



March 15, 2023

Park Board Commissioners  
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation  
2099 Beach Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V6G 1Z4

**Re: West Point Grey Community Centre Playground renewal (Aberthau Playground)**

Dear Commissioners,

A well-loved playground at West Point Grey Community Centre has recently undergone a renewal due to its age and condition. This playground is well used by the West Point Grey Community Centre and preschool, as well as the larger community.

Previously, the structure and equipment did not support accessible or inclusive play. Additionally, the playground was difficult to access from the main parking lot or community centre due to uneven surface and no accessible path, while the raised wood perimeter ribbing and pea gravel significantly limited mobility.

The new playground design includes an accessible pathway connecting from the parking lot and flush to grade concrete perimeter edging and rubber surfacing that provides multiple access points to new climbing equipment with more diversity and complexity of play. The redesign provides opportunities for children ranging from 2-12 and allows a more welcoming and inclusive play space. Features include new equipment, natural play elements, seating, and storage as well as a log and boulder outdoor classroom.

The Park Board received 50% of the cost to install the rubber surface through the Tire Stewardship BC Community (TSBC) Grant Program, which helped make this surfacing option financially possible. We are thankful for the opportunities that TSBC makes available to the City and other groups to help offset costs of rubber surfaces in playgrounds.

We are excited to invite you to the soft opening of playground with Community Centre staff and the preschool on Monday, March 20 at 11:45 am to celebrate.

Hope you have chance to enjoy the playground in the near future!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Celia Winters".

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Previous playground condition looking northwest, summer 2022



New playground under construction looking northeast, March 2023