DIALOG

TOFINO WEST COAST MULTIPLEX

Building resilience on the rugged west coast

Sports & Recreation



LOCATION

Tofino, BC CLIENT

West Coast Multiplex Society

COLLABORATORS

Tango Management Recreation Excellence tpb Strategic Counsel Introba

DIALOG SERVICES

Architecture Structural Engineering Landscape Architecture Interior Design Located on the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island, this project is championed by the non-profit West Coast Multiplex Society who is seeking to build a unique partnership with several First Nations and the three other settled communities in the region.

The Multiplex's organic roof shape and natural materials combined with significant vision glass are intended to foreground the busy interior programs and let the outstanding beauty of the forest take precedence. Building form and materials consider speed and efficiency of construction in this remote region as well as ability to protect users and the building from the significant rain the site is subjected to. The resilient design approach is intended to provide the community with a resource centre for gathering during times of emergency and is well located adjacent to Tofino Airport and midway between Tofino and Ucluelet. If realized a unique aspect of this project is that it could feature Canada's first Universal Change room strategy for an ice arena.