The final supplier, Habitat, was then contacted to provide complete design options.

When asked what advice Horch would give to other schools wanting to begin a playground project she stated that you should look for equipment that is high quality; something that will last many years for the kids. When asked about how the children liked the playground, Horch stated, “the kids love it!” ✓



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Habitat Systems Provides Local Playground Support



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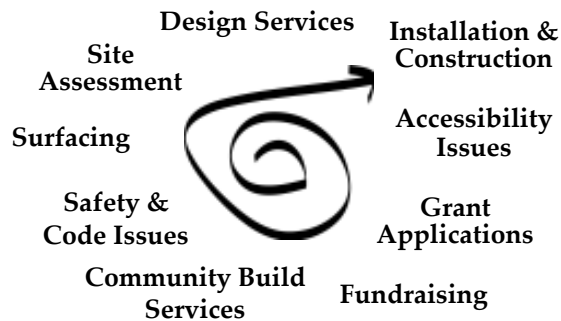


✓ **Mill Lake Park** • Near the corner of Bevan Ave. and Gladwin Rd. • Abbotsford, BC

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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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Mark Bodie
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✓ **Bradner Elementary** • 5291 Bradner Road • Abbotsford, BC

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