



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of BRITISH COLUMBIA

SAFE, ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUNDS

Thanks for all the responses to last week's long newsletter. I hope that you found the info that you needed. If not, make sure to connect with my office.

CORRECTIONS LAST NEWSLETTER:

Sorry! We missed the links in my last email to my tributes to Stocky Edwards in the Legislature. Here they are:

Happy 100th Birthday Stocky Edwards, last year: [Click Here](#)

Tribute on his passing: [Click Here](#)

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

Is someone in your life, your workplace, or church celebrating a Milestone birthday or anniversary? Make sure to put in a request for a letter from your MLA. Requests are made online here: <https://www.protocolapplications.gov.bc.ca/CMSForm>

[LINK TO PROTOCOL REQUEST](#)



CELEBRATING PLAY

For far too long, parents were burdened with fundraising to replace old and unsafe school playgrounds or build new playgrounds. Unfortunately, this meant that children in wealthier communities were more likely to have safer and newer playgrounds.

ON THURSDAY I VISITED COURTENAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE THE \$30 MILLION MILESTONE INVESTMENT IN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SINCE 2018 PROVINCE-WIDE. THE EVENT WAS ATTENDED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AND STAFF. I EVEN GOT THE CHANCE TO TEST THE EQUIPMENT MYSELF!



CELEBRATING PLAY CONTINUED

To make sure that children throughout the province have safe places to play, our government created the Playground Equipment Program in 2018 to build accessible and modern playground equipment across B.C. Since 2018, we have invested \$30 million and built 231 new playgrounds across B.C, benefiting over 57,000 students. Courtenay Elementary was one of the first new playgrounds delivered here in Courtenay-Comox. Airport and Huband Schools have also received playgrounds with this program. Aspen Park and Arden Elementary playground projects were also recipients of funding for playgrounds.

Playgrounds are a big part of our children's lives. Students look forward to the free time they spend on the playground every day, and they learn how to share and problem solve while playing together. And playing outside also helps kids focus and learn more effectively in the classroom.

Photo Comox Valley Record - Courtenay-Comox MLA
Ronna-Rae Leonard takes a swing at the new playground
at Courtenay Elementary, Thursday. Scott Stanfield photo

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