

Tipotie Health Centre

The essence of the building is lightened by the curved roof and outer walls. The large, silkscreen clad and double facade wall surfaces divide the building mass into smaller pieces. Dark aged copper clad end walls and lightweight glass surfaces alternate and create sculptural courtyard spaces. The building entrances are located on the 2nd and 5th floor, of which the latter is a street-level main entrance. Site's level differences are softened by the slope of the recessed parking hall and stonewalls. The yard areas were kept understated with slopes that are covered with evergreen ground cover plants. Pedestrian routes are coated with white crushed stone.

A freely formed central lobby connects the wing sections. The arched openings, curved glass walls, and main staircase punctuate the lobby floor. Upon entering the building, you get a splendid unobstructed view of Lake Näsijärvi. The glass surfaces are silkscreen printed glass patterns that filter the incoming natural light. This light together with the curved surfaces creates a nuanced series of spaces. The building dimensions and shape are revealed in the central lobby, offering varying views in all directions.

The building houses a number of user groups. For example, a health centre, dental clinic, maternity clinic and rehabilitation clinic. The main auditorium, as well as the private dining room, can be rented out outside of office hours. Colourful surfaces and sculptural design of the building create a comfortable and vibrant place for citizens to visit and utilize services.

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