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After three off season public meetings discussing designs for the proposed Glen Eagles Adventure Park (West Vancouver, BC), May 2005 brought heavy equipment in to dismantle the existing temporary skills park and 'New Line Skate Parks' got to work with King Kubota contracting to start overall Adventure park infrastructure that could support full sk8 park, skills area and bike wash. As time went on it became apparent that the proposed climbing wall would be put on hold however construction moved forward at a blistering pace for sk8 and bike components.



Hoots was contracted to facilitate design and complete build for the bike skills park area as the current program director and phase I project manager was whisked off to police school. West Vancouver appointed Mike Miller, a very experienced and organized project manager to co ordinate efforts between contractors, municipality and architects which brought the best out of everyone involved.



Project timelines and schedule were about as good as it gets however our window of opportunity for bike

build was just over a week, and with King Kubota master excavator operator MTB Mike at the helm of a trusty 200 Hitachi, the Hoots crew got down to business and completed the build of the park including dirt and technical features in 8 days with two more days needed at the end of the over all project to lay down the top capping materials and pack accordingly.



All features from the phase I project were incorporated in the permanent park as well as the inclusion of a couple of new features. Since I had ridden the phase I park multiple times as well as spoken to the local youth I had the tools needed to expand the final design to have more riding in less area, condensing where needed while still keeping momentum lines open.



With the bike park finished additional fencing and security were needed while the Sk8 Park and landscaping was completed in time for a July 25th Grand opening which included a ribbon cutting ceremony, cake and lots of riding on sk8 boards and bikes alike.



Maintenance is done by local youth who were involved in the initial building as volunteers, as well as a informal agreement with Hoots. In the summer a staff sk8 park monitor who gives out helmets and

protective gear at the sk8 park also identifies maintenance issues and rectifies problem areas. A risk management plan and detailed inspection list was requested and authored specifically for this park.



Glen Eagles Adventure Park is open to the public and runs regular programming on it. It has the best 'emergency action plan' of all parks as it is nestled between the rec center and a firehall. This park is the first time a skate park and skills park have been installed next to each other.

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