



WHITEHORSE, YUKON

# ATHLETES VILLAGE MASTER PLAN

The Host Society for the 2007 Canada Winter Games retained Kobayashi + Zedda Architects to undertake a master plan study for the provision of athletes housing. The temporary accommodation of 1,800 people per week, or the equivalent of the population of Dawson City, was the most ambitious housing project ever undertaken in the Yukon.

A two-day 'brainstorming' session involving a broad spectrum of Yukon design professionals, contractors, government, NGOs and advocacy groups helped to create the framework for the Athletes Village Master Plan. The Host Society agreed to further develop the framework for a design that would have sustainable qualities and leave a lasting legacy for Yukon College, Yukon Arts Centre and the Territorial community as a whole.

With a limited budget for construction, the Host Society had a mandate of maximum cost recovery for this project.

The option preferred by the 2007 Host Society involved the creation of 6 residential pods. These pods would be comprised of 11 individual grow homes arranged in a radial fashion around a temporary and central washroom core. The units are arranged in this manner to minimize infrastructure costs and create a focal point for the housing units.

The total construction cost of this temporary solution was expected to be approximately \$10 million in 2007 dollars with 50% cost recovery. The eventual direction chosen by the Government of Yukon was a debt-financed project costing more than \$35 million.

