



Nanaimo, BC:

Following successful completion of RONA Homecentres in Duncan and Cobble Hill on Vancouver Island, Pacific Building Systems retained CAGP to plan a 46,000 sf retail building supply outlet on Hwy. No. 1, in south Nanaimo's newly emerging 'Chase River' Community. The 4.2 Acre site required re-design of adjacent access roads and services with extensive on-site preparation to accommodate the large-format, single storey retail store with 128 parking stalls and customer-accessible materials storage yard. Local area planning/ design guidelines required a 'Finnish Agrarian' building expression resulting in the use of heavy timber and stone-clad detailed elements on the metal clad, steel structure. The site is extensively landscaped, particularly along main highway frontage, again to meet planning objectives. The building design pursues sustainable design strategies as a redeveloped 'brownfield' site, with on-site storm water retention, efficient electric heat pump HVAC system and energy-efficient electrical fixtures. Construction estimate, \$6.5M, 2008-'09.