

Pawel led the design and implementation processes as the prime consultant for a series of small neighbourhood parks for Ridge Meadows Parks and Leisure Services (RMPLS), who manages all park developments in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows within the Greater Vancouver area. The design phase often included an extensive public consultation process, in which the communities and RMPLS developed programming objectives that informed the design and development of projects.

Landscape elements commonly incorporated in these designs include:

- stormwater management plan including constructed wetlands
- a system of accessible trails
- fencing and gates systems allowing for effective access-control for vehicles
- play areas for children
- sports courts for youth
- neighbourhood information kiosks
- off-leash dog areas and jogging trails.



Set in various locations, each park had a variety of unique design challenges:

- **Waterfront Park** and **Hoffman Park** had to incorporate multiple park activities into an existing mature forest, where the protection of the environment was the prime objective.
- **Cottonwood Park** and **Reg Franklin Park** had streams running through the park. Therefore, the site design had to allow for an effective storm water management solution that would protect aquatic habitat in the streams and minimise erosion of the embankments.
- **Boundary Park** was developed on a site that was classified as a heritage site; therefore its design required very careful coordination of work with an archeological consultant to ensure that the built structures did not encroach on historically sensitive features.
- **Honey Nokai Park** was developed within the area that was changing its density from single family housing to apartment buildings with higher populations, hence it had a growing need for outdoor activities. This design combined five, large single lots into one community park, with a sports court, playgrounds, recreation lawn and a constructed wetland area that collected storm water from the park and provided habitat for local wildlife.
- **MacLean Park** The main objective for this park adjacent to a high density development was ensuring high aesthetic and environmental values, good functionality, safety for the visitors and low maintenance costs. This design incorporated a variety of natural play elements for a wide range of activities designated for all ages and abilities. A picnic shelter, boardwalk and viewing area adjacent to the reconstructed wetland provided an enjoyable family destination.