



irene kelleher toti:ltawtxw elementary school

19054

client

School District No. 34
(Abbotsford)

location

Abbotsford

size

4,028 m²

value

\$22.5 million

status

Complete

key features

Childcare/NLC space
Small site design on a mountain
Glulam roof structure
Adjacent City park collaboration

The Irene Kelleher Toti:ltawtxw Elementary School was planned by School District No. 34 almost 20 years ago. The school district purchased the site adjacent to a city park in anticipation of rapid growth in the Eagle Mountain area. As the city grew, the need finally arose for the new school to be built.

The school is designed for 400 elementary aged students, 60 kindergarten students and 72 childcare spaces. With the Ministry of Education helping to find additional NLC space, the facility was able to provide the childcare component.

As the site is located on a mountainside, the site constraints dictated that the school would have to be a partial two storey design. Through the use of natural materials on the exterior that fit within the existing aesthetics of the neighbourhood, and taking inspiration from the First Nations history of the area, the building theme took shape. Open spaces within the school will provide many opportunities for the children to collaborate while also maximizing the after-hours use of the facility. As the school is located adjacent to a city park, shared use agreements are in the works to allow use for both school and public use.



long awaited new
elementary school
on eagle mountain
fostering a connection to the
city's history through design
elements

