Centre for Health and Wellness

In Development - Construction Documents

Secured with funding from the federal government this fast tracked project is to be completed by 2019. The building will be the new home to the health science studies at the Interurban Campus. The main floor consists of teaching clinics, a First Nations Gathering Place, an open atrium, and study stairs. The upper floors consist of offices and labs/classrooms with a south facing outdoor deck at level 3.

The landscape design was generated to respond to the adjacent interior uses and the grade change. The study stair is extended outside to create a covered amphitheatre space. Northwards a large amenity garden is designed as a graphic representation of the body's circadian rhythms. The various levels of the garden have been developed to be barrier free.

A large area outside the main entry door has been left open as a crush space. A barrier free drop off area along the road provides access for patients. At the south a large ground floor patio has been furnished with a variety of seating opportunities for informal gatherings, study and lunch.

location

Saanich BC

client

Camosun College

services

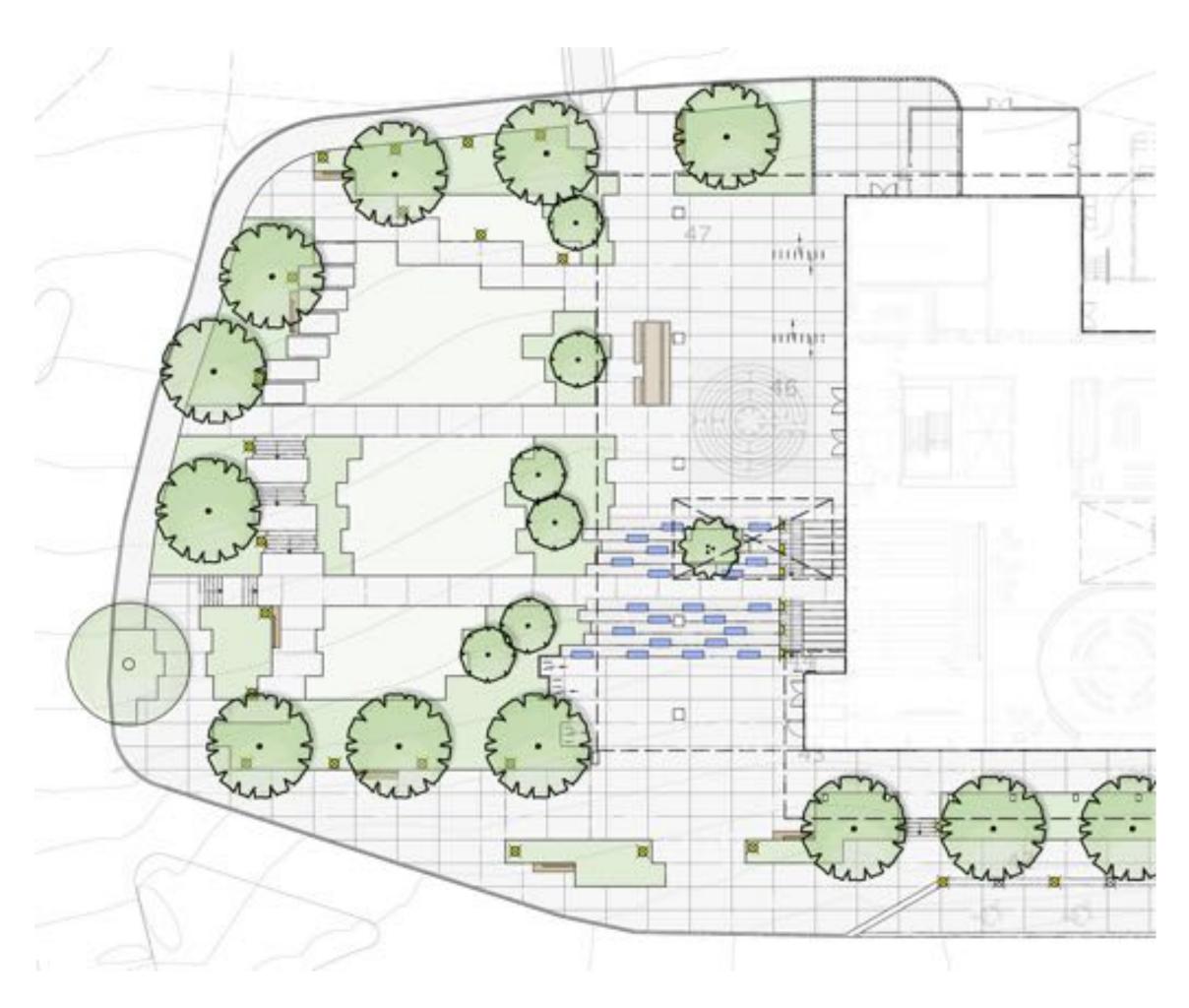
Schematic Design to Construction Services

budget

\$650,000

collaborators

Stantec



Taylor Manor

2015

Taylor Manor is a supportive housing complex for homeless individuals overcoming mental illness and addictions. The land was donated by the City of Vancouver and the renovation, addition and operating costs were made possible by a donation to the Kettle Friendship Society.

The addition to the west of the heritage building created a central courtyard that was designed as both an outdoor dining area for communal meals and a passive space.

Security was a key consideration in the development of foundation plantings around the building perimeter. Clear site lines were crucial. Existing large shrubs were limbed up and new plantings were low height.

The courtyard furniture was designed by the landscape architect and constructed by Tradeworks - an East Vancouver non-profit that employs individuals with barriers and trains them in carpentry and wood manufacturing so as to secure full time work.

location Vancouver BC

client

The Kettle Friendship Society
The City of Vancouver

services

Schematic Design to Construction Services

budget \$227,000

collaborators

Merrick Architecture, Amber Paul MBCSLA, and Tradeworks (Woodwork)



Photos Courtesy of Merrick Architectu

Welcome Centre

2015

The Welcome House Centre is the new home for Immigrant Services Society of BC. The building provides a hub of services and organizations under one roof, together with temporary housing for new immigrants and refugees to BC.

The building and landscape were concieved as a physical representation of welcomeness and inclusion. It was also developed to be a place of safety and security.

The landscape includes a variety of outdoor amenity gardens including a naturalistic children's play area on the southwest corner, extensive green roofs and rooftop patio spaces.

The front entry walkway incorporates inset pavers with 'Welcome' in over 20 languages.

location

Vancouver BC

client

Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia

services

Rezoning to Construction Services

budget

\$250,000

collaborators

Henriquez Partners Architects + Terra Housing



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Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health 2013

Located next to UBC Hospital the Centre for Brain health is both a research and out patient clinic. The building massing expresses these two functions with a clinic block at the base of the building and the lab/research component sitting above.

The landscape forecourt was envisioned as a place where visitors and clinicians could interact and linger. Water was used as both a way finding element connecting Westbrook Avenue and the main entry to the hospital. Water was also a means to provide a visual and auditory amenity to passersby and animate the space under the lab/research building mass above.

Simple mass plantings were utilized so as to support the architectural expression. Surreptitiously Gingko biloba was planted as a shade tree in the forecourt. It is used in traditional medicine to improve memory and congnitive funciton.

location

Vancouver BC

client

UBC Properties Trust

services

Schematic Design to Construction Services

budget

\$1,400,000

collaborators

Stantec



Detwiller Pavilion Renovation

Located next to UBC Hospital the Detwiller Pavilion provides psychiatric care to patients with neuropsychiatric and mood disorders.

Adjacent construction cut off the auto court at the front of the building. This made possible a landscape renovation and creation of a passive garden for patients, staff and visitors.

The garden, while outwardly simple, was designed to create a place of respite, calm and safety for patients. Workshops with doctors, staff, and psychiatric paramedics allowed the design team to understand the needs of patients and design for them. Benches were purposefully arranged in an isolated manor and simple walking paths created. A central donor tree and other adjacent mature trees were protected and retained.

location

Vancouver BC

client

UBC Properties Trust

services

Schematic Design to Construction Services

budget

\$350,000

collaborators

Stantec

