

Architect Writing-on-Stone Visitors Centre Insider



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Architect: Sahuri Hutchison Brzezinski Architects/Calgary

Builder: Keller Construction/Calgary

Location: Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park, Alberta



Located in one of Alberta's most stunning natural settings, Writing-On-Stone Stone Provincial Park is home to a rich rolling landscape of grasslands, animals, birds, hoodoos and the largest collection of native rock carvings in the North American plains.

It is also an historic area for the Blackfoot Nation, and hosts thousands of visitors each year. Alberta Infrastructure began to plan a new Visitors Centre for the area, but needed one that could withstand harsh climatic elements: strong winds, months of cold winter temperatures and very hot temperatures in summer.

The Architects chose Insulspan SIPs as the insulation product of choice.

Together Insulspan staff and engineers, worked with SHB Architects and Keller Construction to ensure excellence in ready-to-assemble insulated building systems that would meet stringent Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification requirements.

Insulspan SIPs were chosen for energy efficiency, speed of installation, weather tightness, durability and price point. Insulspan Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs) were used for both the roof and walls. They are made of rigid expanded polystyrene (EPS) insulation sandwiched between engineered grade-oriented strand board (OSB) which are laminated to both sides. The panels are precision-cut in the factory and pre-assembled for easy site installation.

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Architects chose Insulspan SIPs for these intricate roof panels making the building LEED eligible.

Four Reasons Architects Choose Insulspan SIPs

1. Product Performance

SIPs offer superior R-Value and provide an air-tight building envelope. Insulspan SIPs are made in Canada and labelled under a third-party certification program with Intertek testing services. The entire Insulspan quality management system is certified to ISO 9001-2000.

2. Technical Expertise at Conceptual Stage

Insulspan provides dedicated technical personnel including engineers and an architect on staff to assist in the planning, design and construction phases of commercial projects. We provide quick answers to all architect questions, and can attend initial project meetings.

3. Precision Cutting and Pre-assembly

Insulspan cuts all materials according to specifications contained in the SIPs panel layout drawings approved by the client. Then we ship ready-to-assemble Insulspan SIPs with pre-assembled insulated headers, and pre-cut structural lumber with the SIPs for quick site installation.

4. Technical Expertise on Site

Insulspan provides a site advisory service to train local assembly crews during installation.

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