

# Future Steel Buildings and Canada's First Nations

## A Long History Built from Steel

Canada's First Nations people have bought steel buildings from Future Steel since the company first began. In fact, Marcel Aitoro, Director of Future Steel remembers very fondly in the early days back in 1978, delivering four Quonset buildings himself to one First Nations band up in northern Ontario. "The chief told me that they were going to use these particular buildings to make canoes in which they were then going to sell internationally. I like to think that in a way our buildings helped these great people share such a beautiful piece of their heritage with the rest of the world". Since then Future Steel has established long standing relationships with dozens of bands across the country and remains a strong partner and supporter of the collective efforts of First Nations infrastructure and capacity development.

Future Steel's building specialists, factory engineers and operations managers have come to know well the specifics of First Nations construction projects. Recommendations are made and buildings manufactured based on accommodating the reserve's seasonal purchasing schedules, any specific structural requirements as well as the site's access or delivery protocols. Aitoro says it has always been Future Steel's obligation to understand the bands' needs and do whatever is necessary to deliver them.

It is largely because of this philosophy to embrace the unique environmental and socio-economical factors within First Nations and their related organizations that hundreds of Future Steel buildings are in place on reserves nation wide. Beausoleil First Nations in Georgian Bay, Ontario use their building to garage and service the reserve's ambulance; the Kamloops band on the Douglas reserve in B.C. have a steel building that performs as their council meeting room; the buildings on the reserve in Rama Township, Ontario are used for warehousing and storage; Jean Marie First Nations in N.W.T constructed a sawmill with their building and

north of Thunder Bay, Ontario the Webequie reserve is working on erecting a new community ice rink in a large custom-designed steel building – to name just a few.

In addition to public service buildings, Future Steel has provided practical and affordable social housing solutions for many communities. Steel arch homes are easy to build without contractors and are so much cheaper than using traditional residential building materials. They are fully customizable both inside and out for every comfort and can easily be extended at any time. They also have proven to stand up without damage or rust to extreme weather conditions which are very much a reality in the more remote regions of the country.

Future Steel is committed to a continued investment in First Nations communities as a trusted supply partner in their growth and improvement. Today the company is actively assisting many reserves with the purchase of various service facilities in accordance with the FNIF (First Nations Infrastructure Funding). Current projects include steel buildings being produced for heat and pump sheds, transfer stations,

recycling depots, road maintenance garages for vehicles and equipment as well as various community facilities. Future Steel examines the structural and functional requirements with the individual band and then works together across all departments to design the best steel building solution – meet the reserve's outlined expansion or development budget – and deliver the building as per the designated time-frame.

Marcel Aitoro appreciates more than most the great power and spirit that comes from long term respect and loyalty in business. "Strong supplier-customer friendships are just like steel...lasting and unbending. First Nations have always believed in our building products and in many ways have helped build this company. Future Steel Buildings will always have them covered."



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