



Montane Warming Hut – National Student Design Competition (Canada)

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Prize: \$5,000 toward university/tuition fees (Winner)

Design Budget (for constructability): \$500,000

Submission Type: Digital only

Deadline: August 31, 2026

Location: Montane Hut (as pinned on Google Maps, Fernie, BC)

Project Overview

Students are invited to submit an original concept design for the Montane Warming Hut — a small public park amenity used year-round in a mountain environment. The hut should provide shelter and warmth for trail users and visitors, responding to dramatic seasonal changes, snow load, wind, durability, and public accessibility. The project is off-grid, with firewood as the primary heat source; thoughtful wood storage and safe operation are essential. While this is a design-only competition, proposals should demonstrate realistic constructability within a \$500,000 budget.

Design Parameters

Use	Public warming hut / small park amenity (year-round)
Context	Mountain climate; seasonal use; snow, wind, durability
Systems	Off-grid; wood-fired heat; integrated wood storage
Materials	Durable, low-maintenance, context-appropriate
Accessibility	Universal access where feasible
Sustainability	Passive design and material efficiency encouraged

Submission Requirements (Digital Only)

Submit one PDF (max 10 pages): site response & concept narrative (≤500 words); schematic plans, sections, elevations; at least one perspective; basic material palette; and high-level constructability notes demonstrating feasibility within budget.

Evaluation Criteria

Design quality & originality; response to site and climate; build realism within \$500,000; clarity of communication; public experience and placemaking.

How to Submit

Email submissions to: officemanager@parastone.ca. Include student name(s), university/program, year of study, and contact info.