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.

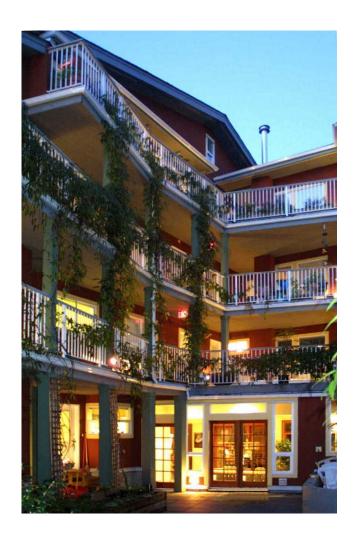
Cohousing strives to create a village where neighbours know and support each other.

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.*

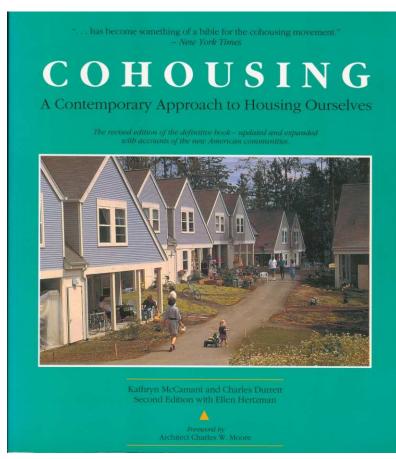
Since then approximately 130 cohousing communities have been completed in North America. 19 are in various stages of development or completed in BC.

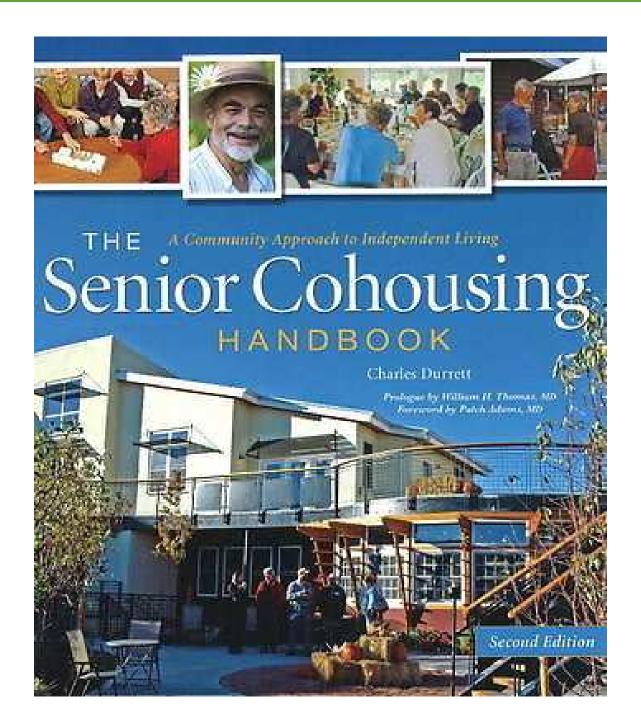
There are many more in various stages of development and the concept is spreading throughout the world.





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The recently published **Senior Cohousing Handbook** has inspired projects with a focus on the needs of an aging population.

What is Seniors Cohousing?



Wolf Willow (Saskatoon)

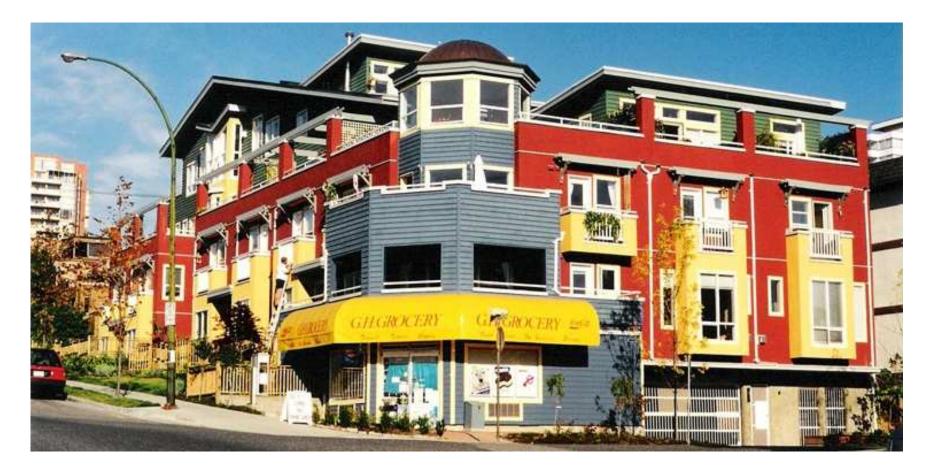
Ground Breaking 2011 Completed 2012



- 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.







Quayside Village, North Vancouver

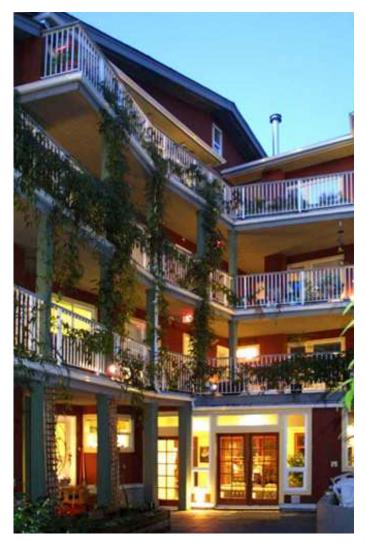














































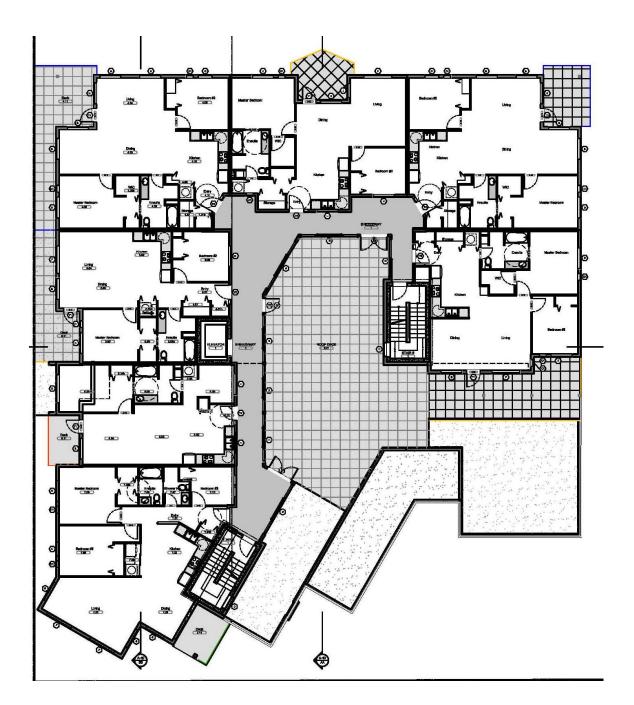




Wolf Willow Cohousing Saskatoon











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Cranberry Commons, Burnaby











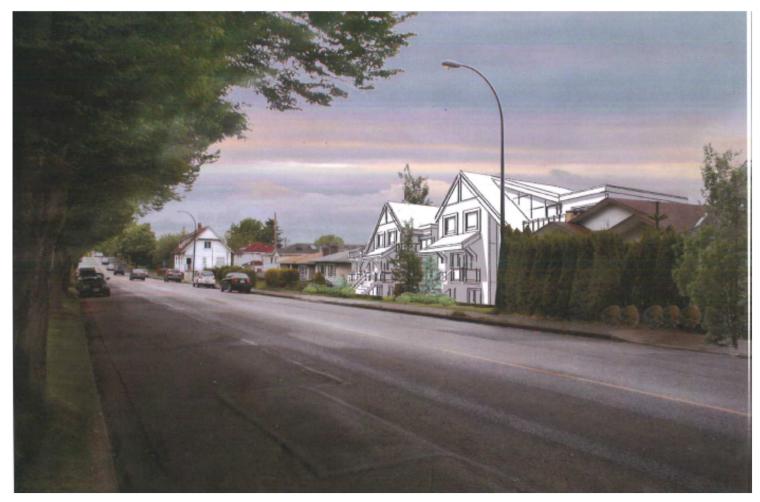






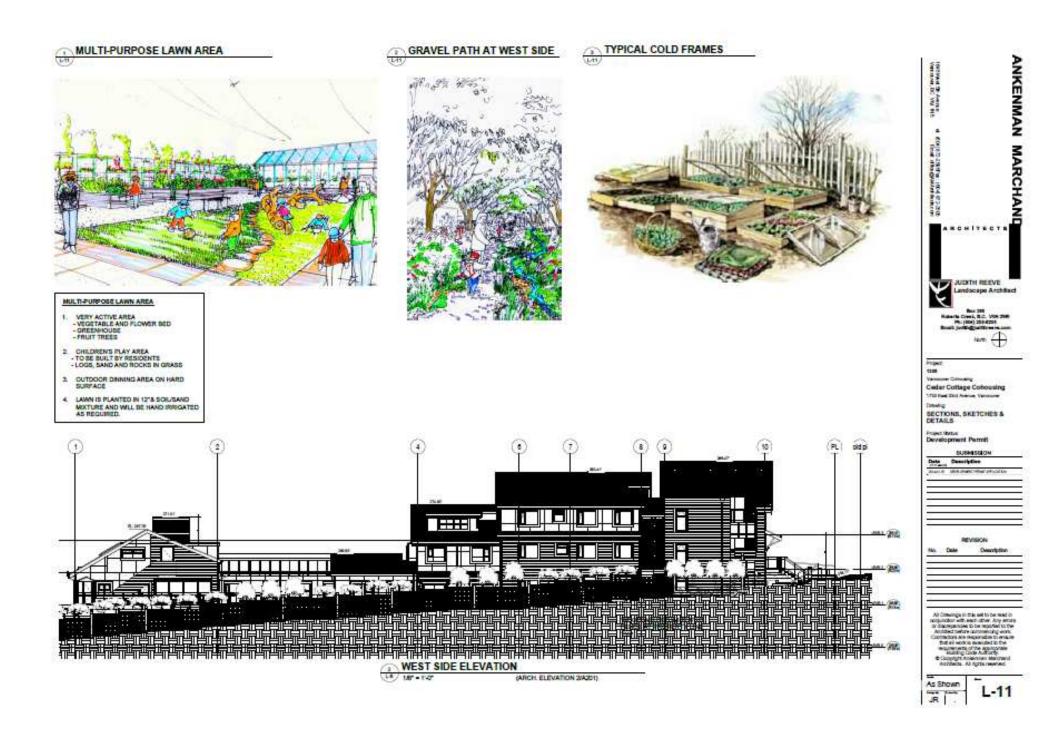
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Cedar Cottage, Vancouver







What kind of People Live in Cohousing?



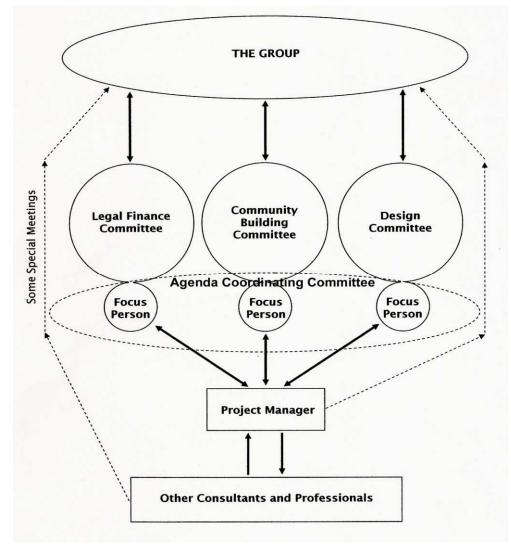


The Process









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

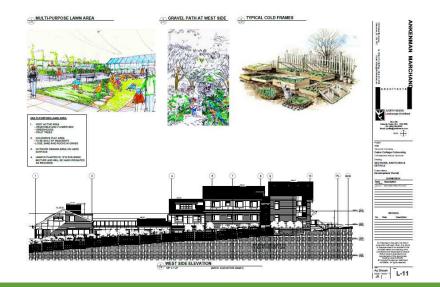


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Where does Cohousing want to happen in the Vancouver West Side?

Opportunities





How to Get Involved

We need your input!





Questions?