Introducing…

Vancouver Westside Cohousing

Designed for 50+ Neighbours and Active Adults
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Who are we?

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What is Cohousing?

Cohousing is a neighbourhood design that combines the autonomy of private dwellings with the advantages of shared resources and community living.

It encourages a sense of community while maintaining the option for privacy.

Cohousing strives to create a village where neighbours know and support each other.

It is an alternative development model where the future residents participate in the planning, design and development of the community so that it directly meets their needs.

In the process of working together, residents form the bonds that are the basis of ongoing community.
How did Cohousing get started?

The concept emerged in Denmark about 50 years ago.

It was introduced to North America by two architects in 1988 with the book *Cohousing: A contemporary approach to housing ourselves.*

Since then approximately 130 cohousing communities have been completed in North America. 19 are in various stages of development or completed in BC.

There are many more in various stages of development and the concept is spreading throughout the world.
The recently published *Senior Cohousing Handbook* has inspired projects with a focus on the needs of an aging population.
What is Seniors Cohousing?

• Residents proactively design and manage their own neighborhoods, creating physical and social environments in which they can flourish.

• Neighbourly mutual support can help reduce social isolation and promote positive, active aging.

• Being good neighbours helps us age well in community and have fun doing it!

• The common house generally includes a care-givers suite for future contingencies.

Wolf Willow (Saskatoon)
Ground Breaking 2011
Completed 2012
Quayside Village, North Vancouver
WRI E R S G R O U P
Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm

QV BARBEQUE!
6 pm June 7th (Grill)
NEW BBQ LAUNCH 6 pm
SAUNA PROPOSAL 4 pm

TIME CLOCKS NEED
ADJUSTING.
LITIGATION IN
GOURMET.

VOLUNTEER!
MONICA HAS USED US!
FALK BRIM.

Vancouver Westside
CO HOUSING

[Image of people gathered around a table, enjoying a meal]
Wolf Willow Cohousing
Saskatoon
Cranberry Commons, Burnaby
Cedar Cottage, Vancouver
**MULTI-PURPOSE LAWN AREA**

1. VERY ACTIVE AREA
   - VEGETABLE AND FLOWER BEDS
   - GREENHOUSE
   - FRUIT TREES
2. CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA
   - TO BE BUILT BY RESIDENTS
   - LOGS, SAND AND ROCKS IN GRASS
3. OUTDOOR DINING AREA ON HARD SURFACE
4. LAWN IS PLANTED IN 1/2'S SOIL/SAND MIXTURE AND WILL BE HAND IRRIGATED AS REQUIRED.
What kind of People Live in Cohousing?
The Process
Legal and Financial Structure

- Home ownership form at completion
- Legal structure during development
- Approximate price of the homes
- Budget is based on best estimate of what costs will likely be
- Once the home designs have been completed the final prices can be more easily determined
- At this stage members are getting involved in a process where they make the decisions that will determine the final product and cost
- How much does each member have to contribute financially during construction phase?
- How is the project financed?
- What is required for membership?
Cedar Cottage Approval Schedule
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Where does Cohousing want to happen in the Vancouver West Side?

Opportunities
How to Get Involved

We need your input!
Questions?