



British Columbia Visitor Centre at Peace Arch



site lines architecture of Fort Langley, in collaboration with Meiklejohn Architects of Penticton, Bridgemaker Consulting of Penticton and Lark Group of Surrey, BC have been selected by Tourism BC to design & build the new, multi-million dollar Visitor Centre @ Peace Arch in Surrey BC.

Tourism BC spent several years trying to make the project a reality as the site for the project presented considerable challenges. It is extremely narrow and is flanked by traffic from the Peace Arch border crossing. To overcome these constraints, the design team was inspired by the winter dwellings of the Semiahmoo First Nation people and the sinuous flow of the nearby Fraser River. The team combined the archetypal images of British Columbia into a cohesive, welcoming space for visitors to one of British Columbia's busiest destinations.

The project will be designed to meet LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) GOLD standards and certification and is scheduled to be open in February 2009, in preparation for the increased flow of visitors expected in 2010 for the Winter Olympics.