

QUAYSIDE PARK



Established **1988**
Size **0.91 acres**
location **Languars Court & Fraser River**

Ammenities

- **Playground & submarine play area**
- **Trails & greenways**
- **Fraser River views**
- **Flowers**
- **Picnic tables & benches**
- **Washrooms**

The development of the waterfront Esplanade, combined with residential development on the downtown's western waterfront between 1986 and 1988, created a need for new playgrounds for this emerging neighbourhood.

A site adjacent to the railway swing bridge was therefore secured, and a playground designed with a whimsical nautical theme to reflect the site's location adjacent to the Fraser River was built in 1988. The financing of this \$125,000 project required a partnership between the City of New Westminster, the Fraser River Harbour Commission, B.C. Parkway and First Capital City Corporation. The park was officially opened on May 11, 1989 and was the first park to be located on the New Westminster waterfront.

A special feature of the park is the submarine play structure which appears to be emerging from the depths. The sub came from an undulating sculpture at the Expo '86 site in Vancouver where it was part of the "World in Motion" theme highlighting various modes of transportation.

Behind the Name...Quayside Park:



The Westminster Quay development and public market opened on the riverfront in 1986 and the name of the park was adopted from it. A quay is a wharf or reinforced bank where ships are loaded or unloaded.