Clarifications: CCCAP Competition 2020

A Youth Hostel for Elk Island National Park, Alberta, Canada

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What is the relation of the Hostel to the existing Visitor Center? The Hostel and Visitor Center are independent organizations.

Can a connection path from Visitor Center to Hostel be located through the woods or must it be via the access road? A formal connection should not be planned through the woods.

Will most visitors come by car? Or will there be “hike-through” users? Most guests will arrive by car. Hostel guests may also arrive on foot.

Is the parking lot only for Hostel users or will other park visitors use it? The parking lot is for use of guests and staff of the Hostel. The nearby Visitor Center can accommodate visitors that are not guests of the Hostel.

For the access lane does it need to be only one car wide? Or two lanes each one car wide? Can we have 2 access lanes with one car wide for each (ex. one way in and another way out)? Two lanes are recommended, one way in and one way out. The lanes can be together or separated.

Is it ok to be slightly out of the yellow site triangle? All structures and parking need to be within the yellow site triangle.

Which side of the building site does the parking lot need to be on? The parking lot can be on any side of the structure, but needs to have access to the road toward the north.

How is the Hostel run/managed? One staff member resides on site and is responsible for management of staff and has administrative duties in the running of the Hostel.

Do visitors have to leave during the day? Guests are permitted to stay during the day, but portions of the Hostel may be inaccessible for cleaning and maintenance.
Is there a limit on how long a visitor can stay?  Guests are limited to stays of two weeks.

Is there more outside staff than the resident manager (cleaning, cooking, front desk, etc)?  How many?  In addition to the resident manager, there are staff members for cleaning (3), cooking (3), front desk (4), and general maintenance (1).

Can a second floor be designed without an elevator if public spaces and some dorm rooms are on the first level?  The building should be fully accessible.

Do Hostel visitors make their own food or is there food provided, so that a kitchen would be used by kitchen staff not by visitors, or is it a combination?  Staff members use the kitchen to prepare food for sale to the guests. Hostel guests are also permitted to use the kitchen, but only during restricted hours.

Are the accessibility codes the same or more stringent (than the US) in Canada?  The following document addresses provides accessibility guidelines for Alberta.  

Is gender separation assumed in bedrooms and bathrooms?  Bedrooms should be designed for flexibility.  Bathrooms may be gender separated or gender neutral.

The toilet rooms and showers are to have 10 per room or 10 total for both rooms?  Each toilet room should have 10 toilets and 10 lavatories. Each shower room should have 10 showers.

Will there be public water or a well?  Assume that the Hostel uses well water with a filtration system.

Which side will the utilities come from into the building?  Assume that utilities come from the access road to the north.

Will there be natural gas available to the building?  Yes.

Is a natural gas or wood burning fireplace desired?  The inclusion of a fireplace is optional.