

NUNAVUT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES

Project	Community Health Centres
Locations	Arviat, Nunavut, Canada Gjoa Haven, Nunavut, Canada
Service	Full A/E Services
Process	Design/Bid/Build
Value	\$2.4M; 2.2M CAD
Status	Completed 2000; 1998

The Arviat Health Centre is a community facility designed to accommodate delivery of public health programs, emergency patient care, and routine medical examinations. The facility is approximately 895 square metres of gross floor area on one level. The combined use of wood and steel cladding components expresses the functional uses within.

Natural light is obtained directly from windows and indirectly from high level clerestory glazing, permitting south sunlight into the Patient Holding Areas and the central reception space. The building is sited to take advantage of views of Hudson's Bay to the north, and an informal pedestrian vehicle trail which leads to the centre of town.

The main entrance and emergency entrance doors are located on the lee side of the building with respect to prevailing winds, and a shallow building depth to encourage scouring of snow-drifting.

The Community Health Centre for Gjoa Haven, Northwest Territories was designed to address both the out-patient treatment needs and Public Health and Social Services requirements of the community. The building spreads out from a central open reception and waiting space towards patient treatment areas, Social Services offices and meeting rooms, and ultimately opens onto a large Public Health meeting area. For nighttime operation, these distinct functional areas can be closed off by locking a few doors.

The site was chosen in consultation with the community elders. Its slope provides an accessible ground-level entry while gracing the offices, consultation and meeting spaces with a spectacular view of the bay beyond.

While principally an out-patient facility, overnight accommodation for either adult or pediatric patients has been provided, as is emergency vehicular access right into the building.

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