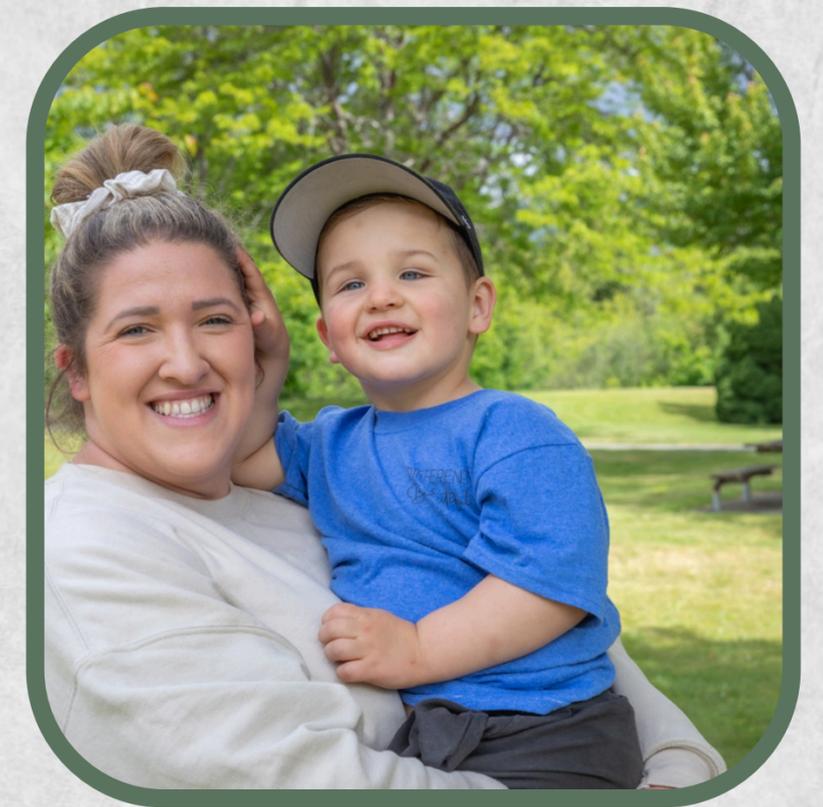


# INCLUSIVE PLAY PA SOCIETY

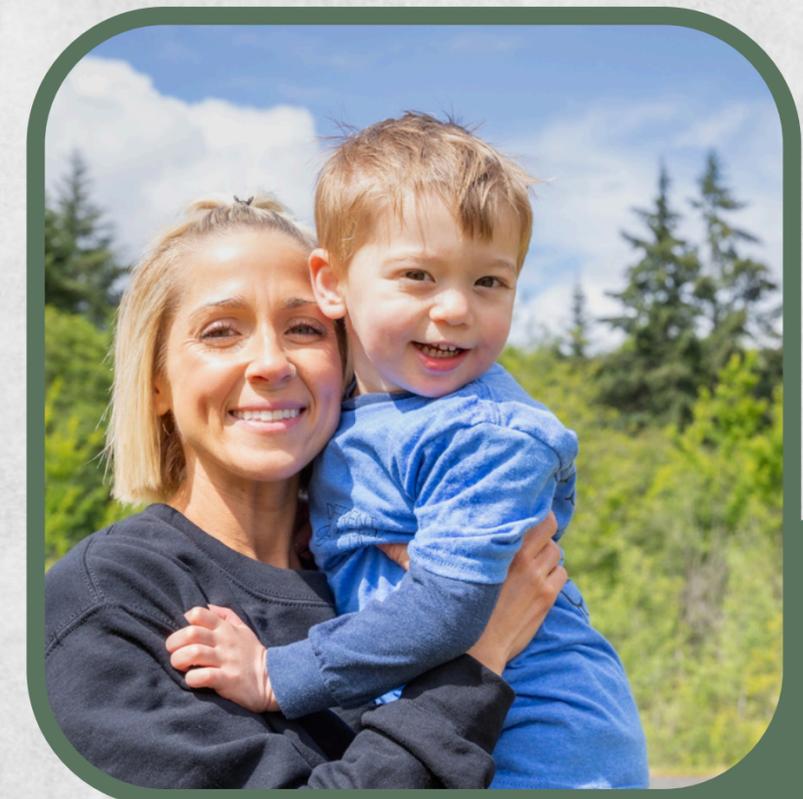




# ABOUT US

Hi, we're Hailee and Deserray, friends and moms of boys who were affected by pediatric strokes early in life. Both boys were later diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, which brings them many challenges, especially when trying to involve them in community activities. One major barrier we have faced is the lack of inclusive playgrounds that allow all children, regardless of ability, to play together. That's why we have formed the Inclusive Play PA Society to advocate for those children/ adults who deserve to be

included.



# Who makes up our board of directors?



**Brenda Oscienny**



**Laurie Thomson**



**Nicole Bezanson**



**Darin Oscienny**



**Lorna Neuwirth**



**Leanne Frechette**

Our society organizes and hosts the annual Pediatric Stroke Walk, this year will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> walk being held June 7, 2025 @ Blair Park.

This walk is to raise awareness about pediatric stroke but also raise money to create an inclusive playground in our community.

The amount of support and positive feedback we have received has blown us away. The community is recognizing the need for this type of playground and are excited about what's to come. In the last two years we have proudly raised a total of \$18,000.

# Cougar Creek Park ~ Faber Road



Add accessible structures & large section of turf



Access from the park to the playground space is obstructed by large rocks and a gate

Create more spaces between rocks



Add Bucket Seat

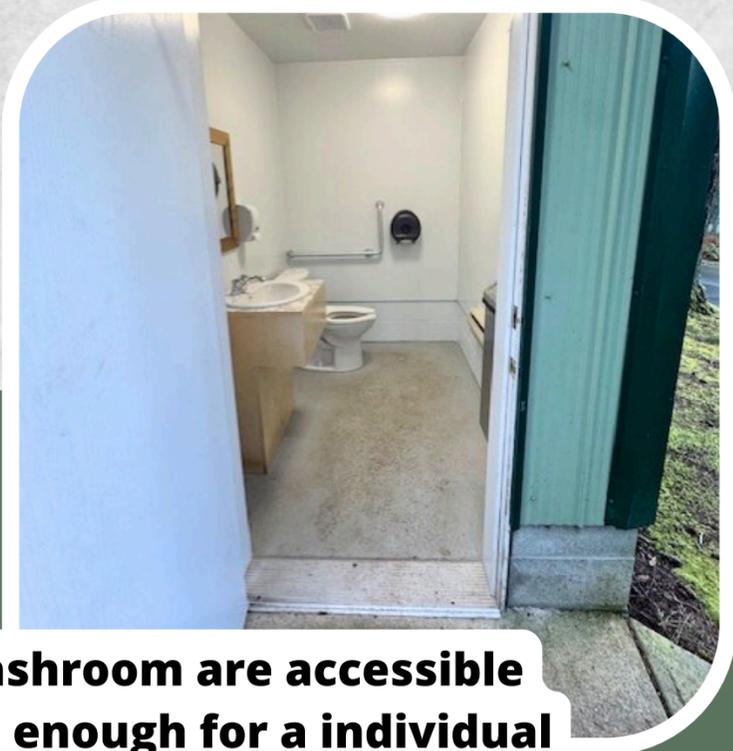


Park includes 3 main play structures and a swing set. None of which are accessible due to gravel



Add signage for accessible parking

No Signage for Accessible Parking/ Minimal Parking



Pathways to the washroom are accessible -Bathroom isn't wide enough for a individual and an aid /caregiver



Add concrete ramp for access



Add concrete transition & pathway



Add concrete transition & pathway

Create large opening to the court

Park includes 3 main play structures and a swing set. None of which are accessible due to gravel

# Bamfield Playground



**Park is not accessible**

**-Boarded by wood**

**-Wood Chip base**

**-No accessible structures**



**Add  
Bucket  
Seat**



# WHAT IS AN INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND?

An inclusive playground is an open and safe space carefully designed to promote play amongst children of all abilities and ages. It gives children with and without disability the same platform to play while breaking down barriers, both physically and socially.



# Components of an Inclusive Playground

## PLAY EXPERIENCE

### **Sensory Stimulation**

*Wide range of materials & textures ( Hot-Cold, Rough- Smooth, Hard- Soft)*

*Natural elements like sand, water, flowers for an ever- changing multisensory experience*

*Interactive play panels displaying colors, moving objects and visually stimulating surfaces*

*Panels offering visual contrast for those children with low vision*

*Incorporating Musical components*

### **Swinging, Spinning & Sliding**

These movements sharpen our internal senses - awareness of how our body moves through space and against gravity

### **Social Imagination**

Whether engaged in parallel play , quiet play or active social play an inclusive park provides plenty of social and imaginative play

# Components of an Inclusive Playground



## VARIABILITY

### **Developmentally Appropriate Cognitive & Physical Play**

Cognitive play can happen individually, in an integrative group, and through teachable moments between an adult and a child

All kids benefit from physical activities such as balance and coordination, muscle strength and endurance as well as cardiovascular exercise

Including learning activities - problem solving, mazes, tracing panels and more

### **Flexibility and Options**

Having large play structures but also small cozier places to hide away

Having ground level activities to play but also over height ones too

### **Self Directed**

Encouraging Children to choose the activities that capture their interests puts them in charge, building their confidence in their abilities contributes to their self esteem

# Components of an Inclusive Playground

## SAFETY, COMFORT & ACCESS

### Fencing

Fencing can help contain the activity area, providing a sense of comfort to both children and their parents

### Signage

Having signage well displayed

### Shade

Children's tolerance levels to sun and heat vary greatly, having plenty of shade is important

### Seating

Having benches with backs and arm rests and table strategically placed around the play area

### Pathways

Accessible pathways that are paved for easy access to and from buildings or water parks

### Ramps and Transfer Points

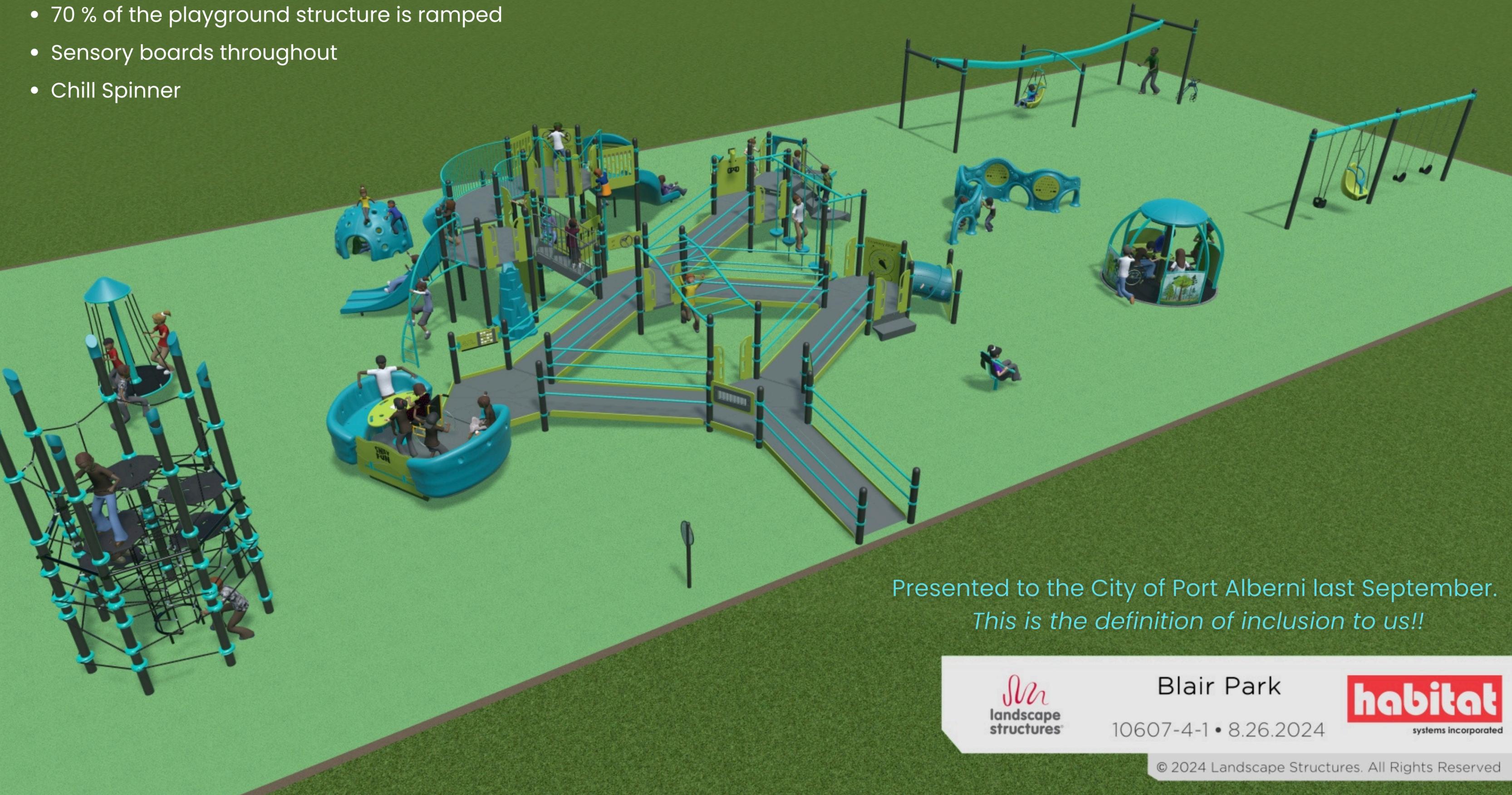
Having Wheelchair accessible ramps and transfer modules to higher play spaces

- *Children of all ages and abilities*
- *Adults with needs*
- *Our community and surrounding communities*
- *Visitors traveling to the area for pleasure*



**Who will benefit from an inclusive playground ?**

- Rubber matting
- 70 % of the playground structure is ramped
- Sensory boards throughout
- Chill Spinner



Presented to the City of Port Alberni last September.  
*This is the definition of inclusion to us!!*



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- Topsy Turny Spinner
- Skyport Climber
- Sway Fun Glider – AC ACCESSIBLE



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- Zipline with lock-in-place bucket seat
- Swing set with lock-in-bucket seat option



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- We-go- Round – WC ACCESSIBLE
- Sensory Play Centre



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- Rollerslide
- Climbing features
- Tunnel
- 3 person slide



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# What would it cost?

- Draft completed by Habitat Structures they completed Maffeo Sutton & all the SD70 PEP Projects in Port Alberni
- Cost for the playground **\$950,000 – 1 M** includes : Equipment , Install, border, prep, and rubber PIP surfacing

**Parksville**

**Community Park**

**Price Tag \$715,000**

**Maffeo Sutton Park**

**Nanaimo**

**Price Tag \$650,000**

## Ways to fund the project

- Grants
- Community playground

# Which island communities have already taken the step?



Maffeo Sutton Park - Nanaimo

- Panorama Recreation Centre, Sooke
- Rotary Skypark , Courtney
- Maffeo Sutton Park , Nanaimo
- Parksville Community Park
- Stadacona Park Playground,  
Victoria



Parksville Community Park



# Conclusion

When we start seeing the world through an accessibility lens, we stop creating spaces for some and start building a community for everyone. That shift is what makes this a place where people don't just exist—they belong.