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This morning, Mayor Lois E. Jackson, members of Delta Council and the Delta School District celebrated the official grand opening of the Holly Elementary School Playground Improvement Project with the children and parents of the school.

This was a much needed improvement, as the deteriorating original wooden playground structure required continual maintenance and was prone to flooding. The design of the old playground provided activity opportunities only for primary aged children.

The new playground has features and activity centres for children aged two to twelve, and includes a challenging climbing feature for the older children. It is the first playground in East Ladner to provide for the mobility challenged with an access ramp and easy stairs for access to the slides and other elevated activities, along with numerous ground level activity centres. Due to the relocation of the playground and the inclusion of perimeter site drainage, flooding will no longer be an issue.

“This new playground is now a wonderful amenity for students, parents and the neighbourhood to enjoy,” said Mayor Lois E. Jackson. “This project is another example of the community coming together to support our children. Many, many children will benefit from this playground project.”

To finance this project, the Corporation of Delta partnered with the Delta School District and the Holly Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) through its community initiated Cost Share Program. The total project budget for the playground was \$73,000. Delta’s financial contribution was \$35,000 with the Delta School District contributing \$13,000 and Holly’s PAC raising \$25,000 for this much needed project.

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