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Building Fast, Affordable and Durable Schools with Precast Concrete

A Case Study of the St. Francis School in Saskatchewan

May 19, 2026 | 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (EST)

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Presented by Derek E Kindrachuk, Principal Architect, Kindrachuk Agrey Architecture

Join architects, engineers, and construction professionals to explore how precast concrete can offer a powerful solution for your next school project!

The St. Francis School / awâsisak kâ-nîmîhtocik project in Saskatoon, SK began with ambitious goals and early budget challenges that called for a fresh, innovative approach. Rather than delaying progress, the team embraced the opportunity to rethink the design—unlocking new efficiencies and creative solutions that kept the project moving forward.

This project has become a standout example of how precast concrete can transform outcomes—reducing costs through faster construction, expanding architectural possibilities, and delivering a durable, safe structure built to serve generations.

The striking curved design of the school pays tribute to the local Indigenous Cree community, creating a welcoming and culturally meaningful environment where students and families feel supported. Designed to accommodate up to 700 students, the school also supports the growth of Cree language and cultural programming, and includes a 70-space early learning centre in partnership with the Saskatoon Tribal Council.

The project has earned high praise, including recognition from Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe, who called it “an investment into both the future of Saskatoon and the province as a whole.”

Join us to discover how precast concrete reshaped the delivery of this inspiring project. Attendees will also have the opportunity to engage directly with experts during a live Q&A session at the end of the webinar.

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Learning Objectives

- Discover how budget challenges can drive innovative solutions
- Learn how precast concrete reduces cost and construction time
- Understand the design flexibility and durability benefits of precast concrete
- Explore strategies for culturally meaningful school design and how communities and modern learning environments integrate
- Gain practical insights from a real-world project case study

About the Presenter

Derek E Kindrachuk

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With over 35 years in architectural practice, Derek is a peer respected architect with a proven track-record for delivering large, complex and challenging projects. Having built, grown and managed the firm on a foundation of progressive educational and multi-stakeholder projects, the firm has garnered recognition for providing many of Saskatoon's most public projects. Whether it be delivering Saskatchewan's first LEED Platinum space, or designing award winning projects, Derek's tireless appetite for vision building, engagement, and communications has made him a trusted resource for clients to depend on.



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