



Award of Excellence Kin Centre Complex



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The City of Prince George needed to upgrade the Kin Centre Complex in order to accommodate the 2015 Canada Winter Games, which includes Men and Women's Hockey, Ringette, Sledge Hockey, Short Track Speed Skating and Figure Skating. In addition, the Complex needed to be flexible in order to easily convert the ice surface from Olympic to NHL and play host to non-sporting events such as small concerts, tradeshows and community shows.

Fast + Epp was presented with a number of structural challenges that included:

- Demolish and reconstruct a new 400 seat Kin 1 ice rink within an extremely tight timeframe to meet the 2015 Winter Game schedule, while at the same time minimizing disruption to the existing Kin 2 and Kin 3 ice surfaces.
- Address significant structural/seismic deficiencies within the Kin 1 and Kin 2 area of work.
- Fulfill the City of Prince George's desire to incorporate wood into the project in a meaningful way, as part of their recently adopted BC Wood First Policy.
- In keeping with the Owners mandate – design Kin 1 to be the main showpiece for the Winter Games.

All of the above challenges were successfully met with the project completing on time and on budget. Great care was taken in the overall form and detailing of the structure, which ultimately formed the dominant architectural expression for the Complex. The gently curving steel beams serve as a natural counterpoint to the expressive wood roof sweeping over the ice rink below.