

Interesting structure taking shape at Ross Creek Centre

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Workers lay the floor for the new building at the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts. (GLEN PARKER)

CANNING — A unique new building under construction on the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts property is drawing on an old roof-building technique called lamella.

The structure, looking much like a Quonset hut, will serve as a dining hall for campers, artists and staff at the centre and was designed by architect Ted Cavanagh.

Construction is expected to be completed this month, with a grand opening planned for the Canada Day

weekend.

The lamella roof was developed for larger spans, such as schools, churches and large halls. The system became widely used in Europe, America and elsewhere for arched roofs and is made up of relatively short timbers, referred to as lamellas, and varying in thickness and depth, depending upon the span, but identical for any given span.

The new building, valued at over \$50,000, is one of a handful of projects supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council under the Research Creation in the Fine Arts grant, with the council being the primary funding source for the work being done by architectural students from Dalhousie University.

The Ross Creek portion is funded by ACOA's Strategic Community Investment Fund and a contribution from the Stone Depot.

Cavanagh is an acclaimed architect and winner of both the American Architectural Foundation Award and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Foundation Award. He has taught at over 30 universities. His current team consists of his students from the architecture program at Dalhousie University.

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"The design originated in Germany during (the Second World War) and was used for bomb shelters and airplane hangers," explained student Clayton Blackman of Vancouver, one of 10 Dalhousie graduate students working on the construction.

"This is a design-build project where you design and build at the same time," he added.

The students are aware of the number of young people coming to Ross Creek Centre during the summer to learn about art and they hope the lamella will turn some of that attention to architecture.

"I hope this will get more people interested in architecture up here.

There have already been crosscollaborations between us and the artists in residence; more of an architectural presence at Ross Creek could lead to some great things," student Sam Lock said.

The building not only represents an innovative architectural achievement, but also is extremely functional. The lamella will give staff, artists, and students a common place to meet and socialize and provide a place to hold outdoor events and activities.

The building will feature a slate floor and a walkway connection to the main building on the property.

The Ross Creek Centre for the Arts is a research and development centre for the arts of all disciplines and cultures.

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