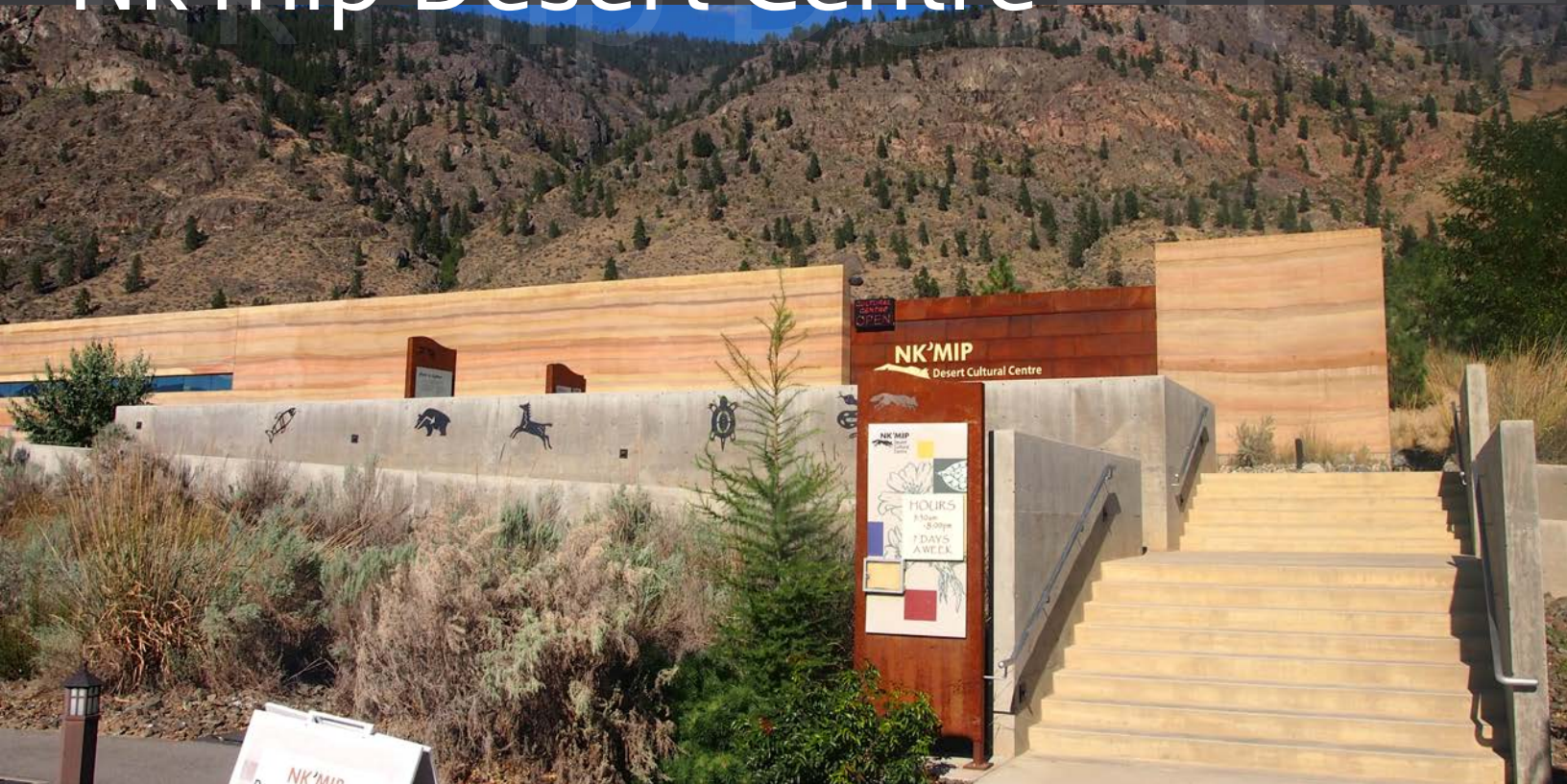


# Nk'mip Desert Centre



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In conjunction with the Osoyoos Indian Band, and as part of an original 50-acre resort and golf course master plan (Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort and Spa and Sonora Dunes Golf Course by Bellstar Developments), the Nk'Mip Desert Interpretive Centre is a landmark showcase of the region's textures and materials reflected in built form. From the desert landscape green roof to the massive rammed earth wall facade, the Interpretive Centre appears to be cut out of the existing desert landscape.

As Project Landscape Architect, Mike Enns led the overall layout of plants, gravels and boulders intended to mimic the desert landscape, along with the linear entry water feature which serves as a stark contrast with the imposing rammed earth vertical wall. Board-form concrete walls and stairs help to delineate the outdoor spaces and support the strong forms of the building's architecture. An immersive interpretive program provides education and events to visitors on local flora and fauna, as well as ancient traditions of First Nations culture in and around Osoyoos.

**Client:** Nk'mip Indian Band

**Location:** Osoyoos, BC

**Budget:** \$25M

**Completed:** 2006

**Awards:**

2008 Governor General Award

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