

## CCS Northern Lodge

The proposed Canadian Cancer Society Northern Lodge in Prince George will provide residential accommodation for out-of-town patients who are receiving medical treatments at the regional Cancer Centre and University Hospital.



The client desired Northern Lodge be welcoming and comfortable, a “home away from home” for patients and their families. It would act as a symbol of hope for people with cancer giving inspiration and reflect the uniqueness of the North Region, its people and natural environment.

Northern Lodge a 22,500 sf building with 36-beds is located on Alward Street on a 1.3-acre wedge shaped parcel adjacent to the Hospital Precinct. The site, a former temporary parking lot, was flat and treeless.

The goal was to transform the flat treeless site into a celebration of the northern landscape, a green oasis for a low scale residential refuge in the midst of the neighbouring context of large institutional buildings.

To reinforce the sense of place, an underlying narrative is established between the natural landscape and the building. Iconic northern landscapes are evoked and merge with interior spaces. The dining and activity is focused on an open meadow with a stand of aspen trees; the resident rooms overlook the undulating landscape with native grasses and wild flowers of ranch country; the spiritual pavilion floats on lowland lake feed by dry creek beds nourished by the spring rains; and the meditative gardens as a meandering forest trail along the upcountry mountain slopes.