

METIS COUNCIL BUILDING FEASIBILITY

Project	Metis Council Building Feasibility
Location	Fort Resolution, NWT, Canada
Service	Full A/E Services
Process	Feasibility Study
Value	\$2.7M CAD
Status	Completed 2006

The Metis Council of Fort Resolution, a First Nations community government, approached FSC Architects & Engineers in November 2005 to undertake a Feasibility Study for a proposed 897m2 facility. Through on-going dialogue with the Metis Council an initial building Programme was developed to support Council's business strategy for a new development.

Conceptually the design of the Metis Council Building embodies typical Metis principles including the welcoming and acceptance of visitors through spatially flowing spaces, recognition and respect for Elders and 'openness' in spaces to foster communication. A key design feature was flexibility in the Programme to allow for future revisions due to changing tenants

Located on a dramatic waterfront site, spectacular views to the lake and networked pedestrian paths connect the facility to the 'heart' of the

community. The stunning circular Meeting room commands a sense of grandeur and respect, serving as a centre of activities within and beyond the facilities' walls. Tasked with specific goals the design objective also included a facility that would achieve profitability in terms of financial returns, 'green' building sustainable design features and maximization of local First Nations labour involvement. FSC Architects & Engineers completed the financial study in association with Luigi Zanasi, Economist.

Compositionally the building's extended Programme includes four specific components: the Metis Council Administration spaces, the circular Meeting room, four rental apartments on the Second Floor and ancillary spaces. Private access to the residential apartments is achieved via a separate entrance stairway, allowing for privacy, security and acoustical control.

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