

# LIARD FIRST NATION

## COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The new Liard First Nation (LFN) Community Services Building will foster open communication and relationships between the different Liard First Nation government departments and between LFN and its citizens. As the new cultural hub of the community, the community services building will help tell the Kaska story and share the First Nation living culture with visitors.

The building will include new administrative offices for the LFN, a Kaska cultural/community/interpretive centre, and lease space for the Yukon Government to operate the Watson Lake Visitor Reception Centre. It may also include space for citizen owned service businesses (café, art gallery, etc.).

A programme review session with the LFN Chief & Council, LFN administration departments, citizens, and Yukon Government Tourism representatives was held during the end of 2021/early 2022 to help confirm and update the programme needs of the LFN government.

The proposed site, Lot 1013, is owned by LFN and located north of the Alaska Highway and adjacent to the Signpost Forest. It provides a key central location in Watson Lake and an opportunity to serve citizens and engage tourists and visitors alike. The building concepts presented respond to site factors including: community visibility, southern exposure, protection from prevailing winter winds and integration within existing site pathways and context. The proposed parking area is located at the northern edge of the site so that the building can better engage with the sign post forest and strengthen its relationship with the surrounding context and south sun exposure.

The three key building components (administration, cultural and tourism) have been arranged to have direct access to a shared multi-use space. Key building components are linked together around an atrium component with strong visual and physical connection to the outdoor gathering area.

The architectural programme has been arranged to maximize natural light, ventilation and to capture views from interior spaces to outdoor gathering spaces.





# SITE AND BUILDING CONCEPTS

## VISIBILITY TO & FROM COMMUNITY

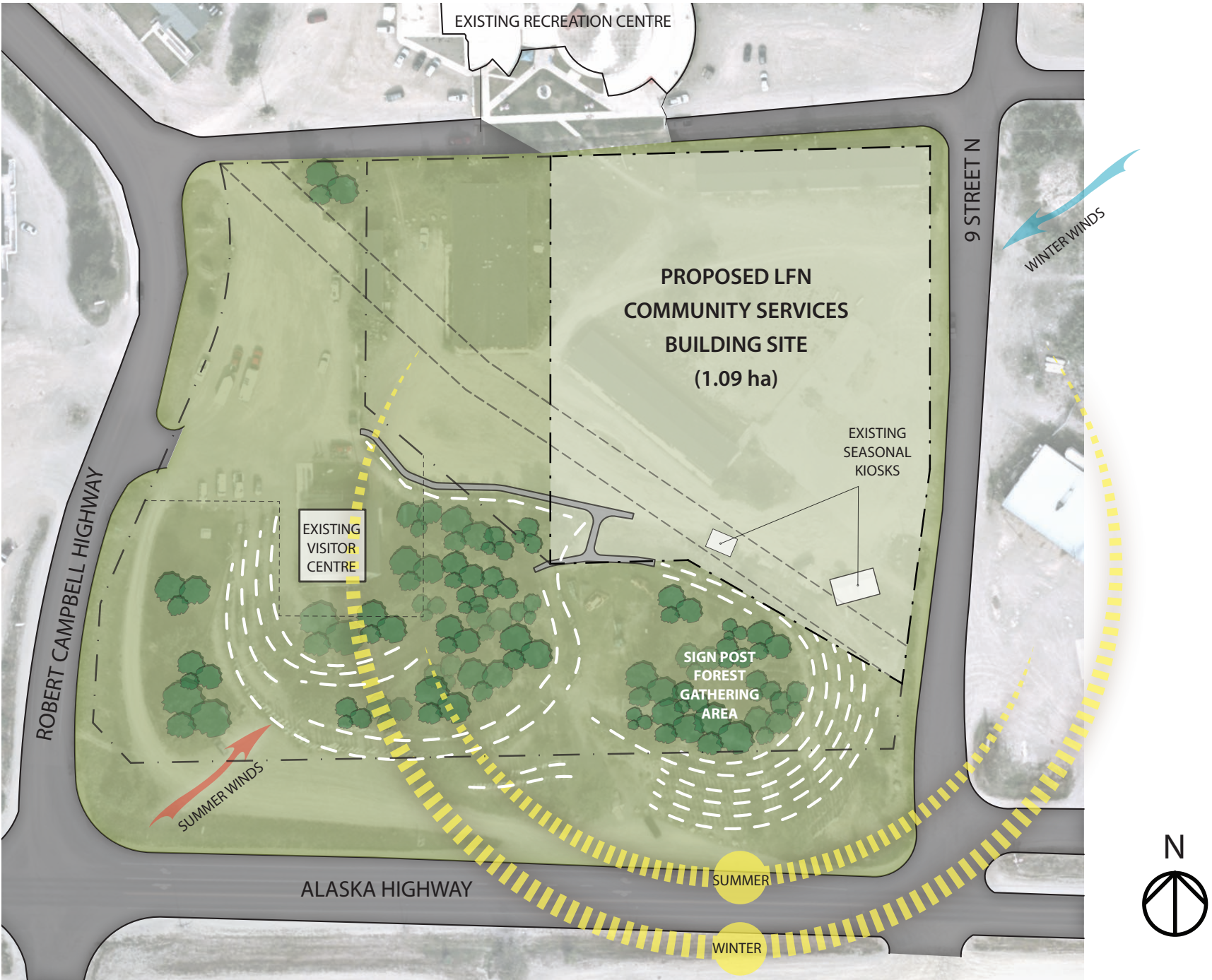
The site is prominently visible from the Alaska Highway and north of the Sign Post Forest, to welcome visitors as they approach the building from both the south and east. The building will further establish the key role of the Liard First Nation as a destination point in the community. The new site also offers a visual connection to the Sign Post Forest to the south and Recreation Centre to the north thereby bringing together the north and south sections of the community.

## SOLAR GAINS & WIND PROTECTION

Large interior spaces will shelter from inclement weather and generate opportunities for Kaska cultural celebrations. The design and location of the windows and roof overhangs along the south side of the building will ensure natural light throughout the year. Exterior south-facing gathering spaces will be simultaneously protected from high winds by the inherit shape of the building. Additionally, a large central fire pit will ensure that gatherings can also take place during colder months.

## SIGN POST FOREST - INTERIOR/ EXTERIOR INTEGRATION

The Sign Post Forest forms a vital part of the Alaska Highway history and tells part of the story of the highways construction. It brings travellers from around the world and is a significant attraction in Watson Lake. It's connection to the new LFN Community Services Building provides the community and visitors the opportunity to experience Kaska living culture as part of a visit to the building.



EXISTING SITE PLAN





# KEY BUILDING PROGRAM AREAS

## ADMINISTRATION

KEY PROGRAM COMPONENT	KEY SPACE / AREA
LIARD FIRST NATION ADMINISTRATION COMPONENT	CHIEF, COUNCIL & EXECUTIVE
	JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
	HUMAN RESOURCES
	FINANCE
	LANGUAGE
	EDUCATION
	HEALTH & SOCIAL

## CULTURAL

LIARD FIRST NATION CULTURAL COMPONENT	COMMUNITY GIFT SHOP / ART GALLERY
	KASKA STORY EXHIBIT
	GREAT KASKA COMMUNITY HALL
	COMMERCIAL KITCHEN
	MEETING ROOMS
	RETAIL STOREFRONT

## TOURISM

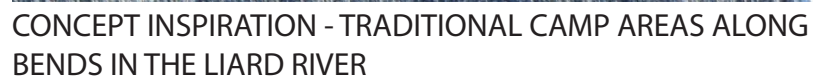
WATSON LAKE VISITOR RECEPTION	TOURIST INFORMATION DESK
	EXHIBIT / INFORMATION GALLERY
	THEATER / VIDEO SCREENING ROOM
	LIBRARY



BUILDING PROGRAM COMPONENT DIAGRAM



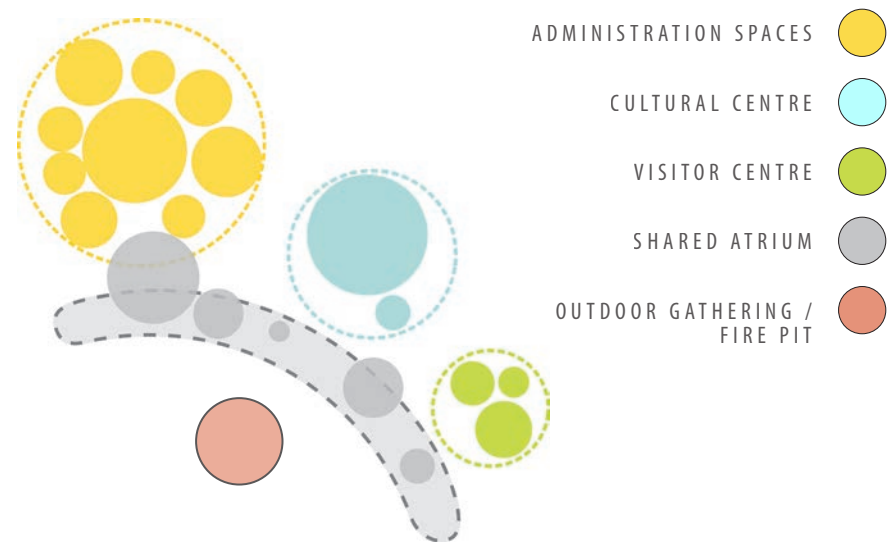




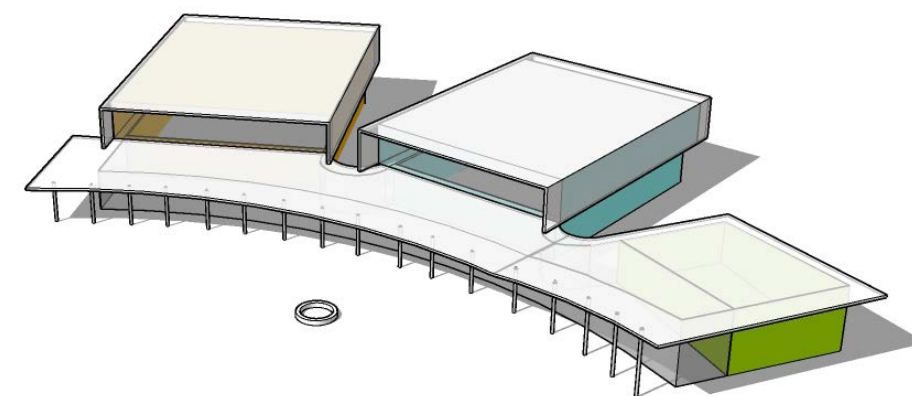
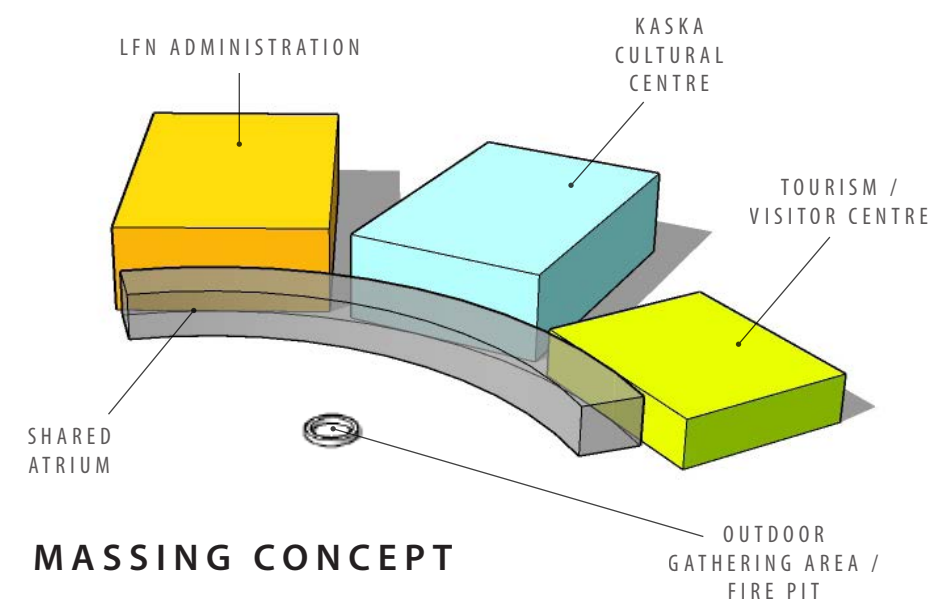
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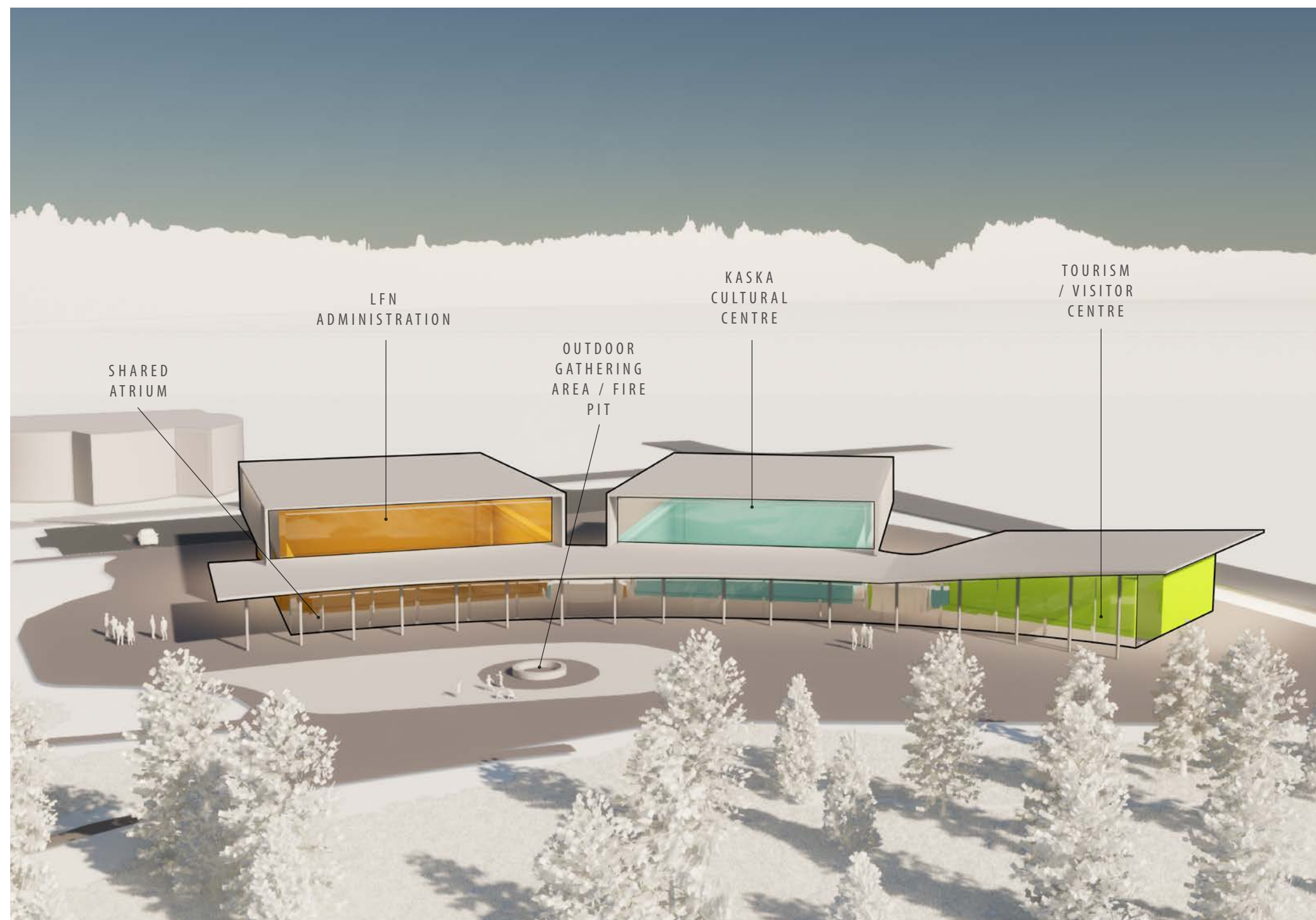




PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONAL DIAGRAM



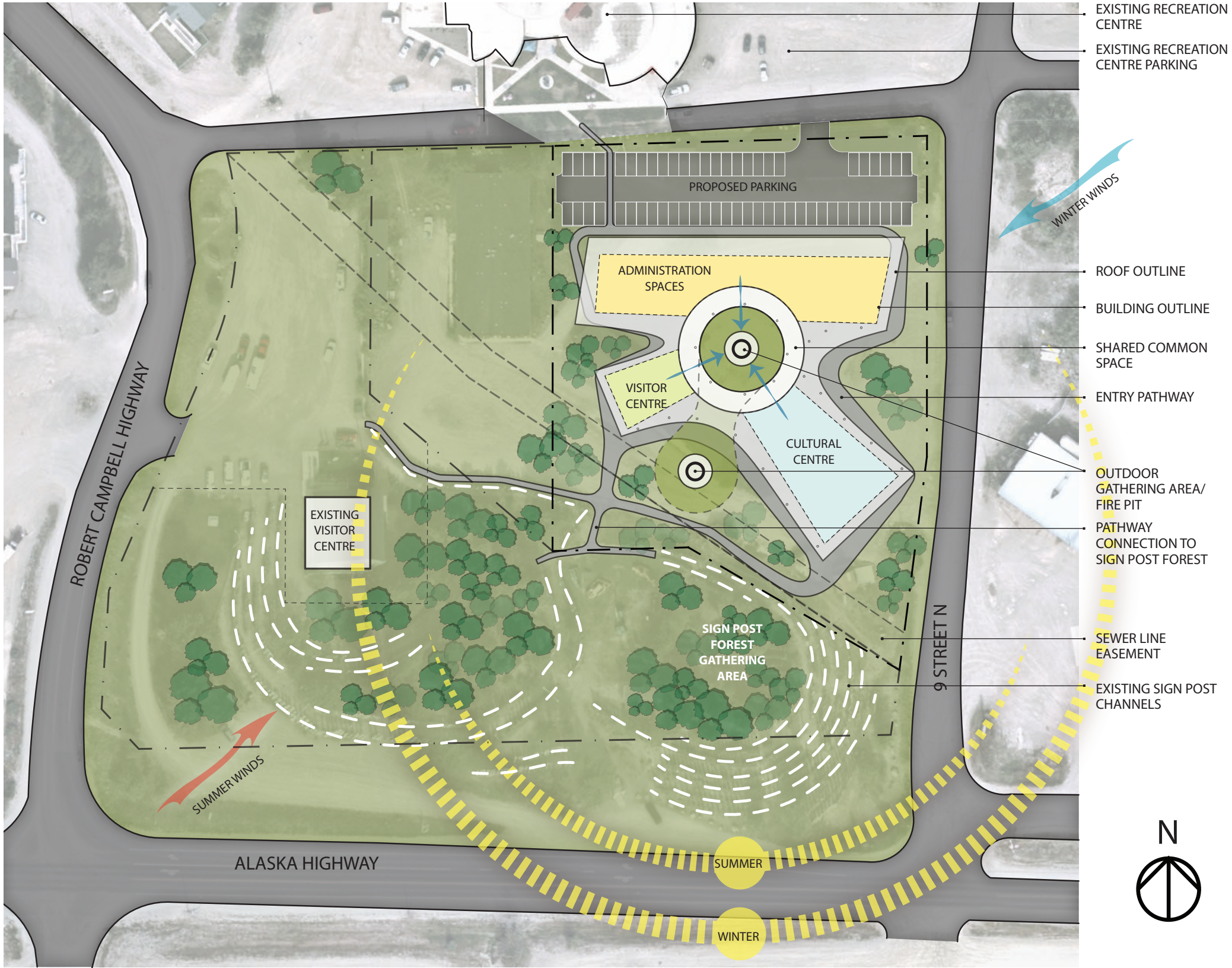
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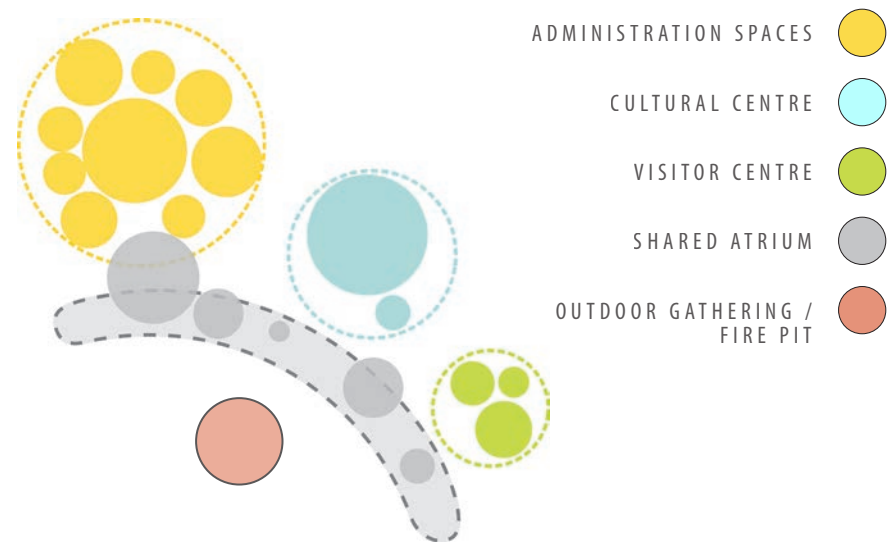
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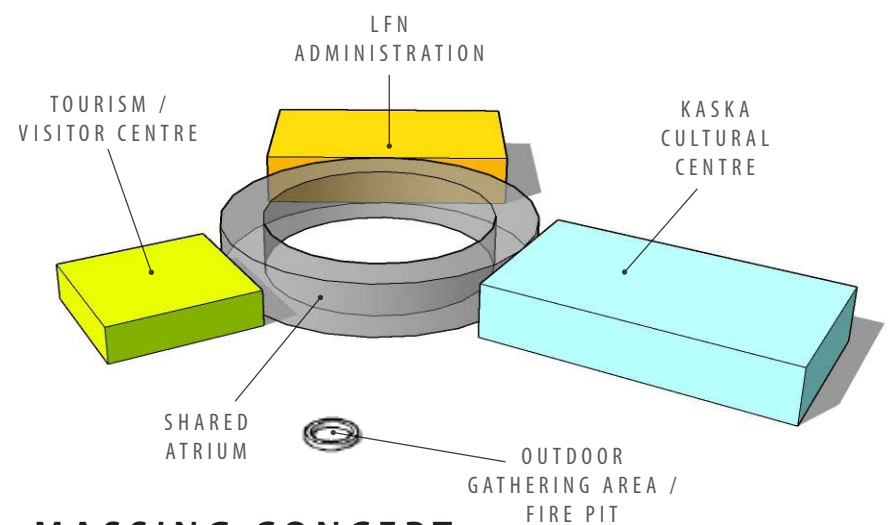
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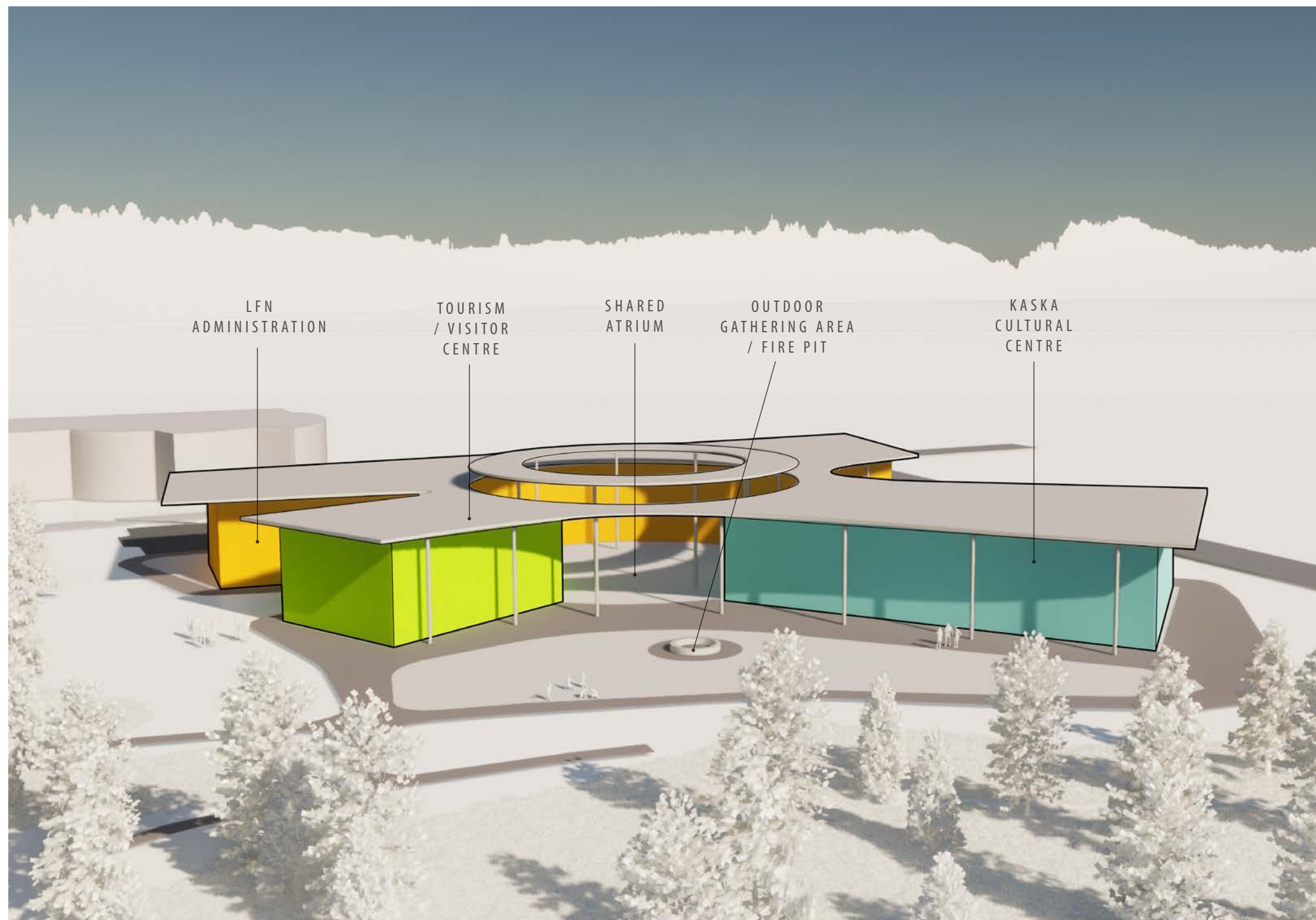


MASSING CONCEPT



BUILDING CONCEPT

# GATHERING CIRCLE



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF CONCEPT





CONCEPT INSPIRATION - THE CURVED FORM AND BRANCHES OF CARIBOU ANTLEERS



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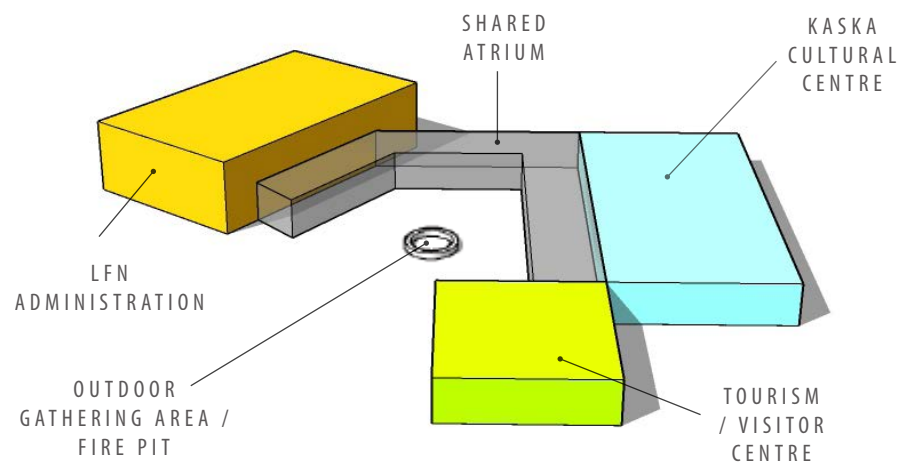




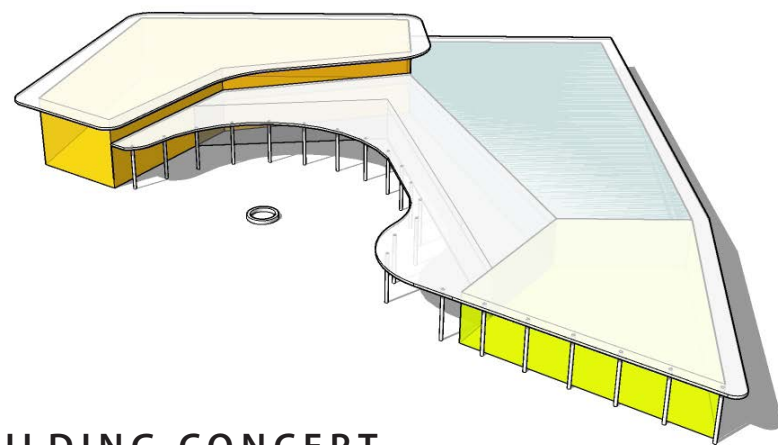
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BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF CONCEPT