



After more than 60 years of colonial, suburban architecture being implanted throughout the intrinsically nomadic villages of Northern Quebec, how may we reverse this sedimentary imposition and engage the daily practices of Inuit in Nunavik through conscious design and architecture?

This project proposes the erection of a material depot in each of the fourteen villages within the Nunavik territory. The depot is known as Noma, referring to the nomadic lifestyle common to the Inuit. They are constructed using existing shipping containers found within the communities; often left behind after receiving shipments from outside the village. These depots are intended to encourage the nomadic lifestyle and ever-present hacking culture by creating communal spaces for self-exploration and self-realization.

Noma inspires the hacking culture. It provides an ever-changing inventory of local supplies, typically

discovered in the in-between spaces of the village. The various items and building supplies are now stored in a simple, safe, and secure manner to facilitate the environmentally conscious use of existing resources. The materials are available to all members of Nunavik, inviting communities to share ideas, resources and indigenuity.

Our design utilizes existing shipping containers to create a drive-thru system for collecting recycled resources and materials from the community. This collecting of material into one location will lead to regaining the landscape and in-between spaces. This freedom to DIY and hack the Inuit landscape is encouraged by temporary voids created within the in-between spaces. These temporary voids may lead to new projects, creations, and design challenges beyond formal and cultural compositions. Community members have the freedom to hack and reshape their village for themselves, which is analogous to the formation of traditional Inuit villages.

The modular, sustainable structure of Noma follows this ideology. It may be separated, moved, modified, and hacked to facilitate the needs of its users. The containers may be used in the future for housing, storage or hunting and fishing facilities in the in-between spaces.

This proposal addresses the challenge on multiple scales. Noma may be present within all fourteen villages of the Nunavik territory. The architecture speaks to sustainable re-use with a simple, inclusive, and spontaneous design of an ever-changing and adaptive material depot. This promotion of self-built intervention and DIY using local practices and resources brings the project to a micro-architectural scale.

Noma is an idea to inspire the active hacking culture of Inuit communities.

### STEP 1

The collection of materials, building supplies and recycled resources from the in-between spaces of the community. These temporary voids may inspire new projects, creations and design challenges beyond formal and cultural compositions.



### STEP 2

Noma will be inventoried and organized to create safe, secure and easy access for future hacks. This proposal allows community members to spend more time building, hunting, fishing and ensuring their home and village express their visions.



### STEP 3

Noma becomes a space for community gathering, self-exploration and self-expression that leads to hacking the local landscape. This is analogous to the planning and construction of traditional Inuit villages.

