

DIALOG

NK'MIP DESERT CULTURAL CENTRE

A museum baked into Canada's only desert

Civic & Culture



LOCATION

Osoyoos, BC

CLIENT

Osoyoos Indian Band

COMPLETION

2006

COLLABORATORS

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DIALOG SERVICES

Architecture

The Nk'Mip Desert Culture Centre's design is a specific and sustainable response to the building's unique context – the spectacular Canadian desert found south of the Okanagan Valley in Osoyoos, British Columbia. This 1,600-acre parcel of land, belonging to the Osoyoos Indian Band, is the largest intact remnant of this unique habitat. The rammed earth building is an extension of the remarkable site. It features indoor and outdoor exhibits that honour the cultural history of the band.