

It came without carpenters

It came without planners

It came without architects, engineers or designers,

So the architect saw, from his tall glass skyscraper

With his head all a clutter from theories and papers

That they could build without pretense or theory or icon

They could build just because what was given was broken

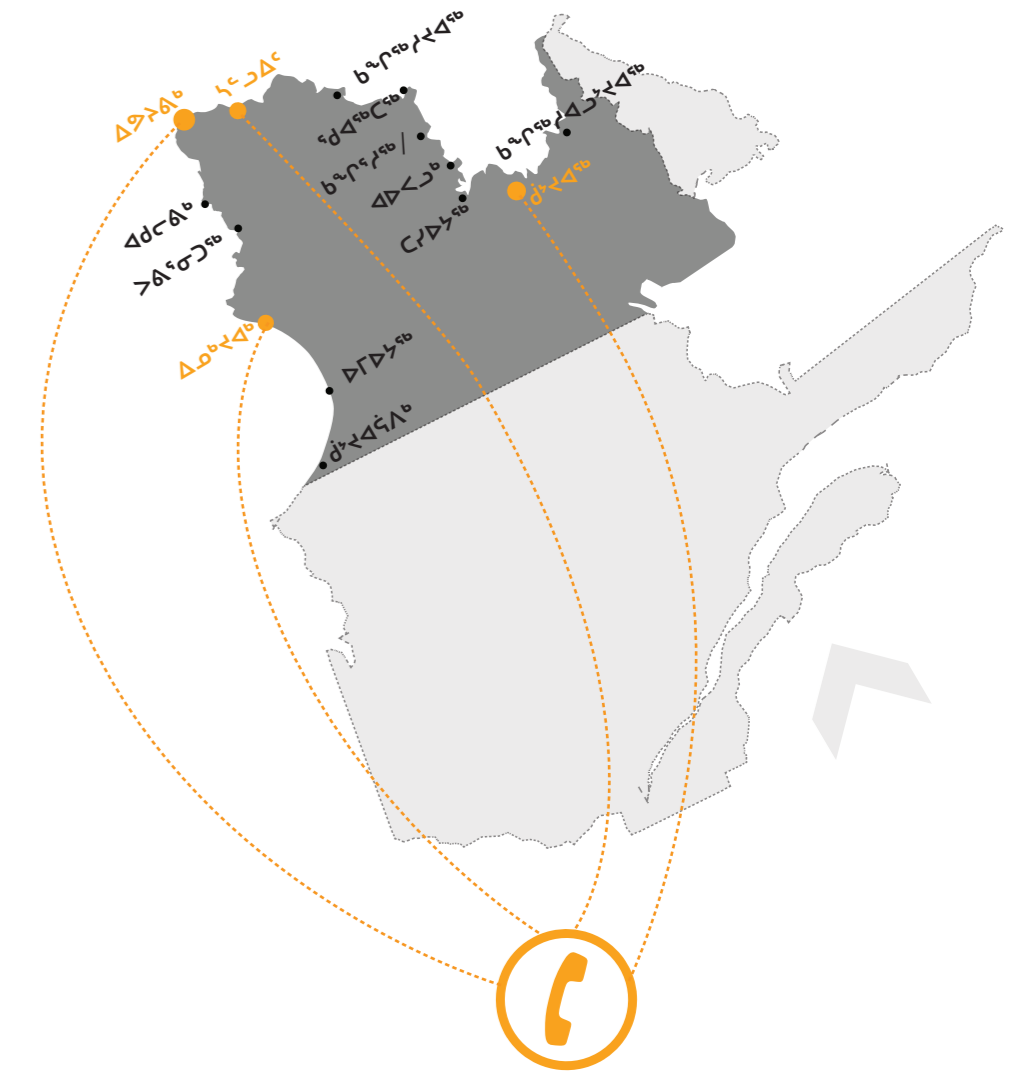
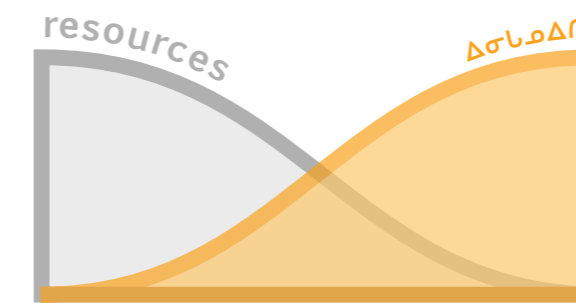
But he could not understand how these everyday people

Could build and create and it shattered his ego

So hacking he called it and went on his way

To intellectualize what was once done every day

# Disassemble/ Reassemble



Here we seek to invert the existing colonial notions of helper and helped, of architect and client, that were presented in the brief. We disavow the notion of the architect as the savior of the people, Rather than impose an outside impersonation of vernacular construction in the hopes of "legitimizing" local methods, Disassemble/Reassemble reconstructs our countries core to make a statement on the systematic failures of the social, political and physical infrastructure that contribute to the lack of resources in the north.

Our urban centers are physical manifestations of how we think; compartmentalized cubes separating us, dividing us, marching in rows of vertically containerized cubes. The result is a culture of compartmentalized minds that force our natural faculties, our feelings, organs, sense into limiting cubes which are mere containers on an assembly line labeled for roles in the pyramid.

-Douglas Cardinal

We have created an artificial environment to ease physical discomforts but in the process we have destroyed our planet, our host.

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Commonplace elements accommodate existing needs for variety and communication. The old clichés involving banality and mess will still be the context of our new architecture, and our architecture significantly will be the context for them. ... [This] limited view which architects have tended to belittle, is as important as the visionary view, which they have tended to glorify but have not brought about.

-Robert Venturi

To better understand the inhabitants of Nunavik, we called a few community members, to better understand their lifestyle. In our conversations, we discovered that the briefs proposed issues don't align with the real resources issues experience by the people.



