

# Wasauksing Daycare



Corridor



School-age

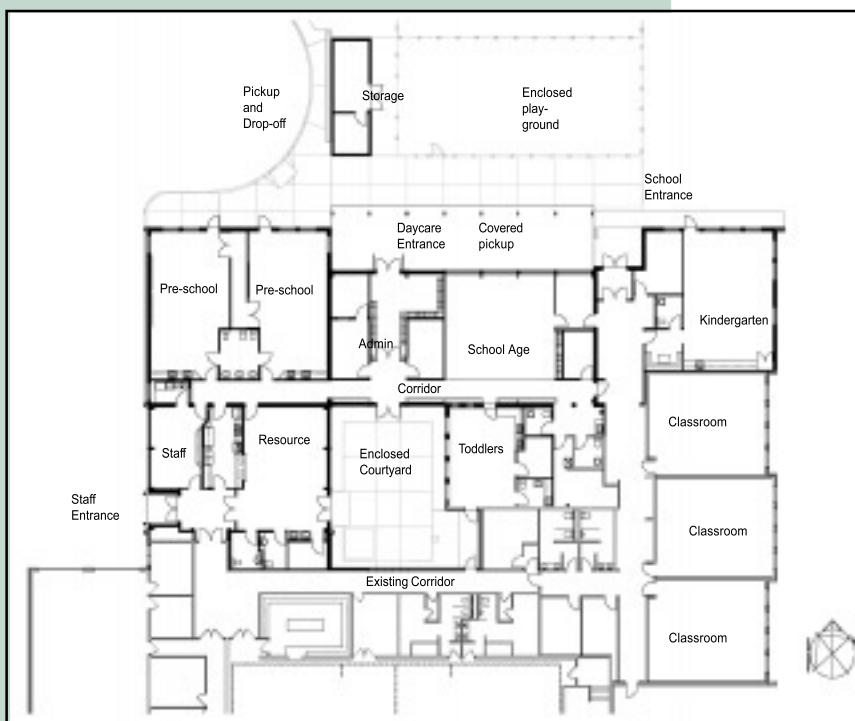


Resource

The Wasauksing First Nation required a design that would accommodate a new daycare as an addition to their existing multi-purpose facility. The resultant design complied with the Ministry of Community and Social Services standards, building code requirements but, more importantly, was reflective of local community needs.

The daycare embraced and wrapped around the existing facility to achieve protection from local climatic conditions. For example, a covered section was incorporated to provide protection during inclement weather and a shaded area for sunny days. The location of exterior doors to southern exposures allowed for entrances and exits to be protected from prevailing winds.

The entire building's pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow were carefully addressed to create pick-up and drop-off areas close to the main entrances.



Within a modest building envelope, a variety of intimate and communal spaces were provided. Throughout the project, there was a realisation that, for most of the children, this daycare would be the first public building that they would come in regular contact with. It was important that the environment was playful and sturdy but also respectful of each individual child.

Client: Wasauksing First Nation  
 Size: 6,930 ft<sup>2</sup> (684 m<sup>2</sup>)  
 Cost: \$ 772, 000 Const. Value  
 Architect: Two Row Architect  
 Status: Occupied September 1995