



ARCHITECTURE

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dk Architecture is a socially responsible, First Nation architecture firm that provides full architectural services for projects of varying types and scales specializing in First Nations architecture.

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About

dk Architecture is a First Nation architecture firm specializing in First Nations architecture. dk Architecture is client services orientated ensuring client's needs are translated into buildings that are: sustainable with minimized operational costs and constructed within budget.

Philosophy

dk Architecture's goal is to assist First Nations with their cultural revival while providing a built environment that reflects each community's unique identity. dk Architecture's success will be built on trust, developing long term relationships and by successfully completing projects that meets and exceeds the client's goals.

Design

dk Architecture takes a holistic approach to design. This ensures client concerns are clearly translated into the project, without compromise. dk Architecture's design philosophy is based on critical regionalism. This advocates that architecture should respond to and be cultivated from the unique qualities of its surrounding environment. Materials and the poetics of construction should be amplified by current social and physical context. dk Architecture believes that architecture is the thoughtful gathering of what already exists to reveal the nature of the place.

Sustainability

All projects impact the environment in many ways. The key is to ensure that any building will complement the environment. dk Architecture's goal is to always design a highly energy efficient, durable building with a low carbon footprint with minimal impact on the environment. This will reduce long term operational costs and will ensure the viability and success of the building.

People

Dave Kitazaki | Architect AIBC, LEED AP



Dave grew up in Kamloops, BC and is a member of the Xaxl'ip (Fountain) First Nation. Dave has 31 years of experience in the architecture industry and is an award-winning architect. Dave has completed a diverse range of successful projects ranging from First Nation Cultural Centres, health centres, water treatment plants, hi-rise residential buildings, pedestrian bridges, and the highest LEED Platinum project in the world.

James Davies | Architect AIBC



James is a senior architect. James has completed successful projects ranging from social housing, multi residential, commercial, residential and First Nation projects. James believes that exceptional architecture must be open to both the natural and man-made subtleties of place; to the varied natures of people and individuals. James is currently working on obtaining his Passive House Designer/Consultant certification.

Keenan Ngo | Intern Architect AIBC



Keenan is a design award-winning Junior architectural designer from Vancouver Island with experience as a structural engineer and 3d conceptual designer on a range of public infrastructure and private projects from water treatment plants and bridges to welcome centers and residences. He focuses on architecture in the landscape and place making through experience.

First Nation Experience

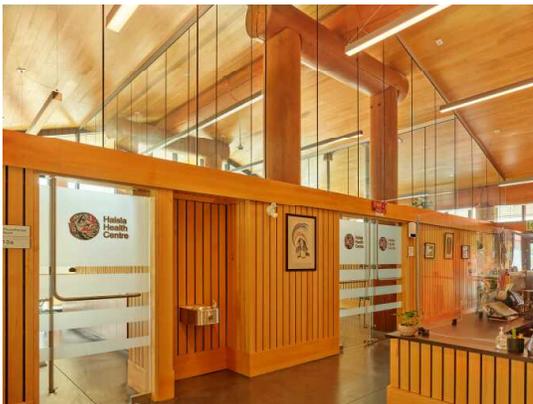
dk Architecture is working with the following First Nations:

- Blueberry River First Nation | Buick
- Fort Nelson First Nation | Fort Nelson
- Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nations | Port Hardy
- Haisla Nation Council | Kitamaat Village
- Kwantlen First Nation | Fort Langley
- Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation | Gilford Island
- Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation | Gold River
- Skeetchestn Indian Band | Savona
- Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc | Kamloops
- Tl'etinqox Government | Alexis Creek
- Tsi Deldel First Nation | Redstone
- Tsilhqot'in National Government | Williams Lake
- Ts'uubaa-asatxFirst Nation | Lake Cowichan
- Xení Gwet'in First Nations Government | Nemiah Valley
- Yaqaan Nuykiy | Creston
- Yunesit'in Government | Hanceville

Dave worked with the following First Nations with previous architecture firms:

- ?Esdilagh (Alexandria) | Quesnel
- Esk'etemc | Alkali Lake
- Lil'wat Nation | Mount Currie
- Little Shuswap | Chase
- Nuxalk Nation | Bella Coola
- Stswécem'c Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek) | Dog Creek
- Squamish Nation | North Vancouver
- T'exelc (Sugar Cane) | Williams Lake
- Tl'esqox (Toosey) | Riske Creek
- Tsq'escenemc (Canim Lake) | Canim Lake
- Ulkatcho | Anahim Lake
- Xat'súll (Soda Creek) | Williams Lake

HAISLA HEALTH CENTER



Kitimaat Village, BC | Haisla Nation
\$5.6 million | 767 m² (8 250 ft²) | Completed 2022

The Haisla Health Center is in Kitimaat Village 45 kilometres south of Terrace.

The building form with a gable roof matches the Haisla's traditional long houses and the buildings width and roof slope allow for a second-floor storage space.

The building is designed for visiting health professionals and includes a large community health room, physiotherapy room, community kitchen, bathing room, two treatment rooms, dental room, and administration offices. The building is arranged into three separated areas: public, treatment and administration.

There are 8 columns in front with the 8 Haisla clans painted on them and a center carving by Sammy Robinson.

SKEETCHESTN HEALTH CENTER



Savona, BC | Skeetchestn Indian Band
\$3.5 million | 505 m² (5 440 ft²) | Completed 2020

The Skeetchestn Health Center is located along Hwy #1 50 kilometres west of Kamloops, BC. It will be the first building in a new development along Highway 1 near the existing Big Sky Gas Station.

The buildings floor plan is in a U-shape. The health treatment is in one wing and the other wing is for health administration. In between the two wings at the front is the entrance with a community health room.

YAQAN NUKIY HEALTH + ADMINISTRATION



Creston, BC | Yaqan Nukiy (Lower Kootenay Band)
\$5.9 million | 990 m² (10 600 ft²) | Completed 2021

The form of the Yaqan Nukiy Health + Administration is intended to represent the Kootenai or sturgeon-nosed canoe. The Kootenai canoe and the method of its construction are important to the community.

At the center of the building is a oval shaped meeting room representing the sweat lodge with glulam columns that gradually slope inward supporting an eye shaped skylight.

KWIKWASUT'INUXW HAXWA'MIS HEALTH + ADMIN



Gilford Island | Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation
\$2.3 million | 252.0 m² (2 710 ft²) | Completion 2023

Gwayasdums Village is a remote boat access only community on Gilford Island. The village has a rich history, and the new building will be placed next to the existing Big House on the waterfront. The form and structure of the Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis Health + Administration was derived from the traditional Big Houses in Gwayasdums Village.

YUNESIT'IN BED + BREAKFAST



Stone, BC | Yunesit'in Government
\$600,000 | 253.2 m² (2 725 ft²) | Completed 2021

Yunesit'in is one of the six communities within the Tsilqot'in Nation. Yunesit'in is located approximately 105 km West of Williams Lake, 8 km South of Hanceville.

The Bed and Breakfast has 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms available for guests, and a full one-bedroom suite attached. It will accommodate primarily staff, consultants, work related contractors associated with Yunesit'in Government, but also begin targeting and attracting a tourism market.

The Yunesit'in Bed & Breakfast was completed in October 2021.

T̂SILHQOT'IN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT



Williams Lake, BC | T̂silhqot'in National Government
\$1.4 million | 177 m² (12 700 ft²) | Completed 2018

The T̂silhqot'in National Government comprises of the following six First Nations located around Williams Lake: Tl'etinqox (Anaham), Tsi Deldel (Redstone), Yunesit'in Government (Stone), Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government (Nemiah), ?Esdilagh (Alexandria) and Tl'esqox (Toosey).

The TNG purchased the Kwaleen elementary school, closed in 2013, and a portion of it was renovated into offices for the T̂silhqot'in National Government Treaty Negotiations. The second phase will involve upgrading the remaining classrooms and gym for youth and educational programs.

URBAN SYSTEMS (FORT ST JOHN) RENOVATIONS



Fort St John, BC | Urban Systems
\$500,000 | 576.7 m² (6 200 ft²) | Completed 2018

The Urban Systems Fort St John's office expanded to occupy the entire building.

The existing office had lots of offices and was redesigned with open office spaces. To break up the wide-open office space feel planters, wood screens were addition to create zones. A folding red meeting table was placed in-between two open areas again breaking up the open floor plan.

T̂SIDELDEL HEALTH CENTER



Redstone, BC | T̂sidedel (Alexis Creek) First Nation
\$3.7 million | 465 m² (5 000 ft²) | Completed 2021

The T̂sidedel Health Center is in the Cariboo Chilcotin near Redstone 2 hours west of Williams Lake.

The T̂sidedel Health Center is designed for visiting health professionals and includes a large community health room, community kitchen, two exam rooms, treatment room, two-chair dental clinic, bathing room, pharmacy, counselling office and administration offices.

The building is arranged into three separated areas: public, health treatment and administration. The front public end of the building with community health rooms, kitchen, washrooms will have the ability to be open after hours for community health programs.

CHILCOTIN RIVER TRADING



Alexis Creek, BC | Tl'etinqox (Anaham) Government
\$2.92 million | 316.4 m² (3 400 ft²) | Completed 2021

The Chilcotin River Trading is located in the Cariboo Chilcotin near Alexis Creek | hour west of Williams Lake.

The building consists of a grocery store, café and gas station, commercial card lock and a small RV campground. The grocery store will include fresh produce, baked goods, meats, refrigerated and frozen goods. The café will sell traditional First Nation soups, sandwiches, and bannock developed by Chef Paul Natrall from Mr Bannock and also serving Spirit Bear coffee.

The roof extends at the front of the building creating a covered canopy on the south side of the building which has many purposes: it provides a covered entrance, provides solar shading and creates a covered space for a farmer's market for local farmers.

AHAMINAQUUS WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT



Gold River, BC | Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation
\$2.4 million | 312 m² (3 360 ft²)

The Ahaminaquus Waterfront Development is located in Northern Vancouver Island along Bute Inlet, at the end of Gold River Highway 28, 100 kms west of Campbell River.

The old Ahaminaquus village site will be developed into a RV campground with a clubhouse located near the Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation dock. The clubhouse will be a small store with all café gift shop and a cultural room displaying the rich history of the Mowachaht Muchalaht First Nation.

Construction of the Ahaminaquus Waterfront Development is to start in 2023.

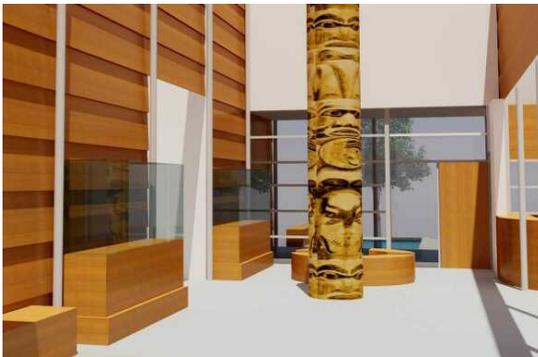
TS'UUBAA-ASATX CAFE



Lake Cowichan, BC | Lake Cowichan First Nation
\$3.2 million | 418 m² (4 500 ft²)

The Ts'uubaa-asatx Café was envisioned to be a water front café/restaurant on the shores of Lake Cowichan. The design mimics the traditional cedar plank long house building and will have large cedar planks varying in height from 2'-5'. As the guests enter the building there will be a 2' wide by 7' long traditional cedar feast dish in the seating area. The seating area will be fully glazed to allow the visitors to enjoy the view of Lake Cowichan. There will also be a 20' carving on the exterior in line with the entrance on the exterior lower level

TS'UUBAA-ASATX HOUSE OF CULTURE



Lake Cowichan, BC | Lake Cowichan First Nation
\$3.6 million | 586.7 m² (6 315 ft²)

The Ts'uubaa-asatx House of Culture will be a community cultural center for the Lake Cowichan First Nation. The Lake Cowichan First Nation is at the edge of the town of Lake Cowichan 30 minutes west of Duncan on Vancouver Island.

The Ts'uubaa-asatx House of Culture will consist of a band office, health center, 2/3 gymnasium with mezzanine and a cultural display at the main entrance.

SEYEM' COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Maple Ridge, BC | Kwantlen First Nation
\$2.0 million | 371.6 m² (4 000 ft²)

The Seyem Commercial Development is the first phase of a large commercial development located along Lougheed Highway in Maple Ridge. The building will be a gas station, convenient store, fast food restaurant and a liquor store.

The design is based on the Kwantlen First Nation's traditional Plank House dwelling structure. The covered gas station island pump structure is wood and will include Kwantlen First Nation Carvings.

TS'UUAA-ASATX MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT



Lake Cowichan, BC | Lake Cowichan First Nation
Budget to be determined | Size to be determined

The Ts'uuaa-asatx Mixed-use Development will be a mixture of market residential, independent living and commercial retail units. The amenity spaces include a gym, adult swimming pool, children swimming pool, hot tub, lounge and bbq area.

This development will be located near a health center and a waterfront restaurant, marina, canoe rental.

