

Kelowna Safety Surfacing

Hi Dean,

Glenmore Elementary had an existing playground that had pea-gravel for the safety surfacing. The problem with the pea-gravel was that it was so packed down it was no longer safe, and the gravel ended up all over the place, not just in the playground. The school district wanted to replace the pea-gravel with bark mulch, but the school's Parent Advisory Council decided to fundraise to be able to put in solid rubber surfacing. We chose rubber surfacing due to the fall protection, the ease of clean up (from broken glass etc.), and for accessibility for students with disabilities.

We met with and got quotes from 3 different surfacing companies. What we liked about Kelowna Safety Surfacing was that Dean made multiple trips to our site to meet with us to discuss the project beforehand. From these meetings we felt like he really cared about our project, our design vision, and the final result. We felt that we were in good hands with Dean and his crew.

During the construction phase the team was always approachable for design and technical discussions and questions. The amazing final design was really a team effort between the PAC and the surfacing team. They were also extremely knowledgeable about the safety regulations and even had a machine to test the fall protection. As well, Dean and his team dealt with the complication of multiple stakeholders (the school district, the school, and the PAC) professionally, and even when parts of the project, that were out of their control, went sideways they were solution finders and kept our project moving forward.

The students loved watching the construction process and it was very heart warming to see the team take the time to interact with the students and answer their questions. A couple of students even brought the crew homemade bread and goodies as a thank-you.

The project turned out great and the students love the new look of the playground.

~ Sarah Bendall, PAC President

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