

# MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICT 36 CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF KMBR'S ADAMS ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**SURREY BC, JUNE 20, 2011** - KMBR Architects Planners Inc. congratulates the BC Ministry of Education, the Surrey School District, the students and staff of Adams Road Elementary and the community of Cloverdale on the Grand Opening of their new school.

Designed to achieve LEED Gold certification the school represents an \$11-million investment by the Province, and was constructed as a two-storey building with a capacity for 290 elementary and full-day kindergarten students. The school is situated in the middle of a single family residential neighbourhood with a new municipal park to the west and housing on the other neighbouring properties.

*"...congratulations to the architects, to all of those who obviously with great care, commitment and dedication built this school, and this is an extraordinarily beautiful structure, and obviously it was constructed by a team that really cared about what they were building and took obvious pride in what they were building..."*

*Honorable George Abbott  
Minister of Education*



**George Abbott, Minister of Education cuts the Opening Ribbon with Adams Road Elementary Principal Joanne Berka and student.**

Adams Road opened its doors to students in January 2011. The school features a ground source heat pump, natural views, day-lighting, occupancy sensors to control light and ventilation and wireless connectivity with the latest in educational technology. The building was plumbed to be solar panel ready for future incorporation of solar panels. Wherever possible, B.C. wood products were used in the construction of the school. There are children's play areas on the school site for kindergarten to primary school students.

The site is developed in a symbiotic relationship with an adjacent park with superior

quality sports fields and are maintained by the municipality, taking advantage of opportunities in terms of capital cost, maintenance and community cohesion. Exterior washrooms have been provided for community use to provide amenity to park-goers.

The idea of designing schools not only as sites of learning, but also as pillars of the broader community, is a concept KMBR has long embraced and supported throughout its history of educational design. KMBR's extensive school portfolio includes numerous projects featuring multi-purpose facilities open to the community.

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