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Category:

Cedar Award – Non-Residential

Recipient:

**Alfred Waugh Architect
West Vancouver**

Project:

**Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre,
Whistler**



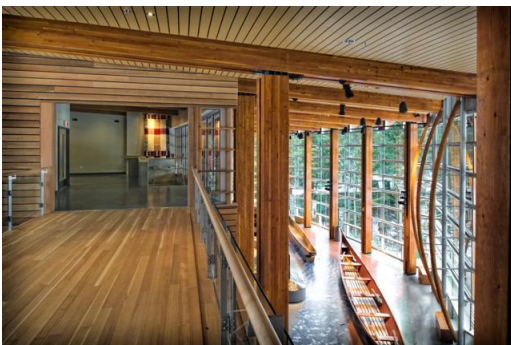
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Wood helps to carry on the memory of the First Peoples traditional connection to the land and supports a locally renewable and energy efficient natural resource. The vision for this project was a contemporary interpretation of the traditional longhouse and pit house forms used by the Squamish and Lil'wat people since ancient times.



The building is three storeys in height and curved in plan, and has the main entrance with its intricately carved cedar doors on the east side, leading directly into the 'Great hall'.



This double height space with canoes and massive cedar spindle wheels suspended from its post and beam structure features a dramatic north facing window wall with panoramic views of the valley and mountains.

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Structurally, this vision translated into reinterpretations of post, beam and heavy timber roof elements, and the abstraction of the traditional lapped cedar plank cladding system into a glass façade.



This main exhibition level also contains a class 'A' gallery space, washrooms and a Western Red Cedar clad theatre.



Wood Materials used in the project are:

- Douglas Fir Glulam Beams and columns
- Western Red Cedar Interior wall finishes
- Western Red Cedar T & G exterior cladding

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- Maple hardwood flooring and railings



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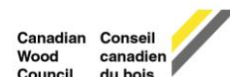
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