ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS

'Preserving the Present, Impacting the Future'

Final Class Presentation - Group 12



Summary

• Empathise, Define

- During our first group meeting we empathize with our client to define our problem statement.
- Ideate
 - During out ideate phase we each made initial designs and subsystems.
- Prototype, Test
 - We designed and tested three different prototypes and requested the help of 4 professionals for feedback, alongside client feedback.



Problem Statement



A need exists for the Guardian Program for an environmental research building that provides sustainability and long-term viability, while reflecting the values of the AOPFN. The client expressed a need for an innovative design with the potential to be a pillar of the community that entices government funding.





Subsystems - Initial designs

Offices



<u>Kitchenette</u>



Laboratory



Bathrooms



Feedback From the Client

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- Client would prefer more, smaller offices than a few big ones
- One larger boardroom is preferred for meetings instead of larger offices
- No cubicles, instead the client wants an open, general work area with many tables/desks
- The client wants the Lean To and loading dock right beside the lab with double access doors
- The client would like more storage space in the lab

Detailed Design Drawing



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Offices, Meeting Area, Shared Office Space



Lab Space



Feedback that led to prototype 1

Client 1 - Mechanical & Mfg. Engineer

- Provided insight towards improving occupant mood, efficiency, safety, cost, longevity, purpose

- Provided ideas to improve the aesthetic of the building

- Mentioned incorporating a canoe into the architecture of the building

Client 2 - Mechanical Engineer

Practical Design Features:

Dedicated handicap parking (x2)

- Interior doors should open inwards

- Exterior doors should open outwards

Survey Results

- Asked participants their opinions on the layout

Group Discussion





Prototype II

First Floor



Second Floor



3D Model - Exterior







Final Prototype Exterior

Pikwakanagan is the origin of the world's largest birch bark canoe

-AOPFN Website

The exterior design of the building consists of 2 main design solutions:

- 1. Modern Front and Sides
- 2. Algonquin Canoe Inspired semi-section Rear



Building Exterior - Front & Sides

Features of front and sides include:

- Lean to on right side of building
- Low-Emissivity Windows (Pane or Film) to reduce Solar Heat Gain Coefficient
- Up to 1400 square feet of dedicated solar panel space on roof
- Potential for rainwater collection system







Building Exterior - Rear

Features of rear include:

- Upside down Canoe-shaped birch colour design to pay homage to the AOPFN
- 6 x 6 ft skylight
- (TOP) Crowned/slated roof with hydrophobic coating to prevent snow and rainwater buildup







Overall Cost of the Building

• 1.8 million dollars





Factors considered:

- Choice of materials
- Square footage
- Unique shape
- Solar panels

Lessons learned!





Design thinking





Thank You - Meegwetch! Questions?

