

Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre

Osoyoos, BC



A rich culture blossoms in the desert

In 2006, the Osoyoos Indian Band wanted to create a dynamic new centre that celebrated their history and deep relationship to the Nk'Mip Desert. AldrichPears and project architects collaborated with the Band to bring their vision to life. Indoor cultural exhibits, multimedia presentations and nature-based experiences convey the Band's traditional worldview and innovative approach to conserving a precious habitat. The Band guided all aspects of APA's work from detailed design documentation to fabrication and installation.

After more than a decade, the centre is now in need of a refresh. APA designed exhibits for expanded galleries and outdoor trails, ensuring that they reflect the resiliency, innovations and achievements of the Band, in the past, present and future. Easily updatable touchscreen interactives, hands-on experiences, live animal displays and mobile exhibits that support diverse programs will allow the centre to engage visitors of all ages for years to come. APA is providing full design service for the renewal project from schematic design to fabrication supervision.

