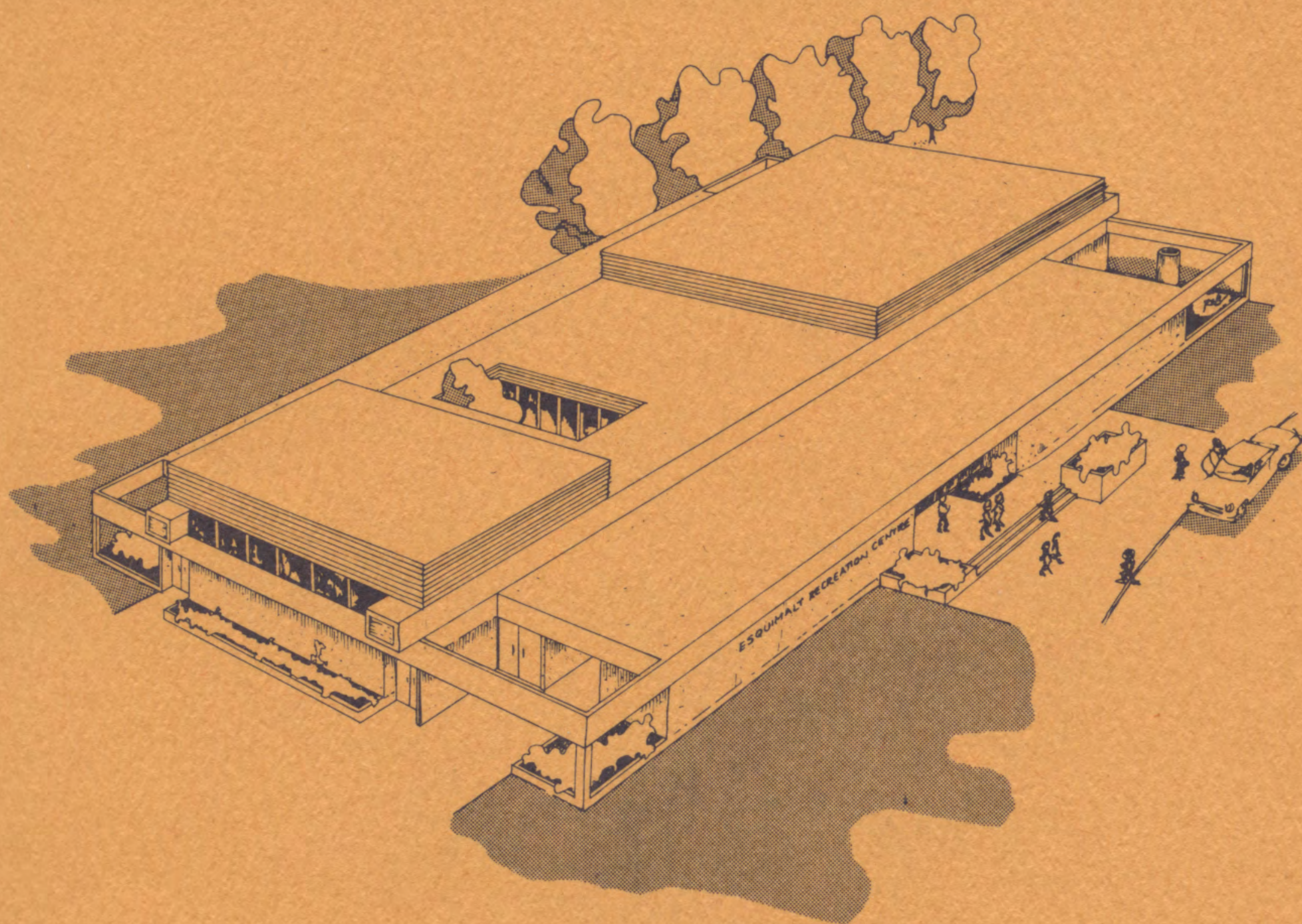




# esquimalt recreation centre



## official opening

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 1974

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT



**1974**

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# recreation centre

The Building which combines a community centre and swimming pool has been planned over a number of years.

Community groups, municipal councils, recreation commissions and special committees have all discussed, planned and contributed to the final design. The needs of citizens of all ages for facilities to conduct their leisure time activities was the prime consideration during the planning stages. The swimming pool provides for recreational swimming with sauna baths and a whirlpool also available. The complex does not have facilities for athletics but two dressing rooms are provided for sports groups who use Bullen Park facilities. The activity rooms permit maximum use by all, as storage space for equipment is provided outside the rooms.

A kitchen, located between Jubilee Hall and Pioneer Hall, is designed to permit use by more than one group at a time or to provide catering facilities for large functions.

A large lounge at the entrance provides an area where citizens who use the facility may meet their friends and neighbours. Parents attending to pick up their children from recreation activities will find this a pleasant area to visit.



# programme

## **Prelude**

Music by Members  
Esquimalt Senior Secondary School  
by Permission, Mr. Court Brousson  
Conducted by Mr. Jerry Bryant

## **Introductory remarks**

Mayor A.G. Young

## **“O Canada”**

## **Mayor's Remarks**

## **Introduction**

Mr. Alan Lester, M.R.A.I.C.  
Mr. B.L. Peterson, M.R.A.I.C.  
Peterson and Lester, Architects

## **Remarks for Turning over Building**

Mr. J.W. Kokkelink, Dura Construction Ltd.

## **Acceptance of Building**

Mayor A.G. Young

## **Turning over Recreation Centre to Parks and Recreation Commission**

Mayor A.G. Young

## **Receiving of Keys**

Mr. D. Warder, Chairman,  
Parks and Recreation Commission

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Canon H. Greenhalgh

## **Remarks**

Mr. Hugh Anderson,  
Member of Parliament, Comox-Alberni

## **Remarks and Unveiling of Plaque**

Honourable David Barrett,  
Premier of British Columbia

## **Response**

Mayor A.G. Young

## **“God Save The Queen”**

## **Postlude**

The Band Concert continues  
Refreshments



The names of the halls and rooms in the Recreation Centre have been chosen to reflect part of the history of the Community.

### **Jubilee Hall**

Jubilee refers to the Golden Jubilee of the 1912 incorporation of the Township of Esquimalt. The Esquimalt Athletic Hall was erected on this site by the residents of Esquimalt in 1935. Funds for the building were raised by the residents and the building was erected using volunteer labour. The hall served as a community centre and gymnasium until the war years when it was leased by the Royal Canadian Navy. The hall was returned to community use after the war and again served Esquimalt as a Community Centre. In 1962 the Esquimalt Municipal Council selected as a Jubilee Project the renovation and construction of an addition to the hall and renamed the building "Jubilee Hall". To commemorate these happenings the name "Jubilee" was selected for the large hall.

### **Pioneer Hall**

There is a double significance to this selection in that the name honours all of the residents of Esquimalt's earlier days and also recalls that prior to the expansion of H.M.C. Dockyard, one of the main thoroughfares in the business district of the original Esquimalt Village was Pioneer Street.

### **Kanaka Room**

In the 1850's natives of the Sandwich Islands and Hawaiian Islands were brought to the area as labourers and herdsman and were known as "Kanakas". In due course a small colony of these natives settled on the water's edge close to where Constance Avenue and Foster Street are today. A small bay in that area is called Kanaka Bay.

### **Craigflower Room**

Craigflower Farm was the largest of the four farms which originally covered most of the present day Esquimalt. The original holder was Kenneth MacKenzie and the farmhouse he built stands today where Admiral Road, Craigflower Road and the Island Highway meet.

### **Constance Cove Room**

The farm owned by the Skinner Family overlooked Esquimalt Harbour and was known as Constance Cove Farm. The bay between Yarrows and Naden is now called Constance Cove and Constance Avenue runs south from this cove to the waters south of the Municipality.

### **Fernhill Room**

Charles Edward Pooley, a prominent old-time resident of Esquimalt built a home on Lampson Street and named it Fernhill. Mr. Pooley represented Esquimalt in the Legislature; he was for six years Speaker of the House and for nine years, President of the Council. Although "Fernhill" is no more, a street in Esquimalt is named "Fernhill" and a later Pooley home is still in use on Old Esquimalt Road.

### **Viewfield Room**

Viewfield Farm covered 600 acres including the area now occupied by Work Point, Macaulay Point and Saxe Point Park and extending up to the top of the hill on Esquimalt Road. Donald Macaulay was the original bailiff in charge, assuming the post in 1850. This farm does not appear to have been very productive and part of the farm eventually became a cattle corral.



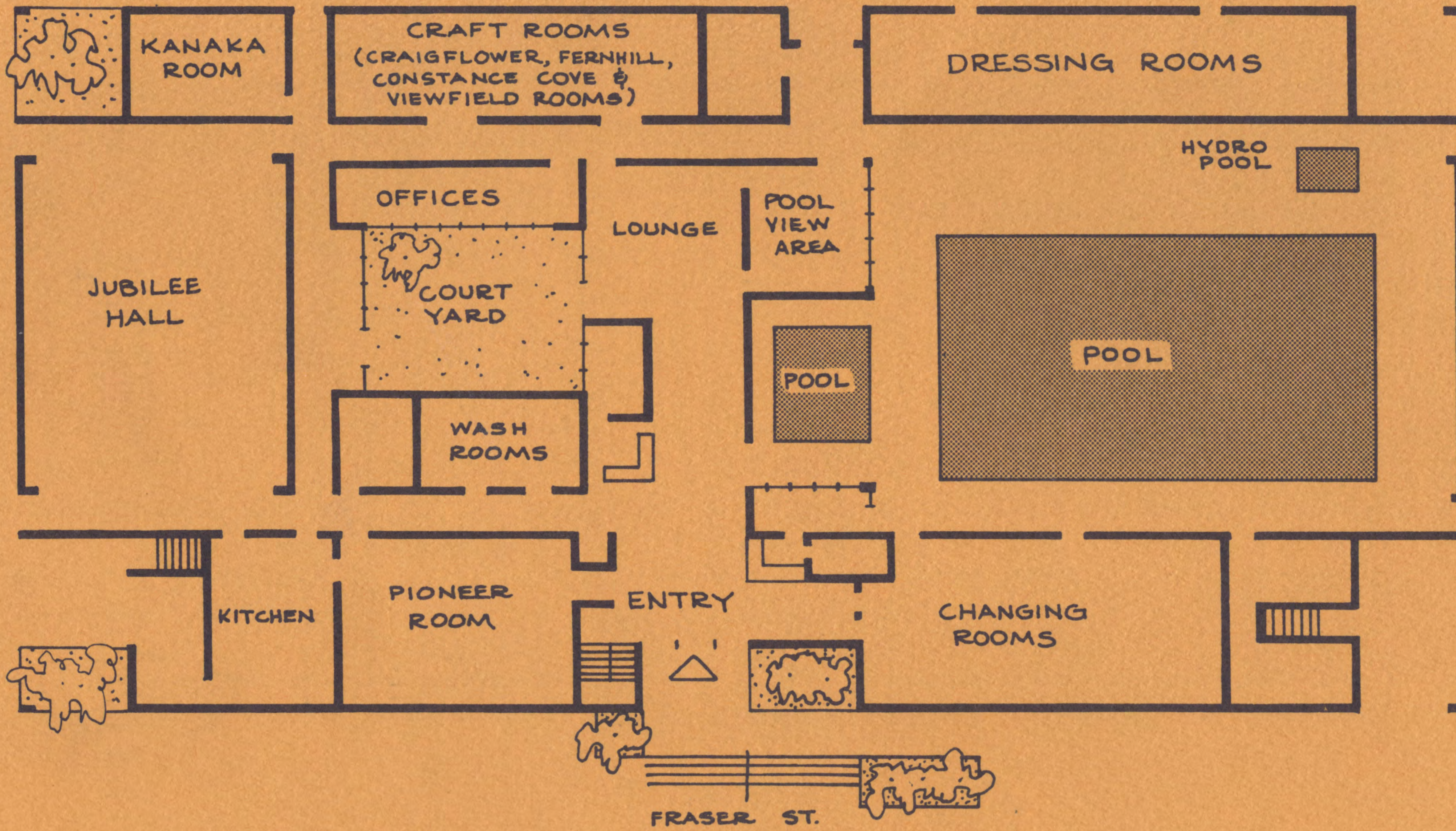
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Architects Peterson and Lester  
Consultants D.W. Thomson & Co. Ltd.  
Read, Jones & Christofferson Ltd.  
Spratt & Associates Ltd.  
Contractor Dura Construction Ltd.

## building

Total Area	31,000 square feet
Jubilee Hall	49' x 74'
Pioneer Hall	31' x 42'
Kanaka Room	19' x 30'
Craigflower Room	13' x 19'
Constance Cove Room	19' x 24'
Fernhill Room	14' x 19'
Viewfield Room	14' x 19'
2 Dressing Rooms	19' x 25'
Swimming Pool	25 metres - 6 lanes
2 Saunas	
1 Whirlpool	
1 Metre Diving Board	
2 Change Rooms	
Construction Cost	\$1,500,000.00
Government of Canada	\$ 275,000.00
Government of British Columbia	\$ 475,000.00
Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt	\$ 750,000.00





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