

# sandspit school & community centre

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**client**

School District 50 (Haida Gwaii)

**location**

Sandspit, Haida Gwaii, BC

**size**

6,500 ft<sup>2</sup>

**value**

\$1.5 million

**key features**

Complete

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Community Project

Design excellence while

incorporating modular design

Aboriginal influences

Collaborative spaces

Local labour and materials



## new community school and health clinic

incorporating local materials and aboriginal culture in a new community school and resource centre



The existing facility serving School District 50 Haida Gwaii and the surrounding community needed to be replaced, but the budget to build a new community school and health clinic was extremely limited. Through an extensive study, SOA and SD 50 made the financial case for a new modular building, one which would pay for itself in a short period of time using offset maintenance and operation savings from the previous one. Budgetary issues led to SOA developing a creative solution that followed modular construction constraints, but still allowed for an elegant design response fitting both the local terrain and Aboriginal culture. The result was a mix of modular construction and site-built exterior elements, including cedar cladding and heavy timber. This new school includes a community library, a health clinic for Northern Health, a community cooking kitchen and community gardens.

