

Black's Patio

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The project site is located at the corner of the large 'Skier's Plaza' in Whistler Village, British Columbia where Blackcomb and Whistler Mountains meet. Whistler is a premier mountain Resort of Canada.

The purpose of the project was to significantly upgrade and renew a building edge and restaurant outdoor patio area to integrate it with public plaza. At this highly visible site the building and building edge presented a blank, cold, inefficient and meaningless expression to a busy area.

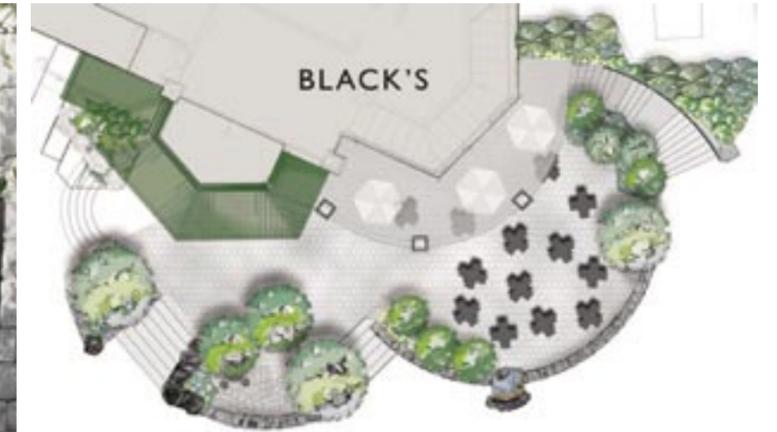
At this important site we wanted to bring in elements that represented the Whistler area, to make it unique, and to engage passers by. The objective was to create a space and features that would tell a story, utilize art and relate to the surroundings. A further objective was to utilize local material (local rock) and tell something of the source of that material.

The project site and skier's plaza of Whistler Village are seen and used by visitors from all over the world.

By developing meaningful expression about the local area utilizing local materials and artistic expression, visitors are made more aware of the area.

The visitor is able to see, learn and understand more about the Coast Mountains and the Whistler community. The project is a departure from the typical. At the beginning of the project the collaborating artist and landscape architect posed the question: 'what can we do differently, what can we do meaningfully?'

The perception of landscape architecture is increased by the significant improvement of the site and the art feature integrated with the site. Visitors and residents notice the dramatic change to the site.



- ← Art Piece on Site.
- ↑ Rendered Illustration of the Landscape Plan.
- ↘ Fun Exploring Blacks Art / Water Feature.
- ↓ Blacks Patio.



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