

## 08 Langley BC, Penzer Skills Park

In the fall of 2007 Langley City contacted Paul from Greenway Landscape Architecture (a Hoots project partner) looking to develop a Skills Park in a green space that currently had a baseball field but did not utilize the whole greenway of the block land parcel.

It was important to Langley that full public process was received and during the winter we had excellent meetings with both riders and members of the community for park design input.



Soon after the meeting date Hoots submitted a concept design that the city became excited about and all information was forwarded to the local youth director who tabled the design to local youth looking for last requests and approval of the design. Once this took place Hoots used the next month to develop a full design package, and man what a doozy !!!



The agreement for construction was that the City would build the park while Hoots consulted and contributed construction hours. After a huge effort went into the sub grade several challenged starts resulted in Hoots getting the construction rolling while the City played a supporting role.



Weather held out during the build and the park came together efficiently and effectively.



With scheduling issues at hand, the Hoots crew finished the existing features in the park for public use and left for another project while the City allocated more resources to meet their support requirements.



Back on the scene we hit the park blazing construction on all lines throughout the park. The 2 weeks of riding from the community created a lot of maintenance issues and Hoots responded while still keeping high production on the balance of the park.



The completed park was finished before Grand Opening and the city had time to prepare for the event.



The Grand Opening was a major success and a HUGE amount of riders and community of young and old came out to rip and have fun. Langley council and Mayor made appearances including local companies to support the cause.



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Penzer park also contains many features that are 'unique' to bike parks including super skinny rides, step up box and a sessionable technical ride that can be linked together over 300'.

While several dozen riders came out and volunteered, a core of 6 locals came out on a regular basis over the complete build timeline to help out and put in crazy amounts of hours in to the park! They are Hoots super hero's!



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