1 PROJECT: BABICH PARK PLAYGROUND AND SHELTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The City of Abbotsford is planning to construct a new playground and shelter at Babich Park.

Babich Park is located at 33404 Wren Crescent in the Hazelwood neighbourhood. The park is approximately 2.73 hectares in size. Existing amenities include baseball diamond, soccer field and open space. Babich Park Trail connects the south side of the park to McCallum Place.

The new playground and shelter will be located on the south side of the park behind the baseball backstop and near the park entrance on Babich Place. These additions will complement the existing amenities of the park and provide a fun, interactive, safe, and accessible space for the community to enjoy.

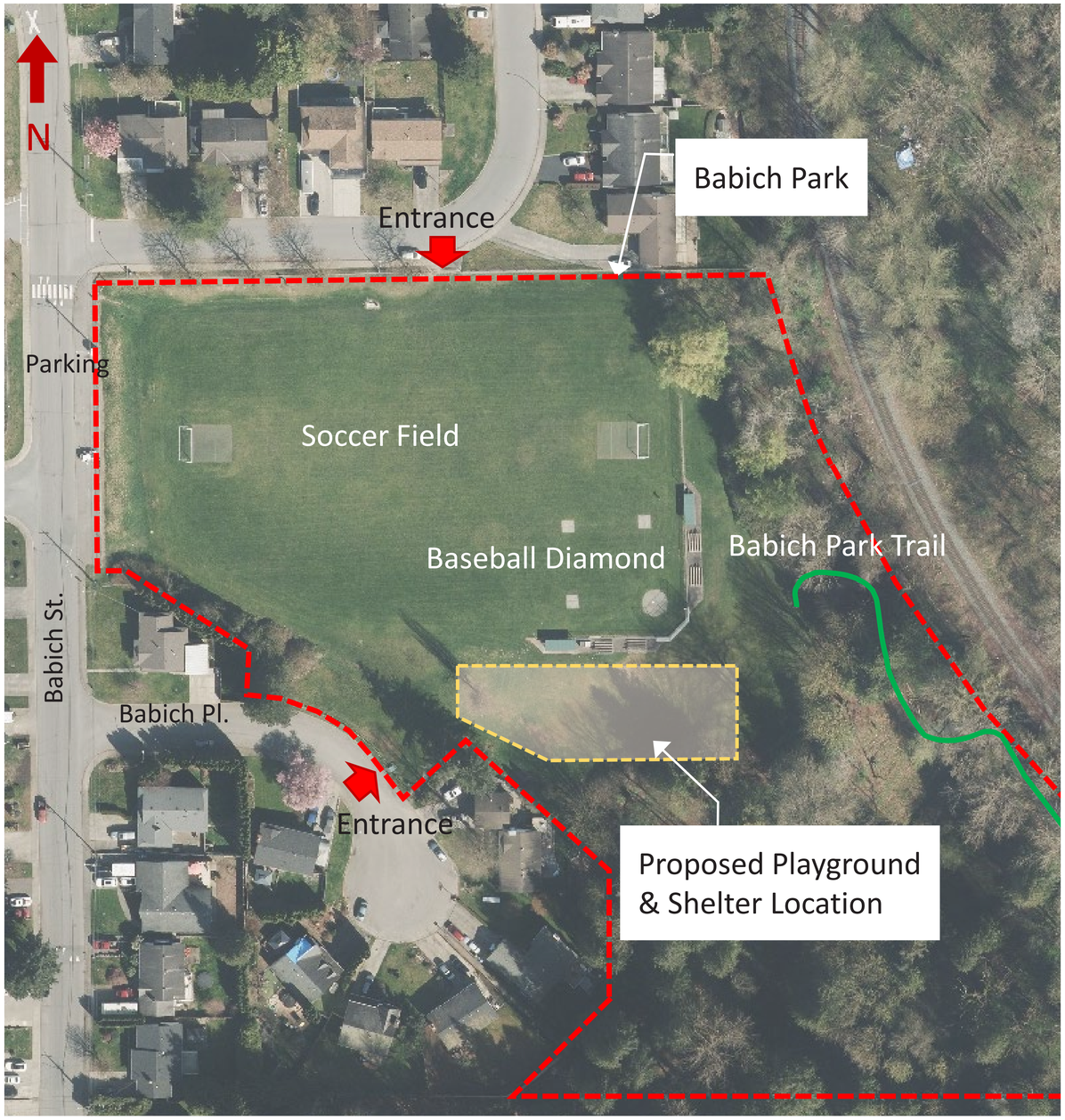
From March 2, 2026 to March 22, 2026, the City of Abbotsford gathered your ideas for the playground and shelter through an online survey and neighbourhood event.

Now at Stage 3, the Parks Planning team is seeking your feedback on the proposed park concept design.

PROJECT PROCESS

STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	STAGE 5
Public Engagement	Concept Design	Public Engagement Virtual	Final Design Completion	Construction
✓	✓	WE ARE HERE		
Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Fall 2026	Winter 2026	Spring / Summer 2027

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EXISTING SITE PLAN

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2 WHAT WE HEARD: BABICH PARK PLAYGROUND & SHELTER

These are the TOP results gathered from the March 2, 2026 to March 22,2026 online and in-person engagement events.

WHAT YOU SAID

1. Most survey participants love the idea of adding a new playground and shelter at Babich Park.
2. Many participants indicated they would like the new playground to provide distinct play experience from the existing amenity at Terry Fox Elementary School.
3. Design the shelter and playground to meet the play needs of children of all ages and abilities.
4. Top 4 voted playground features are swings, climbing features, slides and twisting/spinning features.
5. People enjoy using the lawn and open space, soccer field, and baseball diamond in the park. Existing amenities should be maintenaned.

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TOP 4 VOTED PLAYGROUND FEATURES

- **SWINGS**



- **CLIMBING FEATURES**



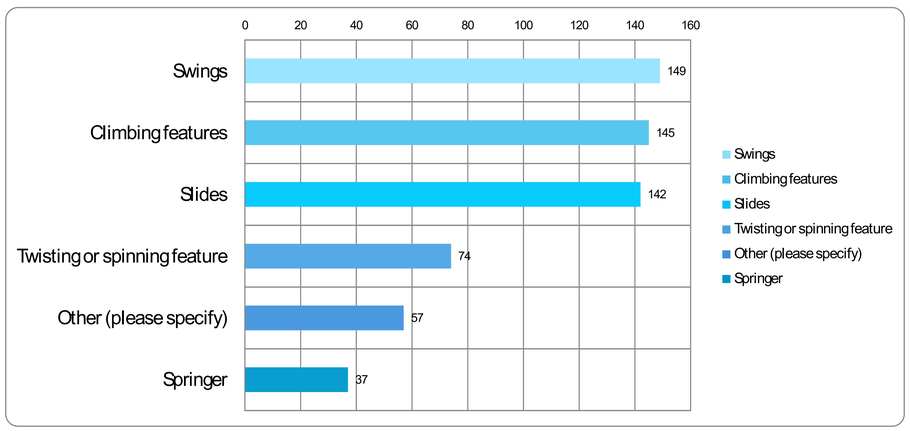
- **SLIDES**



- **TWISTING OR SPINNING FEATURE**



SURVEY DATA - PLAYGROUND FEATURES



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3 DESIGN ANALYSIS: BABICH PARK PLAYGROUND & SHELTER

DESIGN INSPIRATION

- Proposed play elements at Babich Park are focused on using the body as a part of the playground. Children of all abilities will develop coordination, agility and strength skills that promote health as well as being transferable to many other sports.
- Connected by a continuous pathway, each playground element can be explored in many ways and children can play alone or even compete against each other. Who can jump higher or complete the loop faster?
- Parkour is becoming a more popular feature in community parks. International research shows these activities increase bone density, agility, and provide critical fall training for people of all ages including seniors.
- A welcoming, all-weather community gathering space for picnics, celebrations and social connection, offering views of the playground and sports firlds while encouraging people to spend more time in the park.



Bamboo jungle climber with integrated colour game



Picnic Shelter for community gathering.



Asphalt trike track for scooters, 3- and 4-wheelers



Hill slide with stone edging



Hop gaps



Over/Under parkour walls



Social mound with integrated seating



Rubberized shock absorbing surfacing



Running wall feature



Zip line as exciting all-ages feature



Accessible spinner for group and individual play

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4 CONCEPT DESIGN: BABICH PARK PLAYGROUND & SHELTER



NEW PARK FEATURES

1. Picnic Shelter
2. Trike Track
3. Accessible Spinner
4. Hill Slide
5. Zip Line
6. Bamboo Jungle
7. Jump Gap
8. Running Wall
9. Parkour Walls
10. Hop Gaps
11. Drinking Fountain
12. Accessible Pathway
13. Gravel Pathway
14. Existing Tree
15. New Tree
16. Existing Baseball Facility

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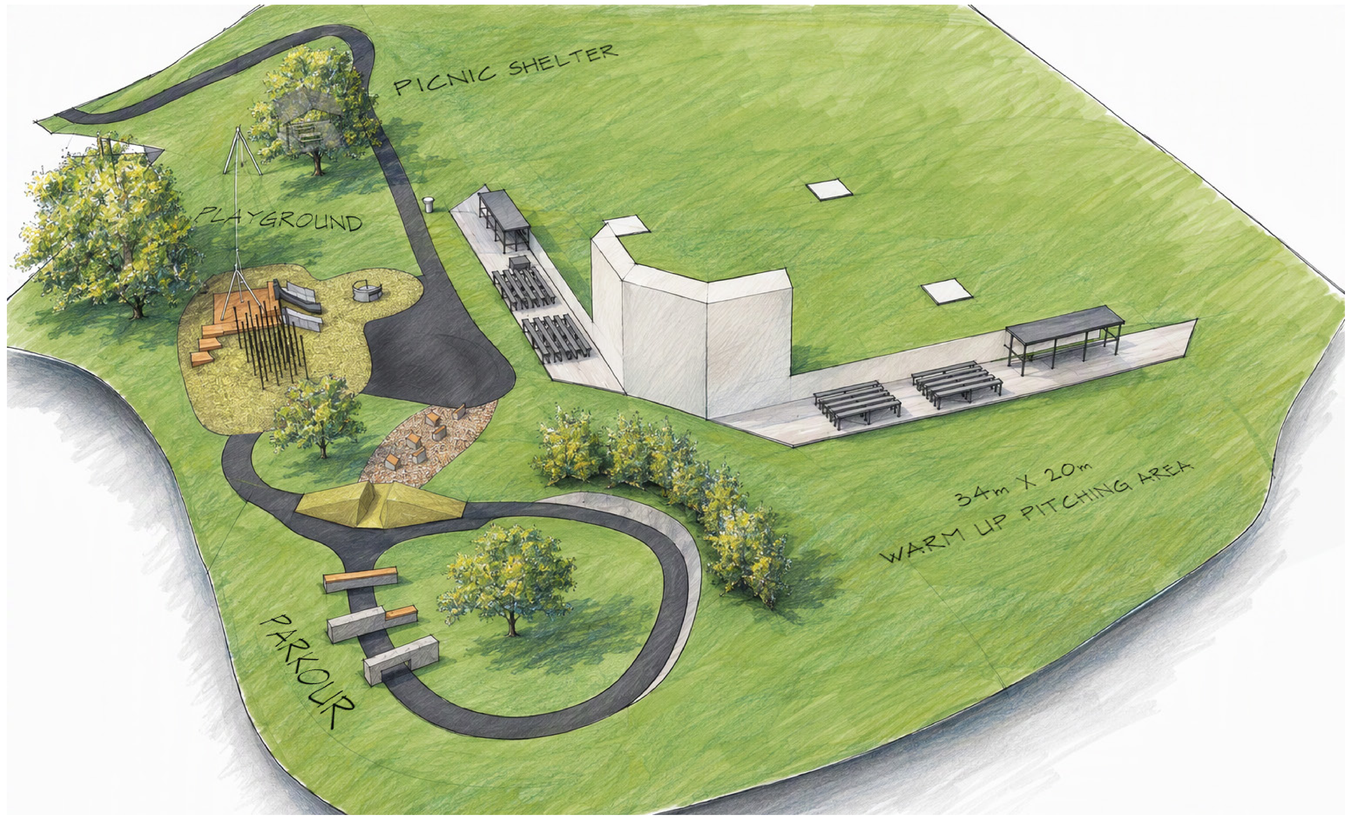
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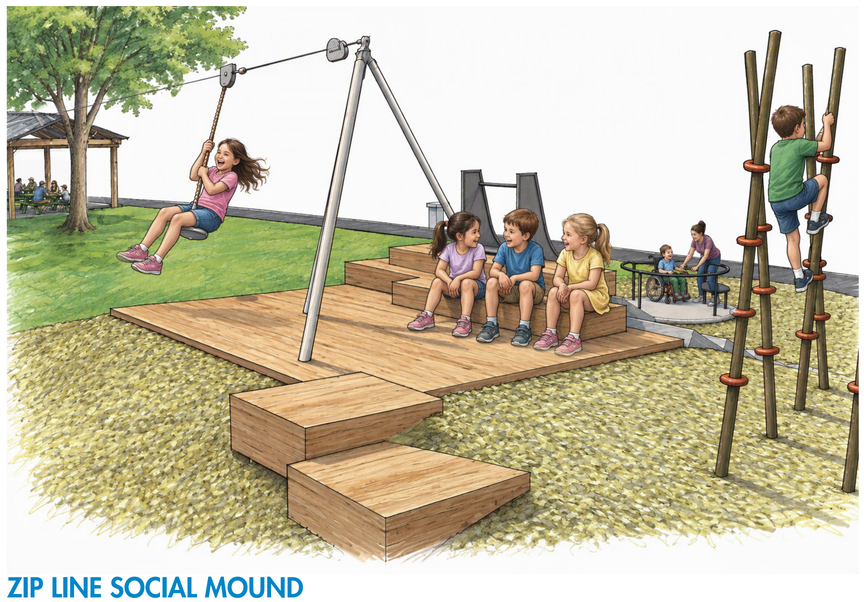
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JUMP RAMP AND RUNNING WALL

- A multitude of different features encourage children to use their bodies in all different ways.
- Native drought-resistant tree grove provides screening behind the backstop during baseball games. Additional trees along the south side of the playground provide additional shade for the busy zip line mound.
- All park features are accessible to people with mobility limitations.
- Built-in seating and playground structures will utilize sustainably-sourced rot-free wood for durability.



ZIP LINE SOCIAL MOUND



PARKOUR MANOEUVRES

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