



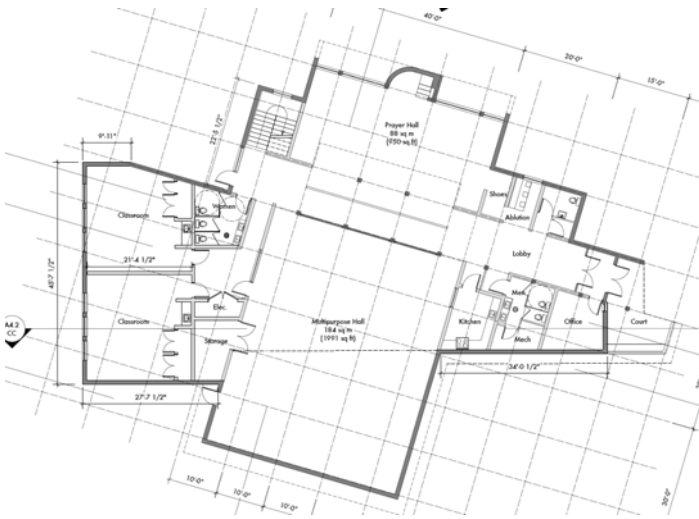
Alhamdulillah we started building The Islamic Cultural and Educational Centre in Prince George



Building Design

The design proposes to unify the building with its geographic terrain. The building massing rises gently to the west against the backdrop of the forested escarpment. The large enclosed mass of the multipurpose hall is disaggregated by a break in the roof surface. The dynamic roof forms are created by the intersection of geometries between the orthogonal Prince George city grid and the axis to Mecca (N16.5°E).

The entrance to the building is at the east end of a colonnade that separates the multi-purpose hall on the south side and the prayer hall to the north. The colonnade is exposed by the slope of the adjacent roof. The glazing would be articulated with Islamic geometric patterns bringing visual interest to the entrance. The massing culminates in a minaret that rises above the building, topped by an open cupola. As well as being a symbolic element of Islamic architecture, the minaret will assist in stack ventilation for the building, contributing to the sustainable features of the building.



Construction Materials

In selecting structural and finish materials the main objective is sustainability. This will be achieved by using locally or regionally sourced materials or by using materials that have a long service life. The main structural system will be timber frame and glu-lam members. The palette of exterior materials will be masonry, metal cladding, glazing and fibre-cement board.

Sustainability

The intent in this project is to incorporate as many environmentally sustainable strategies as possible. In addition to natural ventilation and material selection noted above, daylight harvesting, on site storm water management and efficient fixtures and equipment will be investigated.



Ground breaking - Jumada Al-Akhira 14, 1430 - June 7, 2009.

Master Plan

The site master plan anticipates gradual growth of the facility over a period of time. The first phase of the project would occur along the southern portion of the site. The building would be located on the south-west corner and the parking would be adjacent, extending from the building to the 10m no-build setback to the east. Future expansion of the building would occur in a linear fashion along the west property line.

Building Program

The first phase of the project establishes the minimum spaces required for community activities for the Muslim population of Prince George. The principal space is the multi-purpose hall for social and recreational activities. A small prayer-hall with a mezzanine provides space for congregational prayer. Two classrooms provide space for weekend religious and language education and could be used as a daycare.



The construction of the foundation started - June 8, 2009.