

# 07 Port Coquitlam - Shaughnessy Bike Park

Port Coquitlam, BC – Shaughnessy Skills Park



The city of Port Coquitlam asked staff in the mid 90's to create a vision of the future and several employees combined resources to create a concept multi use non traditional park land space that incorporated bicycles. The city put resources away year after year until almost a decade later they had enough money set aside to ask staff to pursue a feasibility study for the envisioned park.

Hoots was contacted by the landscape architect (Paul Whitehead) who was contracted during the study and created 3 versions of 'the vision' to help define what possible bike parks would look like and how they could be incorporated into the green space.



After one year council and staff collectively created and approved provisioning for a temporary skills park in order to evaluate its effectiveness and public acceptance. Staff was very enthusiastic and again Hoots was called in to work in consultation with the architect to set the way for a design/build of the bike park within a prescribed budget.



Full public consultation on the park ensued and with feedback from open house meetings a final design was developed, materials list created and all levels of staff were prepped to deal with the imminent construction of The Skills Park.





Over 500 truck loads of dirt were brought to site while the city brought in materials and components for installation. Due to horrible weather the build was held off until it could no longer wait and even with torrential rain Hoots got the job done, finishing infrastructure, building structures and the backbone for a park that was soon going to be finalized and detailed by the local community as per their request.



The first volunteer day that was scheduled for the park brought out 40 stoked riders of all ages and levels of ability but due to the rain and miserable weather dirt could not be shaped so everyone got to work clearing, cleaning and even building new features powered by pizza and fruit.





Norco Bikes came to the park with staff ready to work and brought event tents and 08 bikes for people to oggle. To keep the volunteers stoked Norco gave away tons of prizes, some signed posters and swag for everyone interested.



With sunny weather on the way Crankworks interrupted volunteerism for a brief week but without a glitch 20 more enthusiastic riders came out the following weekend which incidentally was a long weekend. This was the day of Dirt and thanks to the rainy weather and then super hot sun all the dirt was hard as rock! CAP sent in Gerry on the mini hoe to scarify the dirt and over 8 hours we all managed to shape every dirt jump, rake the place clear of rock and get the wall ride dirt quarter shaped.



Because of the dry weather the dirt was very dusty and it was hard to shape in great detail so a call was made and the POCO fire department came out and gave the place a spray!!!



With the second volley day finished the park looked great! Signage was completed within weeks and use of the park skyrocketed to over 100 people in a day!



With summer over, POCO was quick to have an official park opener and with mayor and council in attendance local youth and riders alike took time to do maintenance on the park right up to the mayors speech!





Local bike shop Westwood cycles and Norco both came out and did free service on bikes and the City offered free refreshments and access to a hot dog stand!



POCO skills park is very diverse sitting on just over 1 acre of land and offering progressive skills sections from skinny riding to jumps to sk8 style ramps. The city of POCO is responsible for park maintenance and has hired students in part time park supervisor positions in off season and are committed to hire full time positions in the summer to do basic maintenance and mentor.







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