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At Last, Cohousing in Vancouver!

By Vesanto Melina and Andrew and Ericka Stephens-Rennie Vancouver, BC

Local residents are making plans to design and build a new housing development in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood.

cohousing projects across North America, notes that a home should be more than a roof over one's head or a financial investment. A home should provide a sense of security, comfort, and, most of all, community.

The common house will include a large dining room and kitchen for



Planning session with some of the community members

regular shared community meals, areas for children's play, meeting rooms, guest rooms, workshops, underground parking, storage for plenty of bicycles, and more. The Vancouver Cohousing group is still

Working with architect Charles Durrett and developer Alan Forrester, members of the Vancouver Cohousing group have purchased a site near Victoria & 33rd and are designing their future homes and beautiful common facilities. This is a great opportunity to create a close-knit neighbourhood in the midst of a buzzing city.

Durrett, who has worked on over 50

determining details; completion of the building is expected to be in 2014.

The proposed 25-unit development is about 60 percent sold.

The Vancouver Cohousing group is still eager to invite new members and receive inquiries. Please consult page 10 (Communities at a glance) for full contact details.



Spring Has Sprung in Pacific Gardens

**By Kathryn Hazel
Pacific Gardens Cohousing
Nanaimo, BC**

There's a reason why we call ourselves Pacific Gardens – we love to garden. And now that it's spring our gardeners are out every day, all day, planting, mulching, digging, weeding and

course at Pacific Gardens, with students from within and without our community attending this intensive program, which runs for several weekends from the end of March to mid-May.

This year the students are drawing up four design plans: one for our verdant pond, home

playground on the western portion of our land.

Our goal is to turn as much of our property into food production as possible, and we are in the process of doing that now, transferring deer-resistant plants such as yews to the outer perimeter, and replacing them with blueberry bushes.

We are also building up our soil with compost from the city, wood chips, and grass and leaves from friends and donors. This way we are working on building healthy soil rich with nutrients to help us grow our own food.

This is a long-term project. We expect it will take us up to five years to restore the earth on our 4.37 acres to a healthy balance, but we are excited about the prospect of eating potluck meals with our own organic fruit, vegetables, eggs and chickens.

It is all part of our vision of sustainability and living our lives in an environmentally-friendly way. We'd love to have you come for a visit, so give us a call at 250 754-3060, or e-mail us at joinus@pacificgardens.ca



watering in preparation for the growing season to come.

We have just finished a second year of hosting a permaculture

to a pair of ducks and a host of singing frogs; our chicken coop; a food forest on the southern edge of our property; and food forest combined with a children's

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Valterra Starts Preliminary Design

By Ruth Adler
Valterra Village
Qualicum Beach, BC

Valterra Village eCohousing has had a fair bit of interest outside our area in response to our website. To get more locals involved and push our project ahead we will be hosting an information meeting in Qualicum Beach on June 6th.

Even though we are still looking for more members to join our core group we are already working on our core principles of design and, in doing so, have come up with some preliminary home designs that reflect those principles.

Currently we are considering duplexes that share the following design criteria:

- Front porch entrance
- Majority of windows south-facing for passive solar gain
- Sunroom
- South-facing side yard
- Enough space between units to allow for passive solar gain throughout most of the year
- High north-facing windows Allow privacy for the neighbour's yard
- Shared short wall between duplexes
- Minimal footprints

These principles and designs are still preliminary as new core members may help us create an even better vision.

We will also be looking at infrastructure and building costs in the near future to come up with some approximate home prices.

In keeping the footprints of the homes under 1200 square feet and the profile as low as possible to prevent blocking the solar gain of neighbours, the designs feature steeply pitched roofs with shed dormers to gain the needed head height for the upper floor.



The attached sunroom is inset into the core of the home to allow for natural light to enter the rooms from different directions. This also creates a small alcove in the dining area to define the living spaces within the home.

In keeping with cohousing principles, private spaces are placed at the rear of the home while spaces that are generally used for entertaining friends and neighbours are located toward the front of the homes.

The standard one-bedroom unit features a loft that could function as a den, office, retreat, or a spare bedroom. Another one-bedroom layout offers a single level layout with a smaller computer nook and could feature vaulted ceilings

throughout.

The four-bedroom unit makes use of the bonus room of the three-bedroom with an added dormer. An alternate layout of a three-bedroom home features the master bedroom up with two-bedrooms on the main floor. This creates more of a retreat

with the added perk of a small south-facing balcony.

We are still working on designs of two-bedroom units but hope to have all of our preliminary plans posted on our website within a month.

To contact us for more details or about the information session please consult the contact information in the back of this newsletter.

We have video, slide show, pamphlets, and MP3 audio materials to help us promote our community. But if there is anyone who has something they can add or would like to expound the virtues of cohousing in person, please let us know.



Yarrow in the Final Stages of Sales

**By Vivian Vaillant
Yarrow Ecovillage
Chilliwack, BC**

Isn't life a kicker? Living this idyllic way of life, and yet still having to make the banks and city permit people happy? Well, after a long and trying battle with both the bank and the city, we have come out on top!

The Yarrow Ecovillage has received the city's blessing to go ahead and file our Strata, and then shortly after that we can build. Only, in order to make the bank happy we need to sell two more of the remaining seven units before we can build. That will leave five units to build as spec homes. We've watched the last eight sales fly through the door in a short three months. The last of the sales seem seconds away.

We are cautious. The needs of the village are still high. We know what kind of people we are looking for, and we certainly don't want to compromise. We have a wish list. If you see any of our new neighbours wandering the streets looking for their new home please send them our way. You'll recognize them right away if you look for the following traits:

- Great smiles, openly shared as you walk by.
- Interested in sustainability. Not an expert in all things eco, but interested, and wanting to learn more.
- Possibly interested in hobby farm projects, but maybe not.

- Likes a good campfire any night of the week.
- Enjoys watching kids on treasure hunts, or "secret spy missions" of mountains of dirt.
- Willing to cook a meal every two weeks for the rest of us.



- Willing to eat what we cook (most of) the rest of the time.
- Likes walking to stores, post offices, schools, or just on nature trails.
- We're hoping one of our new neighbours is a real estate lawyer, a landscape engineer, or a family with more girls!
- We have some larger units left, but four of our new neighbours only want a two-bedroom unit.
- Our new neighbours will also love to jump in to the work.

The last one is important. We like our sleeves rolled up. We like people to follow through when they commit to things. We have a ton of fun out here. It might actually be why we're still looking for the rest of our neighbours.

The important thing that we need our new neighbours to understand is that we can't wait for them to come. And we need their help getting ourselves ready for their arrival. Not because we're disorganized, or incomplete. Because this village will need constant love and tenderness over the rest of its existence. It will need the newest people moving here to work as hard as those of us who've been here the longest. We want neighbours who understand that the joys of cohousing don't come cheap. We want neighbours who will willingly give time and energy to continue building our dream neighbourhood.

See anyone like that? Possibly ones that also like the idea of living on a community farm that they don't have to farm on?

As we fill the multi-generational cohousing we're also looking around for about 17 50-65 year olds interested in our seniors' cohousing project kicking off this July. They're a little older — but they look a heck of a lot like the neighbours we described above.

We'll be running Charles Durrett's "Age in Place Study Group One" twice this spring. This class helps 50-somethings prepare for retirement and hopefully helps them make the changes they need to make in advance to ensure successful aging. For more information on this contact seniors@yarrowecovillage.ca

You can find our full contact information on page 9 of this newsletter.



Belterra Ready for Fourth and Final Reading

**By Stephanie Legg
Belterra Cohousing
Bowen Island, BC**

At Belterra's public hearing on February 20th, 2012, the council chambers were standing room only. In response to the overwhelming support, council voted unanimously to give Belterra third reading on March 26th. And we are on the municipal agenda to receive fourth and final reading on May 28th.

This is a very exciting time for the Belterra members. Not only have we been moving forward on the rezoning process we are moving into the final unit, common house & site design stage. Mobius Architecture has done an outstanding job!

We are still welcoming new members. To find out when our next public information meeting will be held visit our website:

www.belterracohousing.com

or send us an email at info@belterracohousing.ca We would be happy to take you on a walkabout of the site any time.



And check out our new video created by one of our members: "What is a Home"



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Who Thrives in Cohousing?

By **Diana Leafe Christian**

Earthaven Ecovillage Black Mountain, NC

If you're looking for a cohousing core group or existing community to join, you're probably thinking about what you want. You may also be considering what personal characteristics tend to lead to enjoying — even thriving — in cohousing.

Because I live in community myself, and I've talked with many others who live in community (both cohousing and non-cohousing), I've gotten a sense of the personal characteristics I think help a person thrive in cohousing.

- Confidence, self-acceptance, self-esteem
- Assertiveness
- Humility, willingness to listen and learn
- Willingness to serve, to contribute to something larger than yourself

By “confidence” and “self-esteem,” I don't mean egotism or self-importance, but the simple appreciation of one's own worth. This usually results in an innate willingness to extend respect and good will to others.

In my experience, people who feel fairly good about themselves tend to treat other people well, and to enjoy living in community. However, people at the lower end of the self-worth spectrum (including those who behave as if they feel worthless and inferior, as well as those who behave in ways that are

prideful or dismissive) seem to have difficulty adjusting to community.

Sometimes these folks have trouble with other people's feedback hitting them too hard. Sometimes they don't know how to take their fair sense of responsibility for things they; either taking either too much responsibility: “Oh, I'm a terrible person!”, or too little responsibility: “I do not do that! You're the one with the problem.”

By “assertive” I mean the ability to speak up, ask questions, ask for what you want (sensitively and respectfully), patiently persist, and take the initiative. Sometimes it simply means having enough initiative, patience, and persistence just to deal intelligently with something in the community that really needs help!

By “humility,” I certainly don't mean self-deprecation or grovelling, but a simple willingness to assume that we may not know many things, we may not have all the answers, we may learn something new. This kind of humility is a simple kind of gentle gratitude, and respect for ourselves and others. It also means not assuming we know more than other people, but can learn new things.

By “willingness to serve,” I mean taking genuine pleasure in working with others to create something that is much larger than our own small selves. You might recall a time when you worked with friends or colleagues on a project that

benefited others, or one which you could never have done alone. If you enjoyed the experience, I expect you know what I mean. I often view living in my community, Earthaven Ecovillage, as a lifelong ecological art project. It's a lot bigger than anything I could ever do by myself — it takes collaborating shoulder-to-shoulder with others. And that's certainly what cohousing is: cooperating and collaborating shoulder-to-shoulder.

If you don't believe you have some or all of these above characteristics, of course you can still enjoy life in cohousing. And in my experience, if you encourage yourself in these characteristics, you'll enjoy your new cohousing community all the more.

Good luck!



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Teens in Cohousing

By Maureen Butler WindSong Cohousing Langley, BC

As WindSong cohousing approaches its sweet 16th birthday this summer, I'm reflecting on my 16 years of living here and the group of WindSong residents who seem the least integrated in our community — teenagers.

I speak from experience, because my youngest daughter was two when we moved into WindSong in 1996. She spent her childhood and most of her teen years here, and moved out into residence at the University of British Columbia last fall. In a sense, she's the real experiment of what's it like to grow up in a cohousing community.

What I've noticed is that WindSong is an ideal environment in many ways for children. When our kids were young, they had so many fun common spaces to play in, instant friends outside the door, and pals to go to activities with such as soccer, gymnastics, dance classes, and karate. This was also heaven for us parents, as we carpooled, saving ourselves multiple trips of carting our individual kids to outings in the suburbs.

Most of the WindSong kids go to the Langley Fine Arts School, which is grades 1-12, so younger WindSong kids could talk to other young WindSongers about what school was like, what successive grades were like — they could get a real taste of what they were getting into, and successful role models from their community.

And of course, cohousing offers

all those precious community activities to share with your young playmates: our Chinese New Year celebration, the Easter-egg hunt, Christmas talent shows, to name a few. When you are a child, community activities in WindSong are a place for you to shine.

When you are a teen, this all changes. Cohousing becomes an uncomfortable fishbowl where everyone can see you and talks to you when you don't feel like talking to them. You no longer want to be in the carpool with anyone. Community events become less interesting. Your bedroom is the size of a postage stamp, and your unit isn't much bigger. And there is nowhere much to go to be by yourself, to individuate — to get away from your parents and siblings. In this case, the whole community is like the family you want some distance from.

I'm not saying this is the case for all teens in cohousing. But I would say that the group that doesn't tend to participate in community, at least for a time, is teens.

The most extreme cases are teens who move into cohousing when they are already teens. One of our past families consisted of a single working mom and her three teens — who didn't like living here. The teens were quite uncomfortable having to greet other community members in the atriums, and took to going in and out of their unit by the basement door so as not to run into anyone. Finally they complained so much that their mom offered to move back

to their original neighbourhood. "No, we don't want to do THAT!" they told her. So I guess living at WindSong was the lesser of two evils for them.

We also had the bright idea of creating a "teen room" with a TV and couches — a place teens could call their own. Except some community members wanted the teen room to be supervised by adults at all times! If I were a teen, I wouldn't go anywhere near a room like that.

Eventually, we relaxed about this, agreeing that the teens didn't need to be supervised. But the teen room never took off as a teen room, and is now just a media room for everyone.

I believe that teens need to individuate — separate from their parents in some way, and in the case of cohousing, separate from their community — in order to find out who they are as individuals. Perhaps this is a Western value, as other cultures live in extended families for their whole lives, and in some cultures, adult children cannot afford to move away from home.

My daughter couldn't wait to get out of WindSong last year and into the big fishpond of UBC among 50,000 other students. But she did tell me that WindSong was "a great place to grow up." I bet she will value it even more as she matures. In the meantime, I think cohousing is still a better place to grow up than a single family home — even for teens.



Canadian Cohousing Communities at a glance

LOCATION GROUP NAME ADDRESS	HOUSEHOLD TOTAL (CURRENT)	CONTACT NAME	WEBSITE PHONE EMAIL	DESCRIPTION
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BRITISH COLUMBIA

COMPLETED COMMUNITIES

BURNABY Cranberry Commons 4272 Albert Street, Burnaby, BC V5C 2E8	22 (22)	Ruth Walmsley	www.cranberrycommons.ca 604-298-9220 ruth@cranberrycommons.ca	Mixed townhouse & apartments. 20 minute drive to downtown Van. Parks, schools, rec centre, restaurants, shops & other amenities all in walking distance. Spectacular mountain views!
COURTENAY Creekside Commons 2202 Lambert Drive, Courtenay, BC V9N 1Z8	36 (36)	Pam or Don Munroe	www.creeksidecommons.ca 250-338-0187 dpmunroe@telus.net	36 duplex-style homes clustered on 9.8 acres within walking distance of downtown Courtenay. Adjacent to a park with salmon stream. 3500 sq ft common house. Many sustainable features incorporated into the design.
LANGLEY WindSong 20543 96th Avenue, Langley, BC V1M 3W3	34 (34)	Valerie McIntyre	www.windsong.bc.ca valerie333@ windsong.bc.ca	Environmental award-winning townhome development with glass-enclosed pedestrian streets. Nestled on a 6 acre site, with four acres of natural salmon creek reserve, organic community gardens and 5000 sq ft Common House. Visitors & tours welcome.
NANAIMO Pacific Gardens 312, 347 Seventh St, Nanaimo, BC V9R 1E3	25 (25)	Pacific Gardens	www.pacificgardens.ca 250-754-3060 joinus@pacificgardens.ca	4.37 acres with tranquil river setting; 25 condo-style apartment homes; glass-covered atrium, 8000 sq ft central common house, gardens, green building design.
NELSON The Middle Road 3140 The Middle Road, Nelson, BC V1L 6M3	11 (11)	Stuart McKinnon	www.cohousing.ca 250-825-0012 buffalo.sage@shaw.ca	Single-family, owner-built homes on 50 acres overlooking Kootenay Lake. Households own their lots plus share in 25 commonly held acres, two acres garden land. Common House is a beautifully renovated barn.
NORTH VANCOUVER Quayside Village 510 Chesterfield Ave, North Vancouver, BC V7M 2L9	19 (19)	Quayside Village	www.quaysidevillage. googlepages.com quaysidevillage@gmail.com	Mixed townhouse and apartments. Incredible views of ocean, mountains, and city. Walk to the public market, shops, restaurants, cinemas, parks, and gardens.
ROBERTS CREEK Roberts Creek Cohousing 1131 Emery Road, Roberts Creek, BC V0N 2W0	31 (31)	Gary Kent	www.robertscreek cohousing.ca 604-885-2971 garykent@telus.net	Located in the heart of Roberts Creek. A mix of single homes & duplexes clustered on 8 acres, with 12 acres preserved as natural habitat. 2840 sq ft common house plus two converted portables, workshop and multi-purpose room. Mature coniferous trees throughout and salmon creek adjacent to the development.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA				
PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT				
BOWEN ISLAND Belterra Cohousing Carter Road Bowen Island, BC	30 (14)	Roger McGillivray or Stephanie Legg	www.belterracohousing.ca 604-947-9486 info@belterracohousing.ca	Belterra is a beautiful 10 acre property within a 15 minute walk of the village of Snug Cove on Bowen Island (a 20 minute ferry ride from West Vancouver). The site has sloping open meadows, forested areas, steeper rocky bluffs with exceptional ocean and mountain views and a year round creek. Our goal is to create an affordable eco-village while preserving the natural features of the land.
YARROW Groundswell Cohousing 42312 Yarrow Central Road, Yarrow, BC V2R 5E2	31	Vivian Vaillant	www.yarrowecovillage.ca vivolynn@gmail.com	Groundswell consists of 31 homes on 2.5 acres of the greater 25 acre Yarrow Ecovillage. We strive for harmony with nature as we live, work, play, grow, farm, shop and operate businesses in a sustaining community including organic farms. Of the 31 homes, 6 are presently occupied, 7 are under construction, 6 more are already spoken for. We have room for 12 more households
FORMING GROUPS				
LUMBY Okanagan Ecovillage 714 Mabel Lake Road, Lumby, BC	10 - 30	Gwyllyn Goddard	www.ok-eco.com 778-238-2778 ok.ecovillage@gmail.com	Sophisticated yet comfortable Ecovillage on 30+ acres organic farmland in Okanagan outside village of Lumby. 20 minute drive to Vernon & 40 minutes to Kelowna International Airport. Creek is rich in trout and Coho/spring salmon run annually. Climate is mild in winters and sunny and gorgeous in the summers. We are 35 km from the beautiful swimming and fishing at pristine Mabel Lake.
NELSON Nelson Land Group Within 15 minutes of Nelson	12 - 15	Bessie Wapp	www.nelsonlandgroup.com 250-354-0288 bessiewapp@yahoo.com	We are an enthusiastic group of Nelson area residents embarking on creating community with a strong agricultural focus and an environmental ethic of sustainable land use. We embrace diversity and welcome all ages. We have a consensus-based model for decision making and use mindful, non-violent communication.
QUALICUM BEACH Valterra Village eCohousing	32 - 40	Ruth Adler	www.valterravillage.ca 250-752-0833 aerie1@telus.net	We intend to build an ecovillage on the west boundary of Qualicum Beach. This area is comprised of a 250 acre greenbelt where less than 30 acres are slated for future development. We are looking at clustering the homes within 5 1/2 acres. Fundamental principles of the community will emphasize sustainability and low-environmental impact of physical structures and lifestyle.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

FORMING GROUPS (CONTINUED)

VANCOUVER Vancouver Cohousing	25		vancouvercohousing.com welcome@vancouver cohousing.com	After years of trying to make cohousing a reality in Vancouver, it's finally happening! We have a site on E. 33rd Ave. near Victoria Ave. in Vancouver. This is a site in an old traditional neighbourhood. Walkable to a vibrant commercial center with coffee shops,
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VICTORIA Fernwood Urban Village Corner of Chambers & North Park Street	31	Bill McKechnie	www.fernwoodurbanvillage.ca 250-888-9167 info@fernwoodurbanvillage.ca	Land has been assembled, floor plans are based on best principles and practices of urban cohousing communities. Some units will be available as rentals. Located on the rim of Victoria's urban core in the Fernwood district. It's an easy walk to town. Proximity to services and downtown encourages the use of bicycles and car-share. Sheds for kayaks and bikes are part of the common infrastructure. Permaculture intensive vegetable, and flower gardens. Sustainable lifestyle encouraged.
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ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN, MANITOBA

COMPLETED COMMUNITIES

CALGARY Prairie Sky Cohousing 402 - 30 Avenue N.E. Calgary, AB	18 (18)	Prairie Sky	www.prairiesky.ab.ca info@prairiesky.ab.ca	Located in the inner city community of Winston Heights. 2 & 3 bedroom townhouses & apartments, 3200 sq ft common house central courtyard with community gardens and children's play area.
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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

CENTRAL CALGARY Dragonfly Cohousing	20-25	Jana Vander Kloet	www.dragonflycohousing.ca 403-945-2725 Info@dragonflycohousing.ca	With a strong focus on community-building, inclusiveness, and sustainable building options. Well-designed common spaces will complement private homes (townhouse and apartment style) to create the right balance for a higher-density urban environment. Members and committees are meeting twice
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DOWNTOWN SASKATOON Wolf Willow Cohousing	21 (18)	Eliza Meggs	www.wolfwillowcohousing.ca 306-242-4765 ea.meggs@gmail.com	We are building a community for older adults near Saskatoon's revitalized cultural core. This meets our goal of being within walking/ biking distance of most of our needs. Construction is well under way and we expect to move in to our new homes in June/ July of 2012. Individuals or couples interested in our project are invited to contact
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FORMING GROUPS				
EDMONTON URBAN CORE Urban Green Cohousing	Not yet set		www.urbangreencohousing.ca hello@urbangreencohousing.ca	We are an inclusive community committed to knowing and supporting our neighbours and to contributing to environmental and social sustainability in Edmonton's urban core. We value being within walking distance of public transit (LRT and bus) and amenities such as green space, library, farmer's market, restaurants, theatre, etc.
ONTARIO				
COMPLETED COMMUNITIES				
OTTAWA Terra Firma Cohousing 166 Drummond Street Ottawa, ON K1S 1K4	7(6)	Signy Fridriksson and Steve Fick	613-233-8438	Located in the center of the city and close to the Rideau Canal. Consisting of 2 3-unit townhouses and a recently built 7th unit and common house. Includes solar hot water, play structures, treehouse, gardens, bicycle storage, composting bins.
FORMING GROUPS				
OTTAWA CENTER Convivium Cohousing	15 - 20		conviviumcohousing@gmail.com	We are a group working collaboratively to create an environmentally-friendly adult cohousing community in central Ottawa within walking distance of services. Private independent living with shared facilities designed to be accessible and to encourage an active involved life-style, social interaction and mutual support.
TORONTO GreenSong	25 - 30	Laurie Mace	www.greensong.ca info@greensong.ca	GreenSong is building an environmentally sensitive cohousing development near Toronto, ON, where individuality can flourish within a vibrant, diverse neighbourhood. We plan to create an inclusive, multi-generational community where the arts thrive and newness is encouraged.
QUEBEC				
FORMING GROUPS				
QUEBEC CITY Cohabitat Québec	35 (20)	Hélène Langlois	www.cohabitat.ca 418-527-4205 relationspubliques@cohabitat.ca	Our challenge is to create a living environment that will promote harmony between the individual, the community and the environment, a healthy space where the generations enrich one another and simply feel good. Our only limit is our imagination.

Become a member of the Canadian Cohousing Network

The Canadian Cohousing Network (CCN) is a registered non-profit organization that promotes the creation of cohousing communities as a model for sustainable development by raising public awareness about cohousing and by bringing people together to form communities.

The most valuable function of the CCN is making connections with people who are interested in living in a cohousing community. The CCN links individuals and cohousing groups together to share resources and make the process of creating a community easier and more economical.

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Homes for Sale or Rent

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4 Sale

Metro Vancouver

WindSong Langley, BC

www.windsong.bc.ca
Townhouse, 4 bdrm
1475 sq ft
Price: \$365,000

Yarrow Ecovillage Chilliwack, BC

www.yarrowecovillage.ca
18 homes being built over
the next one or two years.
Many floor plans available.

BC Sunshine Coast

Roberts Creek Roberts Creek, BC

www.robertscreekcohousing.ca
House, 3 bdrm + den
1300 sq ft
Price: \$398,000

Creekside Commons Courtenay, BC

www.creeksidecommons.ca

Duplex, 5 bdrm
1785 sq ft
Price: \$360,000

Duplex, 2 bdrm
1000 sq ft
Price: \$310,000

Duplex, 4 bdrm + den
1785 sq ft
Price: \$369,000

Duplex, 4 bdrm
1500 sq ft
Price \$355,000

Pacific Gardens Nanaimo, BC

www.pacificgardens.ca
Several units available.
Apartments & Townhouses,
1 & 3 bedroom units
850 - 1500 sq ft
Price: \$369,000 - \$531,000

Consult the Communities at a Glance section for full contact information on all communities in Canada.