

# CENTRAL PARK

## PLAYSPACE DESIGN ELEMENTS

### Turf Mounds and Undulating Topography

The inclusion of grassy mounds in a playground design offer change in elevation, shifting views, site character, space definition, agility challenges and imaginative play. Is it a mound, mountain or castle?

The Central Park Playground Design proposes five large mounds with minimum height of 0.8 metres and maximum height of 1.5 metres surrounding the central play area.



### Climbing and Balancing Logs

Logs and logging are culturally connected to Honeymoon Bay and Central Park. Logs provide a physical connection to the past present and future of the area. Logs are a renewable ecologically sustainable material that can take many forms.

Incorporated into a playground logs can be upright or laying down, singular or grouped to create climbing, balancing and imaginative fun.



### Log Steps - Log Rounds

Log rounds at various lengths and diametres can be utilized on a playground for pathway steps, climbing and balancing as well as edge definement between materials. They provide opportunity for imaginative play while improving strength, balance and coordination.

At Central Park log rounds will divide the grass, gravel and sand areas as well as create



### Interesting and Inspiring Vegetation

Plants can be used to provide a variety of playful and sensory experiences at a playground. Colour, texture, smell, movement and shape of plants can initiate imagination and experience beyond traditional playground elements.

Vegetation can also become educational connecting children to traditional knowledge, history, horticulture, ecology and biology.



### Embankment Slide

Sliding is an important and traditional playground activity. Sliding and climbing up promotes physical activity and builds confidence, strength and coordination.

Slides are always popular on a playground resulting in gathering children who then socialize and interact learning patience, sharing and safety while waiting for their next turn down the slide.



### Boardwalk and Sitting Deck

The boardwalk and sitting deck provides a raised surface for movement or stationary activities. The boardwalk is constructed of wood which creates a change in sound, texture and colour from the other materials in the park.

The proposed design acts as a stage/sitting area for viewing the play area as well as a meandering connective pathway.



### Live Willow Tunnel

Live Willow Tunnels are fun, affordable, and sustainable play elements. Native willow is harvested then planted and maintained as tunnels. Over time the willow matures and the tunnels become well defined providing imaginative play.

The Central Park playspace will have two willow tunnels over a circular pathway where all visitors can experience the tunnels.



### Sand Play

Children have a natural affinity for sand play. Sand play is a traditional playground activity and sand is a natural, sustainable and affordable material. Sand allows children to creatively sculpt and deconstruct while engaging in a tactile, abstract and undefined manner.

Sand boxes are also gathering places where children learn important social skills like cooperation, negotiation and respect.



### Meandering Pathways and Connections

Pathways provide access leading and connecting playground users to the different elements and sensory experiences of the park. Pathways can be ridged and obvious or soft and shifting depending on design intention and construction.

Pathways can also provide play and recreation opportunities through climbing, circulating and exploring.

