

SURREY PRETRIAL SERVICES CENTRE

LOCATION

Surrey, British Columbia

CAPACITY

216 new cells

COMPLETION

2013

ARCHITECT

DGBK Architects

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

Bush, Bolhman & Partners

CONTRACTOR

PCL Constructors Westcoast Inc.

PRIVATE PARTNER (DESIGN, BUILD, FINANCE AND MAINTAIN)

Brookfield Infrastructure Partnerships Surrey

B.C. GOVERNMENT MINISTRY

Ministry of Justice;
Ministry of Citizens' Services

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Surrey Pretrial Services Centre is the centerpiece in the first phase of the British Columbia's capital plan to address capacity issues by expanding correctional facilities. When the expansion to the Centre opened in 2013, the entire Centre became the largest correctional facility in British Columbia, with 365 cells.

The expansion was designed to create a better working environment for staff and a better standard of living for inmates, with ample natural light, and better indoor air quality.

The areas featuring wood construction also offer a contrast to the high-security correctional setting. They include a renovated lobby showcasing B.C. wood, and a staff services and training area where Douglas-fir glulam beams and columns are visible from both the inside and the outside.

The expansion was designed to meet LEED Gold standards, the highest level of sustainability achieved to date in a British Columbia correctional facility. This will offer environmental benefits and lower operating costs throughout the life of the structure.



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“I’m pleased that the designers incorporated wood into the non-secure staff services component of this project. The structural wood adds warmth and makes this a very inviting area for staff.”

Tedd Howard, Provincial Director - Capital, Corrections Branch, Ministry of Justice

WOOD FEATURES

MORE WOOD, LESS STRESS

The Surrey Pretrial Services Centre design used as much wood as the B.C. Building Code allows for a correctional facility; it is featured in the lobby, and in staff and training areas. Research shows the visual presence of wood in a room is both psychologically and physiologically beneficial, and a study by the University of British Columbia and FPIinnovations found wood interiors reduce stress by creating a comforting and supportive environment.

INNOVATIVE AND EFFECTIVE:

VISUALLY APPEALING – The use of wood in the Surrey Pretrial Services Centre creates a positive work environment, helping to attract and retain quality corrections staff. Wood enhances modern construction techniques, resulting in structures that are reliable and accessible.



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