

Onyota'a:ka Community Centre



View of Main entrance



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Two Row Architect

The Onyota'a:ka Community Centre project entailed renovation of an existing structure that was intended to serve as an ice rink. The decision to renovate came after a comparison of construction costs. Another factor was the building's ideal location close to other community facilities.

The building's structural system allowed for wide unobstructed open spaces, as found in the meeting room and banquet rooms. Cathedral ceilings in selected areas were also part of the design to create expansive group spaces. Interior planning has been laid out to allow for separate community use and administrative areas. This placement allows for greater acoustic control between spaces and better security.

Community rooms and their supporting service spaces, such as the kitchen to the banquet room, are adjacent for ease of accessibility by users. Planning of individual program areas were kept simple to allow for the flexibility of space in accommodating a variety of uses.

Construction management was directed and completed by local forces. In doing so, changes to the construction were completed as the project progressed without greatly affecting the project budget.

Client: Onyota'a:ka First Nation
 Size: 20,000 ft² (1858 m²)
 Cost: \$1.45 million construction
 Architect: Two Row Architect
 Status: Occupied June 1997