



The Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre, completed in 2001, is located on the shores of Teslin Lake, Yukon. The building is defined by two distinct programme areas: public gathering/ceremony (Great Hall, outdoor assembly & carving) and service/administrative (exhibit, food preparation, meeting). A central circulation spine extends down and through the building as it follows the sloping lakeshore: linking programme areas to lake and mountain. As part of a mandate to re-discover Tlingit heritage it was decided that community members would construct the cultural centre using wood products milled by the Teslin Tlingit at their nearby sawmill. This helped define structural components and designs, finishing materials and construction techniques. The temporary skin and stick habitations, typical of inland Tlingit and First Nations throughout central Yukon, contrasts with the more permanent, and substantive post and beam cedar structures, typical of the coastal Tlingit.

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