

# PRIME CONNECTION

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## Architect Q & A

**Q: Is any project too small or too insignificant to use an architect?**

**A:** Even a smaller project such as a deck, an entry, or a bathroom can benefit from the forethought an architect can provide, especially if the project is encumbered with several conflicting constraints. There are clear benefits to solving a construction puzzle on paper prior to buying materials, busting out walls, etc. This type of problem solving is the architect's expertise.

**Q: What if I don't like the designs my architect comes up with?**

**A:** Upon occasion, a client may be dissatisfied with the architect's work or approach. Keep in mind that the creation of a design is a complex process; an architect may not "hit the nail on the head" immediately. However, if you feel you are not being served adequately or appropriately, it is best to discuss your concerns directly. Most contracts have a provision for this type of situation.

**Q: What can an architect do for me that a contractor can't do?**

**A:** A large part of an architect's role is to help you visualize potential solutions. This may be achieved through the use of building models, three-dimensional drawings, perspective views, and computer-generated images in addition to traditional floor plans, sections, and elevations. A clear and vivid representation helps you understand what a design solution will look like and feel like, so you can judge it in an informed way. Most architects approach a project with an open mind toward a broad range of methods, materials, and components. Creative and apt solutions can come out of this freedom.

An architect is knowledgeable about tailoring your design to comply with zoning laws, neighbourhood covenants, building codes, and the like. He or she can help guide your project through the construction permit process. An architect can also recommend contractors who might be well suited for your project.

## Laughing Matters

Q. What is a happy smiling structural engineer's philosophy?  
A. I-beam therefore I am.

Q. Why did the contractor falling over necessitate re-laying the foundations?  
A. Because he lost his footing.

Q. Why do engineers enjoy fixing steelwork together?  
A. Because it's riveting.

Q. In which Star Trek film did the crew of the Enterprise push the limits of flooring material design?  
A. The Vinyl Frontier.

### Name That Project Winner

Congratulations to Jim Kimmel of IJD Inspections, Ltd. for correctly identifying [Bashaw Meadows Supportive Living Lodge!](#)



*Upside-Down House,  
Szymbark, Poland*

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[Interior Flythrough– Grace United Church, Lloydminster](#)

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[Interior Flythrough– Hudson's Green Community Centre, Ponoka](#)

[Interior Flythrough - Word of Life Church, Red Deer](#)

