Chinguacousy Park Picnic Shelters

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New Landscape, Small Landscape - C.1.2







The series of three Picnic Shelters in Chinguacousy Park were designed and constructed in 2013 in order to meet the needs for the heavy public use of the park areas and to accommodate a variety of activities and groups through the various seasons and weather conditions.

The three pavilions were sited in separate locations, but are convenient to parking and pedestrian walkways. They take advantage of pleasant views over the ponds and popular landscaped areas and each is intended to create a new local context of public space within a large and diverse park.

The three structures were developed from a prototype design, utilizing a simple palette of materials – galvanized steel structure, cross laminated timber roofs with zinc flashings, cedar screen walls and built in recycling stations. The robust materials relate to the natural settings and meet the City's need for ease of maintenance.

The innovative use of CLT for the roof structure gives the shelters a very clean and minimal look with a smooth wood soffit, which forms a significant part of the visual appearance. This also simplified construction, as the roofs were prefabricated lifted into place onto the steel frames.

The new landscaping was kept minimal in order to provide little interruption to the natural context. Overall the shelters are intended to give the impression of pavilions or tents, lightly pitched in the landscape.