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New Monastery for Central Alberta

We are so excited to be designing a rare project type in the Red Deer area! This will be a new monastery for the Coptic religion to be located in Central Alberta. The project award required a conceptual design competition and report, as well as interview, and we were very pleased to be the successful candidate. The religious complex will include a church, monastery quarters for the monks and bishop, and multi-purpose rooms and sleeping accommodations for visiting Coptic families and community members. Essential design elements of the Coptic faith are to be incorporated in the design of the church in particular and the building as a whole. These are some preliminary design images completed for the report.



Anastacia's Official Photo



We finally have our (relatively) new employee, Anastacia Tunyk's, "official photo" to share with you. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we haven't been able to get her photo done earlier. Anastacia works from her home in Calgary and, with the loosening of restrictions, has finally been able to visit the office.

Residential Projects

Berry Architecture has always completed a small number of private homes for special clients, friends, and relatives; however, over the past few years, we have expanded this field due to the interest of some staff who love designing custom homes. We have completed many such projects now, including a specially designed addition to accommodate a young child with mobility needs and a number of "mountain-style" projects in BC.

A cool residential project that we are working on right now is an "eco" house near Fort Steele, BC. The home will be constructed with hempcrete material (a bio-composite similar to a straw bale, but much more efficient with its mix of hemp shives and lime). It will be highly energy-efficient and will follow many Passive House standards. The project has required some special detail drawings, and Carlos has been able to put his Passive House knowledge to practical use!

Give us a call at 403.314.4461 (AB) or 250.421.3555 (BC) if you are considering a new home, renovation, or addition project.



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