

DIALOG

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A vibrant and inclusive space in downtown Vancouver

Bridges & Urban Infrastructure, Indigenous Collaborations, Sports & Recreation, Urbanism



LOCATION

Vancouver, BC

CLIENT

Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

COMPLETION

2022

COLLABORATORS

AES Engineering

Smith Bros. & Wilson

WSP

Earthscape

DIALOG SERVICES

Landscape Architecture

Planning & Urban Design

Architecture

Mechanical Engineering

Structural Engineering

DIALOG worked closely with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation over several years to design this unique and highly innovative park, setting a new direction for park design in the city. It emerged out of a fulsome dialogue between stakeholder groups, municipal government, and the designers that involved numerous engagement and needs assessment exercises. The end product is a dynamic concept that will serve downtown residents and visitors. This new park brings green space to the city centre, as well as providing a place for people to gather, engage in social activities, enjoy an on-site café, and take in their surroundings from the pedestrian bridge.

This is the first park in Vancouver to be gifted a name by the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, sᏍᏍᏍᏍᏍᏍ ts'exwts'áxwí7, meaning 'rainbow', was selected because the park site was previously "a marsh where the sun and mist would form rainbows." Moreover, the name is also a nod to the area's LGBTQ history.