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Cohousing Spreads Eastward!

HaPART, Montréal

The "HaPART" project is anchored in social creativity and aims to develop housing that will blend and balance social and artistic life, economic needs, environmental concerns and facilitate personal growth.

Our project is in its early stages, as we are recruiting new participants. This a difficult period as the few members are very busy with their regular activities. As well the concept of co-housing is not very well known in Québec, especially among francophones, making the recruiting even more challenging.

the seven members are invited to exchange ideas to better develop and sell the project. Contacts have been made with a para-public organisation promoting affordable housing in Montréal and it looks to be a promising avenue. Contacts have also been made at the CMHC for technical and financial support, and we are now preparing the required documents in order to apply for funding.

For more information contact Diane Lafrenaye at 514 527 1160 or diane.lafrenaye@biz.videotron.ca.

Bi-weekly meetings are held, where

Chaswood Cohousing, Nova Scotia

The Chaswood Co-housing Group held its first meeting in October, 2003, and its second in January. We have agreed upon a first iteration of our vision statement and made good progress toward stating our core values and aims. The next meeting will be in late February.

We will search for the best site for a 12 to 30-unit co-housing development on 140 acres where two of the group's members already live. This

place is in Chaswood, near Middle Musquodoboit, Nova Scotia.

There is agreement that this will be an intergenerational, environmentally friendly community that balances common ownership and mutual support with private ownership and the need for individual privacy.

You can reach the group c/o Kathryn and Ed Belzer at belzer@ns.sympatico.ca.

Whole Village Receives Conservation Award Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation

Conservation of the Credit River Watershed depends on the contributions and support of many partners. The Conservation Awards are presented on behalf of the Credit Valley Conservation Board of Directors to recognize those who have made a significant contribution to the health of the Credit Watershed.

Whole Village is trying to create a model of sustainable agriculture but their commitment goes beyond the traditional definition of agriculture.

Whole Village has permanently

protected their portion of the Alton Wetland Complex and other natural areas using a Conservation Easement. They have stopped allowing cattle to access their wetlands and their reach of Shaws Creek, allowing a buffer to naturalize.

Whole Village also planted 4000 trees to create a 30-metre corridor reconnecting two forest fragments.

For more information about the Caring for the Credit awards, visit <http://www.creditvalleycons.com/success/cvcawards.html>.



Jeff Gold accepted the Award on behalf of Whole Village

WindSong Valerie McIntyre

2003 was a busy year at the WindSong Cohousing Community in Langley, BC. The seven-year-old community saw eight home sale/purchases. Five households left the community, one to take up dual ownership in two other BC cohousing communities. Four existing homeowners purchased different homes within WindSong and two former renters purchased their own WS homes. Yea!! We also welcomed four new member households to the community.

With these changes as well as the leaving of several of our

young adults, our total population is down from 100+ to about 80. We have one home for sale and a growing waiting list!

We also welcomed a new baby into the community this year and said farewell to a dear member who died. Both transitions were marked with tender and beautiful ceremonies. The first Memorial Service in our common house dining room prompted several members to say they'd like theirs to be "just like that".

Life goes on and life is good at WindSong!

Orientations at Whole Village Jeff Gold

Whole Village is looking for new members for a developing ecovillage combining intentional community, ecological housing and sustainable agriculture on 191 acres in Caledon with 8 member families. Construction is to begin in the spring; paid workers and volunteers are welcome. CSA gardens are open for subscription to shares of the harvest. Orientations take place on the farm on Feb. 15, March 20 and April 25 from 1-4 pm.

Contact Jeff Gold at 519-941-1099 or info@wholevillage.org.

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. 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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Middle Road Stuart McKinnon

Life at Middle Road Community continues to pour forth in ways too numerous and varied to summarize, but for example: our children need different kinds of support (and so do we!) as they progress through the various stages of schooling and life passages; our parents (those of us still lucky enough to have them) become more precious, in some cases needing us in new ways; we do what we can to connect with the wider world through activities like peace vigils; groups of us come together around common interests in activities such as yoga, singing, horseback riding, playing music together (some of our older teens have formed a ska band which has become quite well known locally!) and soaking up the sun on the beach (a distant memory with snow all around us at the moment).

A lot of energy and effort was devoted over this past year to reviewing rentals, given that the number of rental situations in our Community increased from one to three. Through discussion, we came to consensus on extending to renters participation in Community

meals, potlucks, events, and work parties and use of the Community garden as well as full access to the common lands. A welcoming committee was struck to assist in orientation and communication.

We completed the exterior facing of our root cellar and installed a drip irrigation system in our orchard. A new gardening venture emerged: the growing of flowers that can be used in dried floral arrangements.

This fall, we have task groups heading up inquiries in two areas. The meals task group is facilitating conversation about our Wednesday meals with a view to ensuring that this long-standing Community institution continues to meet evolving needs, including those of our children (now mostly teens). A second task group is focusing on our common land – about 10 hectares. Specific aspects under discussion include forest management, fire prevention and preparedness, and bioregional mapping.

Some of the many flavours of life on the Middle Road.

CDC *Recreating the Village...a contemporary approach*

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Cohousing Re-Sales at Cranberry Commons

Ronaye Matthew

Cranberry Commons has been completed for slightly over two years now and this summer a couple of households decided (for various reasons) that they wanted to make a move. The community building committee proposed a marketing plan that they thought would be good for both homeowners and the Cranberry Commons community as a whole.

The committee proposed that all members of the community share in the work of marketing the home and that the homeowner (who was selling) be asked to contribute \$7000 towards the common house furnishing fund if the community was successful at finding a buyer for their home.

This plan could benefit the owner in the following ways:

1. The cost for marketing the home would be reduced – real estate commissions would be higher than \$7000 based on the value of the homes at Cranberry Commons.
2. Cohousing homes are generally more costly than homes in conventional developments. Real estate agents typically do not understand the benefits and therefore have a difficult time selling the added value to potential purchasers. Cranberry Commons members are well informed about the quality, finishing and construction methods, and are therefore more able to provide this information to potential purchasers. The home is likely to sell for more when the purchaser

is well educated about the benefits and added value.

This plan could benefit the community in the following ways:

1. There would be an opportunity to ensure that potential purchasers are well educated about cohousing.
2. The ongoing energy that is spent throughout the year providing tours, giving out information and collecting names for a waiting list has a tangible result.

In the end, the households who wanted to sell agreed to market their homes using this proposal. Members of the community volunteered and contributed to this effort in the following ways:

- ◆ A web page was added to the Cranberry Commons website to advertise the homes for sale.
- ◆ A sign was installed at the front entrance, which included a remov-

able “home for sale” section.

- ◆ Community members responded to telephone and website inquiries, provided tours, included potential purchasers at community events, and provided information about the Cranberry Commons community.
- ◆ Community members helped the purchaser to “make the offer” and helped to explain the information to the seller. It is important to note that no one was acting in the capacity of a real estate agent. Essentially the homes were “for sale by owner”, and the community was simply helping to support this function.

Within a few months, all three homes had sold and Cranberry Commons now has close to \$21,000 in the common house furnishing fund. We have prioritized the spending for the first \$14,000, so very soon we’ll have new window coverings, cabinet doors and drawer fronts in our common kitchen, and a new gas range.

This has been a very good “community building” experience!

For more information about Cranberry Commons visit our website: www.cranberrycommons.ca.



The common house kitchen at Cranberry Commons

Common Ground Frank Antonsen

Common Ground is an Ottawa cohousing group that plans to build a safe, comfortable and well designed cohousing community where members have a sense of belonging.

It is made up of 20 active members (in 15 households) of various ages, backgrounds and abilities who share the dream of living together as neighbours in an attractive community offering a healthy blend of public and private spaces. We intend to build a medium density cohousing project of 25-30 well designed, member-owned homes ranging in size from bachelor to 3 bedroom units that are affordable to people of various incomes.

The public common house will be the social centre of the community and will feature a kitchen, dining hall, lounge, children's room, workshop, laundry and guest suite.

Shared outdoor green space for social gatherings will include a terrace, garden plots and a children's play area.

Car parking will be restricted to the periphery of the project or put underground and ample space will be provided for bicycles. An elevator will provide wheelchair accessibility to some of the units and environmentally friendly building methods will be used where our budget permits. Our site preference is a central Ottawa location close to the amenities of the city's core.

We use a consensus building meeting process which incorporates colour coded cards and we have set up committees to deal with coordination, communications, fundamentals and frameworks, project manager liaison, site selection, design, community building, finance, legal matters, web site and public-

ity.

Common Ground has put together an initial cost estimate, a manual called the Cogrounder Code, a pamphlet, and a web site www.coground.ca. With the assistance of Ronaye Matthews of Cohousing Development Consulting, we have produced a members' priorities study, a net worth survey and a feasibility analysis report.

Common Ground has hired Debbie Edwards, who has many years experience in managing the building of housing projects, to act as our project manager and one of her first tasks was to establish a 2-3 year time line for occupancy. She is also advising us on cost estimates, finance, design, site selection and the hiring of such professionals as an architect, accountant, lawyer and real estate agent.

Our group meets twice a month – every third Monday at the Church of the Ascension, 253 Echo Drive (7:15pm) and every first Sunday at the Conservation-Coop, 140 Mann Ave. (3:15pm, with a potluck supper at 5:45pm).

If you are interested in learning more about Common Ground, please contact Marie-Josée Martin at info@coground.ca.

Appeal for Financing Ideas

Common Ground is wondering whether any other cohousing groups would like to share their experiences in how they went about financing their cohousing projects.

Please e-mail your experiences to Frank Antonsen, Common Ground Finance Committee at antonsen@magma.ca

Update from Fort McMurray Maggie Dutton

Since originally joining CCN last winter, Clearwater Commons has amalgamated with another group, Wood Buffalo Cohousing. This group qualifies for funding through the Federal Provincial Affordable Housing Program and has the support of the designated Municipal non-profit developer.

We plan on building a mixture of affordable and market units. Both groups work in partnership with H.O.M.E.S. as the non-profit development sponsor. We are busy fund raising to pay for assistance with preparing a professional business plan. A proposal will be submitted to CMHC for seed funding as well. If other groups have any suggestions of someone who could help us with the business plan, we would appreciate your feedback or referrals.

Organizing as a cooperative has its challenges even for Cohousing professionals. One of the ways we are raising money is by operating a "Budget Beds with Breakfast" Program for people new in Fort McMurray. We have accommodated 8 people in the last year. Some of them became interested in our long-term goals while staying with us.

Another of our fund raising efforts had us hosting an art exhibition and open house featuring Calgary Metal Sculptor Richard Freely. His work dazzled the folks who attended the "Meet the Artist" evening in November and got us a spot on the local evening news and lots of great press and an interview on "Morning Line" the local radio talk show.

Our Pets for H.O.M.E.S. program also provides us with a neat way of connecting with people at Bazaars and everywhere we go. It seems a less threatening way to approach people and gives us an opening to talk about "Common Sense Housing".

We have a long way to go building our group and getting funding in place but we are determined to be building in the spring of 2005.

**Maggie Dutton is the Project Leader for H.O.M.E.S. Housing Ourselves Made Easy Society, Fort McMurray, AB, Canada.
www.thehomesproject.shawbiz.ca.**

Toronto Cohousing Turns One Adriana Stagni

Looking back at our first year in existence, the Toronto Cohousing Initiative has come a long way. A year ago, this group was a twinkle in the eyes of its members, something we hoped to be part of someday. A year ago, there was no Toronto Cohousing Initiative.

Not that we'll be moving into our cohousing community any time soon. We don't yet have a site, or a community design, or financial plans. We've lost a few people

along the way, due to life's challenges or frustration with a slow process. Creating cohousing can be so emotionally draining.

But we are still excited about the idea of living in cohousing in Toronto, and are encouraged by stories from all of you who have succeeded and are now enjoying your communities.

We have certainly learned a lot during our first year, and our next

steps seem clearer than ever. We now know that there are suitable sites in Toronto at a reasonable price, and where to go for financial support to help us get ready to take the leap. And we know there are people in Toronto who want to live in cohousing, have plenty of skills and knowledge to contribute and would be great neighbours!

Chuckleberry Happily Goes South

Bobbie Ogletree

Since the inception of Chuckleberry, we have had a vision of our grounded, land-based intentional community migrating south each year.

Beginning in November here at Chuckleberry, we are blessed with a generous amount of deep-powder snow which creates a winter wonderland. Skiing and snow shoeing trails are easily accessible from our back doors.

Much as we love to enjoy this winter wonderland, some of the community members feel that heading south to share our knowledge and to learn from others will expand our community and deepen our global connec-

tion.

Therefore, this year, for the first time, some of our members are taking Chuckleberry south to Sedona, Arizona and Mexico through their facilitation of retreats on the following topics:

- ♦ Opening to Life Purpose and Passion
- ♦ Sacred Sexuality (Tantra)
- ♦ Couples Retreat
- ♦ Mandela Magic – Transforming Life's Transitions
- ♦ A Cleanse for Body, Mind and Spirit (one to two weeks)

We extend a warm invitation to vacation and learn with us. For more information, please call

250-359-5051 or 250-359-6669. You can also email us at: workshops@netidea.com.

You can also check out our website at www.celebratingwomen.bizland.com. Please note that the workshops are open to anyone.

Chuckleberry continues to extend its membership with opportunities to explore our community through our Conscious Lifestyle Training Program. We also have rental situations available. Please call 250-359-6699 or 250-359-6669 if you have an interest in either of these possibilities.



Conference Announcement

The Politics of Utopia: Intentional Communities as Social Science Microcosms

University of Uppsala, Sweden
13-18 April 2004

Convenors: Nicholas Deakin (LSE), Nir Tsuk (Cambridge)

The focus of the workshop will be on the interplay between social and political concepts and realised utopias.

For further info, contact Nir Tsuk at nt225@cam.ac.uk

Neighbours Wanted for Intentional Community in Burnaby

Georgia Doerksen

A unique cohousing project has space for a diversity of members, varying in skills, who are concerned and interested in issues including housing, eco habitat protection, homelessness and leakycondos.

Our ideal location boasts:

- ◆ 5-minute walk to Lougheed Skytrain centre and mall
- ◆ 10-minute walk to community centre and library
- ◆ 15-minute walk to Burnaby Lake
- ◆ Oversized units
- ◆ Dense greenbelt and land stewardship opportunities

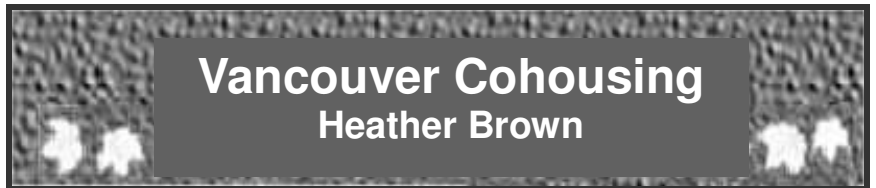
Our vision of intentional community living for families features:

- ◆ Safety and security
- ◆ 100% composting

- ◆ Consensus based, non-hierarchical neighbourhood management
- ◆ Rainwater collection
- ◆ Home schooling network
- ◆ Local songbird habitat enhancement and preservation
- ◆ Public weekend market
- ◆ Edible landscapes
- ◆ Future low footprint Suzuki

Award "2010".

Please tell us about yourself, including your skills, occupation, aspirations, family size and special needs. Contact us at: lccpp@telus.net, or LCCPP, L'Eco Village Opportunity, #204, 9330 Sandlewood Cres. Burnaby, B.C.V3N 4M5



Greetings from the Coast!

The members of Vancouver Cohousing are all very busy with the many facets of developing a cohousing community.

We kicked off the spring with a dig and dine event, inviting everyone that had attended an orientation meeting to help prepare our garden plot. It was a beautiful warm spring day and we all enjoyed digging in the dirt. Some of us turned the sod and others weeded the newly acquired traffic circle. Afterwards we dined on a tremendous pot luck feast with lots of variety and tasty treats.

Several members took on the maintenance and watering of the traffic circle and garden plot for the summer. We experienced the hottest driest summer in 100 years so keeping everything watered and alive was no small task. The traffic circle not only beautified the area but gave us an opportunity to interact with the people in one of the areas we would like to live as a group.

We have retained a team of professionals to assist in the search for land. We are currently searching for a lawyer and an architect, preferably with some knowledge of co-housing.

Our design committee is gathering design ideas and working hard at developing a design process. A few of our members are researching all the legal aspects of incorporation so we are prepared to be incorporated when we are successful in finding the right property.

The finance committee is currently fine tuning our financial requirements document. Many of our documents have been revised and updated to keep us current as we learn more along this journey.

We know there is a lot of work to do but continue to keep focused on the current tasks and keep moving ahead. Fun sociable events in conjunction with our regular meetings help keep the motivation up and have us all looking forward to the next scheduled meeting.



Everything is going very well at Roberts Creek! The civil works are now complete and home construction is starting! We still have to finalize the subdivision - the regulatory authorities need to sign off, but the SCR D has given us permission to start on two homes right away. So we're definitely "over the hump"!

The project is sold out with all 31 households/members in place. Now it's just a matter of getting the homes built on budget!

Review of Creating a Life Together by Diana Leafe Christian Dorothy Mazeau

In her book, Creating a Life Together, Diana Leafe Christian offers a wealth of valuable tools to achieve the goal of a viable, established ecovillage or intentional community. From her perspective as editor of Communities magazine and through conversations with many community activists, Ms. Christian has drawn on the experience of a wide range of groups, in order to distill a practical compendium of what works and what doesn't and why.

The book is well-organized into three parts, effectively using the imagery of a garden:

Part One: Planting the Seeds of Healthy Community

Part Two: Sprouting Community: Techniques and Tools

Part Three: Thriving in Community -- Enriching the Soil

Part One offers guidance to community founders on laying the groundwork for community. It spells out the steps that need to be taken before land is purchased, including chapters on "Getting Real about Finances," the importance of clarifying your vision (and writing it down!): "Creating Vision Documents," and deciding how to decide: "Power, Decision-making and Governance." From her research, Ms. Christian found that "most new-community failures seemed to result from ... ' structural' coiff" In this part of the book, she lays out six steps to establishing a structure that will help to withstand the stresses of

personality differences, evolving expectations, and financial demands. She quotes cohousing activist Zev Paiss as saying that creating community "is the longest, most expensive personal growth workshop you' ll ever undertake."

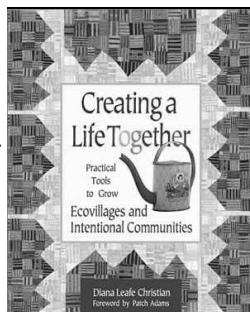
Part Two goes into detail on the myriad aspects of creating a community, from forming policies and agreements ("Good Documents Make Good Friends") to the various legal entities available and, of

Part Three explores the nitty gritty issues of living together in community. However high our ideals, it' s the day-to-day living of them that fulfills the *raison d'etre* of being together. The chapter entitled "Communication, Process and Dealing with Conflict" takes a close look at how people living in community can help themselves and each other to grow into a mature, viable human settlement. Ms. Christian cautions that not everyone is ready for the intensity of community living.

Emotional maturity is a key quality for successful community members. The author offers a number of ways of evaluating whether a prospective member will be an asset to the community' s growth and continued success.

The book concludes with Appendices containing sample Vision Documents and Community Agreements to help a new community to create their own, and a wealth of resources where more help is available when needed. Although written around the author' s experience in the United States, most of the legal and financial material in the book is readily adaptable for use in Canada.

Creating a Life Together is a book that can give your community a much stronger chance of being among the ten percent that achieve success, by saving years of trial and error. If your purpose for forming a community is a driving force, this book can give focus and direction so that you reach your goal.



Creating a Life Together:
Practical Tools to Grow
Ecovillages and Intentional Communities
Diana Leafe Christian
2003
New Society Publishers

course, "The Great Land-Buying Adventure." There is a chapter describing a number of ways of financing your development costs, and one on ways your community can support itself once it' s built ("Can We Afford to Live There?").

This part of the book also contains a fine chapter on zoning issues, which offers a very clear layman' s introduction to municipal zoning bylaws, and how they affect your property search. Another chapter presents the basics of making good use of your land, sustainably developing the physical community so that it supports your community' s purpose. This chapter also includes a helpful perspective on the need for privacy and how to meet it.

Canadian Cohousing Groups at a Glance

Location Group name Contact address	Households total (current)	Contact Name	Website Phone Email	Comments
BRITISH COLUMBIA GROUPS				
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/apt. 20 min drive to downtown Van. Parks, schools, rec. centre, restaurants, shops & other amenities all in walking distance. Spectacular mountain views!
LANGLEY WindSong 20543-96th Ave. Langley, BC V1M 3W3	34 (34)	Valerie McIntyre	www.cohousing.ca/cohsng4/ windsong (604)888-3831 valandgreg@windsong.bc.ca	Townhome development nestled on 6 acres with 4 acres of natural reserve, glass enclosed pedestrian street, 5000 sq ft Common House.
NELSON 3140 The Middle Road Nelson, BC V1L 6M3	12 (12)	Gary Ockenden	www.cohousing.ca (250) 825-9497 ockenden@netidea.com	Single family, owner built homes on 50 acres over looking 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)	Carol McQuarrie	www.cohousing.ca/cohsng4/ quayside (604) 985-1514	Mixed townhouse/apart. Incredible views of ocean, mountains & city. Walk to a public market, shops, restaurants, cinemas, parks & gardens.
VICTORIA Cardiff Place 1246 Fairfield Rd. Victoria, BC V8V 3B5	17 (17)	Kathleen Kane	www.cohousing.ca (250) 920-9941 kkane@telus.net	Heritage apartment style, one mile from the beach, close to parks, shopping, public transportation, walking distance to downtown.
Projects in Development				
NANAIMO Pacific Gardens 504-150 Promenade Dr. Nanaimo, BC V9R 6M6	25 (5)	Susana Michaelis	www.cohousing.ca 250-753-4892 info@ecoconnections.ca	4.33 acres with tranquil river setting; we envision 25 attached homes with covered walkways, large central common house, gardens, open green spaces, ecological design. Looking for additional members. Site Purchased
ROBERTS CREEK Roberts Creek Cohousing Box 152 Roberts Creek, BC V0N 2W0	31 (31)	Gary Kent	www.cohousing.ca/ robertscreek (604) 885-2971 garykent@uniserve.com	A mix of detached and attached housing on acreage with a common house, shared workspaces, gardens, etc. First homes ready for move-in spring 2004. Under construction
SLOCAN Chuckleberry RR1 Site 7 C56 South Slocan, BC V0G 2G0	20 (5)	Jon Scott	www.cohousing.ca (250) 359-6669 cscott@netidea.com	Situated on 23 beautiful acres in the Selkirk Mountains, terrific views of the Kootenay River Valley. Currently have four forested lots available, two with existing houses. New members warmly welcomed. Site Purchased

BRITISH COLUMBIA GROUPS

Forming Groups

BOWEN ISLAND Island Spirit Cohousing RR#1, R22 Bowen Island V0N 1G0	24/31 (4)	Lynn Fearn & Rene Beauchamp	www.cohousing.ca 604-947-0987 lfearn@cwshost.com	Newly formed group of Bowen Island residents committed to having cohousing become a reality on Bowen Island. Looking for 20 Acres forested with nearby access to the ocean.
BURNABY Cohousing at Glenrobin 204-9330 Sandlewood Cr Burnaby, BC V3N-4M5	24/30 (7)	Georgia Doerksen	www.cohousing.ca 604 420 2926 lccpp@telus.net	Looking at a potential site on a greenbelt, with clustered parking heavily treed, central to shops and skytrain. We wish to include elderly, people with disabilities, parents, teens, and children.
FRASER VALLEY Yarrow Ecovillage 42312 Yarrow Central Rd Yarrow, BC V2R 5E2		Gerry Kilgannon	www.yarrowecovillage.ca 604-513-0112 gerryk@windsong.bc.ca	Yarrow Ecovillage will be a community that strives to live in harmony within itself and with its neighbours and with nature. New members who support our principles are welcome.
KELOWNA Kelowna Cohousing 19 - 845 Jones Street Kelowna, BC V1Y 2S6	28 (2)	Forbes Leslie	www.cohousing.ca (250)-763-0703 trekmed@shaw.ca	A mixture of townhouses, apartments and gardens in an cluster designed to foster community and respect individual privacy. Urban - with an ecological feature - fields, trees, streams
TOFINO Talking Cedars 213 Derby Place Nanaimo, BC V9R 6H3	46 (1)	Mary Weston	www.earthfuture.com/ talkingcedars 250-754-1321 talkingcedars@telus.net	17 acre old-growth cedar forest zoned for a car-free, passive solar, clustered cohousing ecovillage including common house, shared home-based business workshop, while preserving most of the forest.
VANCOUVER Vancouver Cohousing 269 E 23rd Vancouver, BC V5V 1X4		Scott Patten	www3.telus.net/cohousing (604) 298-9553 spatten@telus.net	We are looking for enthusiastic members who want to be part of designing their community from the ground up. Visit our website to learn more about us.

ALBERTA GROUPS

Completed Communities

CALGARY Prairie Sky Cohousing 402 - 30 Ave N.E. Calgary, Alberta	18 (18)	Kathleen Ryan	www.prairiesky.ab.ca 403-276-4296 susan@prairiesky.ab.ca	Located in the inner city community of Winston Heights. 2 & 3 bedroom townhouses & apartments, 3200 SF common house central courtyard with community gardens and children's play area
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Forming Groups

FORT MCMURRAY Clearwater Commons 159 Eymundson Rd. Fort McMurray, AB T9H 4M1	25/30 (3)	Maggie Dutton	www.thehomesproject. shawbiz.ca/clearwaterhome. htm 780-715-0449 mdutton@shaw.ca	This forming group intends to build a town-house style complex in Timberlea area with shared amenities such as: large kitchen, flex room hot tub, workshops, and more. Welcome to new members!
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MANITOBA GROUPS

Forming Groups

WINNIPEG Cohousing Manitoba 780 Brock St. Winnipeg, MB R3N 0Z5.	15-30	Judy Walker	www.cohousing.ca (204) 489-7500 judewalk@hotmail.com	We plan to locate in central Winnipeg. Our focus is on diversity, including income, culture, age, & abilities. Our design and maintenance will be sensitive to environmental issues.
WINNIPEG Winnipeg East Group Box 11, Grp. 16, RR1 Anola, MB R0E 0A0	8-10 (3)	Karen Ridd Fiona Muldrew	www.cohousing.ca (204) 866-4489 kg93@web.net	80 acres located 30 minutes from Winnipeg's east perimeter. Ecological design and eco-centre part of the dream. New members encouraged to share the dream.

ONTARIO GROUPS				
Completed Communities				
Ottawa Terra Firma Cohousing 166 Drummond St. Ottawa, ON K1S 1K4	7(6)	Fred Simpson/ Suzanne Gagnon Rebecca Aird	(613) 565-0156 gagnonsu@magma.ca (613)233-6286 Aird@marbek.ca	Two three-door row houses, some neighbors are participating in community activities
Oro Township Rowanwood RR#2 Oro Station, ON L0L 2E0	11 (8)	Vivian Abbott	(705) 835-2999	Intergenerational, rural, with barn, common garden and maple woodland/sugarbush
Projects in Development				
Alton Whole Village 20725 Shaw's Creek Rd. Alton, ON L0N 1A0	30 (11)	Jeff Gold Mary MacEachern	www.wholevillage.org (519) 941-1099 info@wholevillage.org	Biodynamic farming, Community Farm, Community Supported Agriculture 5 people are living on the active farm
Orillia Foxfell Friends Community RR#2 Oro Station, ON L0L 2E0	12(6)	Vivian Abbott	(705) 835-2999	Twelve apartments in three groups of four Actively seeking members
Forming Groups				
Ottawa Common Ground 501-762 West Somerset St Ottawa, ON K1R 6P9	25-30(18)	Marie-Josée Martin	info@coground.ca 613-237-9632	Inviting, well designed homes grouped around a common house, in a central location, close to amenities Townhouses and apartments with inside and outside play spaces Accommodating a diversity of people
Kingston Kingston Cohousing 141 Hawthorne Ave. Kingston, ON K7M 1Y9	15-20	Dan Taft	(613) 389-9025	Looking for 25-200+ acres, with a mix of forest, waterfront, arability and rugged terrain, within ½ hour northwest of Kingston
Toronto Toronto Cohousing	15-20 (8)	Adriana Stagni	(416) 423-5560 adriorr@yahoo.ca	Seeking an urban location, close to shops, services, public transit and green space Consideration for our diversity, health, environmental impact and affordability Yoga/martial arts room
QUEBEC GROUPS				
Forming Groups				
Logigroupe HaPArt 5419 Garnier Montréal, QC H2J 4E2		Diane Lafrenaye	514 527 1160 diane.lafrenaye@biz. videotron.ca http://cf.groups.yahoo.com/ group/ViaNova_Cohousing/	Aims to blend and balance social and artistic life, economic needs, environmental concerns and facilitate personal growth Currently recruiting
NOVA SCOTIA GROUPS				
Forming Groups				
12943 Hwy. 224 R.R. 2 Shubenacadie, NS B0N 2H0	12 - 30	Kathryn and Ed Belzer	belzer@ns.sympatico.ca	Intergenerational, environmentally friendly community on 140 acres