

LTN Daycare at the Park Design Rationale

The site for the Lheidli T'enneh Daycare in the Park is located within the recently renamed Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park. The Park had previously been the site of the Lheidli Village which the Nation had occupied for time immemorial. The new Daycare will re-establish the presence of the Nation on this historic site. The traditional lands of the Nation is at the confluence of two rivers from which the Nation derives their name. The name "**Lheidli**" means "The People from the Confluence of the River" in the Carrier language, referring to where the Nechako River meets the Fraser River. The design was developed in consultations with the community. The principal architectural inspiration is the traditional Pit-houses. The exposed log-timber structure leads from the entrance into a circular Cultural Room. Traditional celebrations will be hosted in the Room which is visible from all principal spaces within the building. The entrance is flanked by two large sloped walls that emulate the tradition cut-banks of the river. Two symbolic rivers join together at the entrance which faces east according to tradition building orientation. Landscaping is bermed up against the building to symbolize the Pit-houses