

# Adventure Play at TELUS Spark



# Our situation

- We are a Science Centre!
- We charge for admission
- Centrally located, easily accessible
- Ran an Adventure Playground from July 1 - Sept 3 2018
- We plan on expanding this playground 2019 - onwards









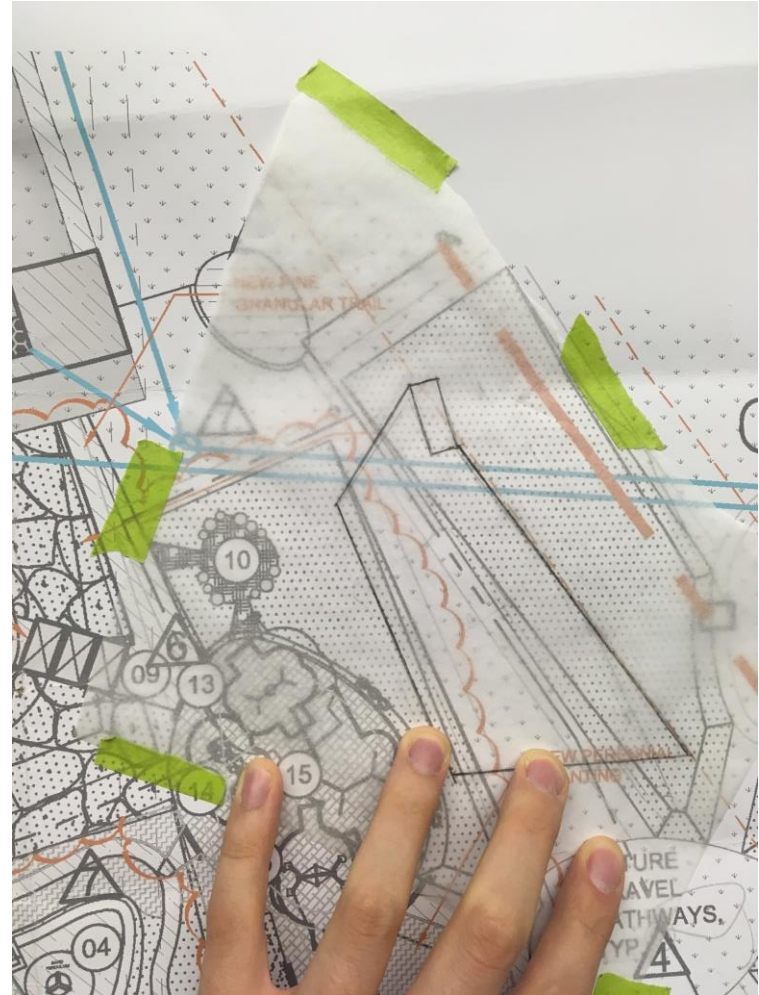


# Thanks, Inspiration and Influences

- Meghan Durieux - Research lead and pedagogy architect
- Play England, Play Wales, Play Scotland
- City of Calgary - Mobile Adventure Playground
- VIVO
- Winsport
- University of Calgary
- Adventure Playgrounds throughout the world
- Mammalian Diving Reflex

# Location and Setup

- Prairie Grassland Biome
- Material Storage
- How big of an area?

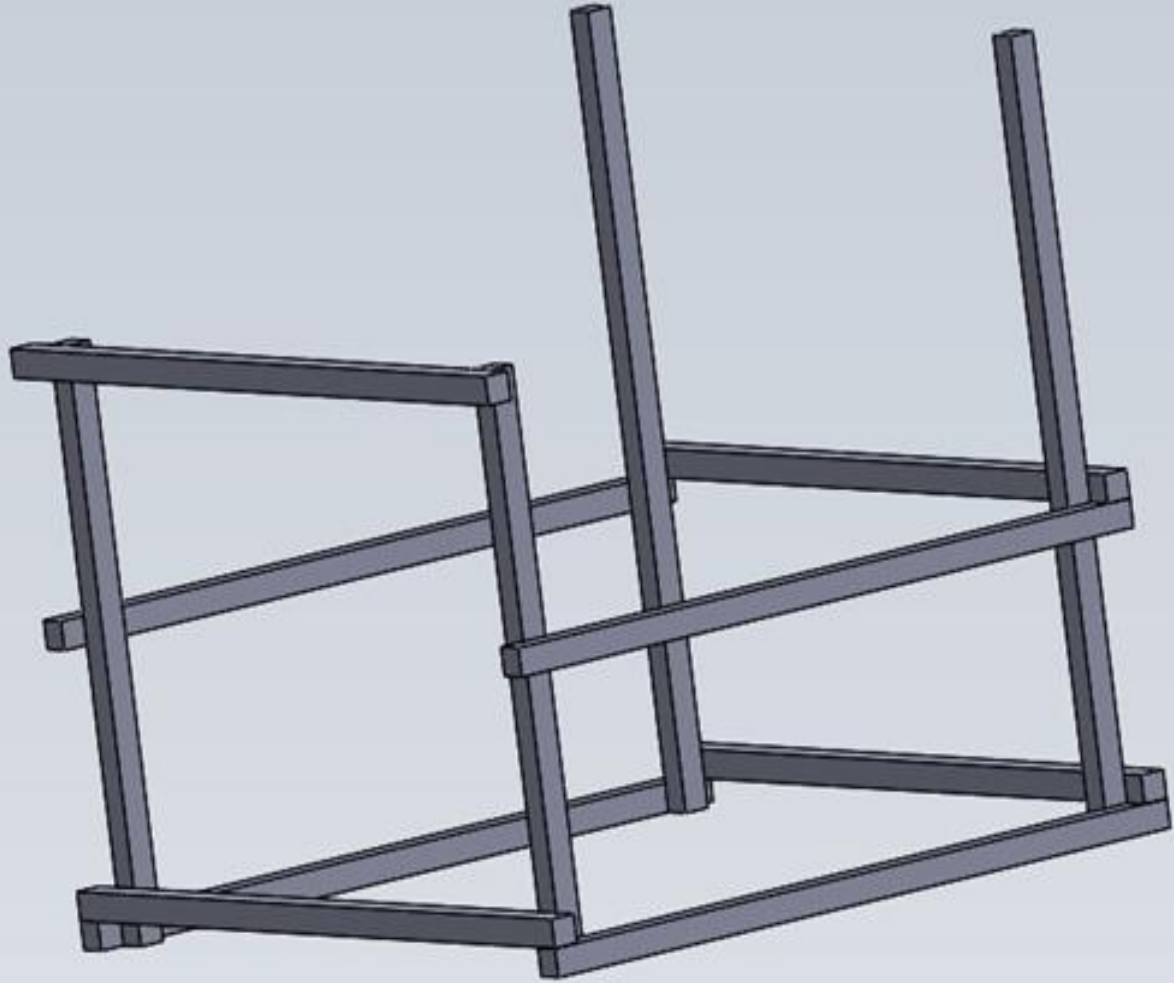






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# Staff Training and Pedagogy

- Play Cycles/Types
- Numbers and uses of staff
- When to intervene
- Rules and their exceptions
- Uniform/Appearance



# Loose Parts Play

- Sourcing
- Multi-nodal
- Apparent Risk vs Hidden Hazard
- No regular play function
- Binding Materials are key



# Key Takeaways

- Getting a head start on vertical play - on the prairies
- Interesting loose parts are exciting to brainstorm. Thinking about how those parts connect is harder, but leads to better play behaviors
- Staff training and communication will make or break the experience. Don't reinvent the wheel, good resources and experts are out there!
- Parents love it, Kids love it, and we loved doing it

**Let's talk more!**

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