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The Greening of Creekside Commons

Move-in Day in Courtenay

**by: Karin Watson
Creekside Commons, Courtenay**

By June 29, the first two neighbourhoods of Creekside Commons were ready for occupancy and the big move-in began.

Creekside residents flew and drove from various parts of British Columbia, Alberta, Minnesota, California, and the UK. It was a summer of moving vans, cardboard boxes and welcoming potlucks.



Those already in residence provided helping hands to the newly arrived. Some residents landed before their possessions and were provided basic necessities so they

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A Summer Community Tour

of Existing Cohousing by Cohabitat Quebec

**by: Sarah Beaupre &
Helene Langlois,
Cohabitat Quebec**

Last July, Cohabitat Québec (www.cohabitat.ca) lived a most fruitful and rich experience that we wish to share with all cohousing communities.

“Cohabitat Québec” (cohabitat is the French word for cohousing) is a community of 23 households with members aged 1 to 80 years

old. Our wish is to build the first cohousing community in Quebec City (Canada). The project began to develop two and a half years ago and today we are still looking for land and enough members to reach our initial goal of 35 units.

Being the first cohousing project in the province of Quebec, and occasionally feeling discouraged

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could survive until their bits and pieces showed up.

July was hot and sunny and Creeksiders moved into houses surrounded by bare earth. Construction trucks filled the parking spaces and a large storage unit occupied another corner of the parking lot.

The third neighbourhood and the Common House were still being worked on and landscaping was minimal. However, this did not stop the community from beginning to form itself.

A temporary bicycle storage unit was constructed for the large quantities of bicycles, a kayak and canoe rack was built, and

composting became part of daily life with regular pick-ups and workings. Creeksiders were beginning to take root.

Once residents had made themselves comfortable inside their units attention was given to the outside. Patios stopped being storage areas and were given chairs, tables and pots of flowers. The beds around the houses were planted with native shrubs and trees. Joint

projects between units were undertaken with extensive plantings and pathways. Rocks and driftwood arrived to decorate individual plots.

The first major community project was to seed the land with grass seed. This took several days as the bare earth surrounding each neighbourhood was fertilised and seeded. Regular



watering of the newly planted areas was instituted and followed by reseeding of bare patches. We watched the green shadow creep slowly across the Creekside lands.

Composting became one of the most vibrant and well organised community activities with bins located in each neighbourhood, a twice weekly pickup schedule, and processing parties every two weeks.

Kitchen waste is put through an intensive treatment that enables the raw material to become the consistency of rough earth within three weeks of collection with no odour, no bugs, and without attracting wild animals. Barb Wallace estimates we will divert 6 tonnes of organic waste from the garbage dump each year. On top of that we have the gift of quantities of good earth to augment our soil.

Alongside the physical labour of setting up Creekside, the internal structure and organisation of the community began to be developed. We held regular council meetings and

discussed ways of addressing various issues that needed attention. Out of these early stages an organisational framework developed which we are now using to handle the day to day operations of Creekside.

Ad hoc groups are gathered when necessary to look after different projects. Over

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Craik Breaks Ground

by: **Glenn Hymers**
Craik Ecovillage, Craik

Since the creation of the Craik Sustainable Living Project (CSLP) in 2001, the four major components of the project (construction of a demonstration eco-centre, outreach and education, community action and the development of an eco-village) have brought the community

of Craik, Saskatchewan a significant degree of regional, national and international recognition.



In terms of the eco-village, its development has evolved through a number of stages including initial concept development, meetings of potential property owners, zoning, land survey, road construction, analysis and acceptance of proposals, sale of lots and granting of titles.

Currently, the nine available properties have been sold and several are in the groundwork stage of development (see photo).

For further information:

www.craikecovillage.com 

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the past month we have had a community-wide discussion around the disposition of Creekside lands. Questionnaires were circulated with maps of the grounds and the results compiled. This past weekend we had a daylong workshop discussing how best to steward our land, where gardens might be situated, contemplative spaces, play areas for both children and adults. This intense undertaking also gave us all an opportunity to know each other at a deeper level.

Our Common House was finally authorised for occupation and on October 8, fifty Creeksiders, with



extended family and friends, sat down together. The first activity was to unwrap the cutlery that had been gifted to

us. Next we piled our plates with turkey, sweet potatoes, rice dishes, baked tofu, salad and a myriad of other dishes.

This was followed by pumpkin pies, apple pies and other desserts. We ate, laughed and gave thanks for the abundance.

We were sharing food under a common roof, creating community. Outside the windows of the Common House,

the fresh green grass covering our land reflected our new growth.



Consensus Workshop at Cranberry Commons

by: **Ronaye Matthew**
Cranberry Commons,
Burnaby

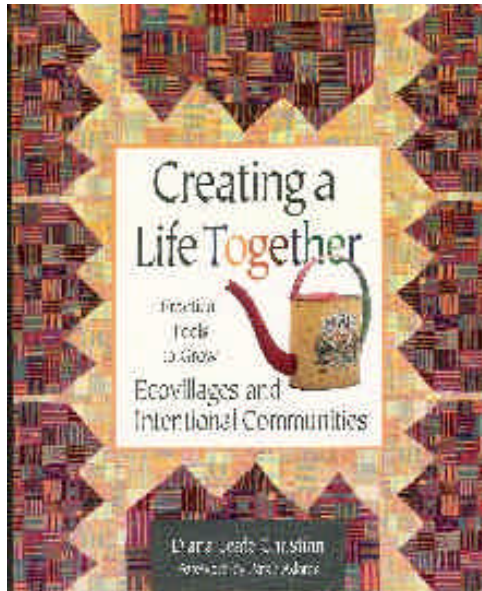
Diana Leafe Christian, author, speaker and intentional community workshop leader, facilitated a workshop on consensus decision making for Cranberry Commons on Oct 27th and 28th.

Our community had identified the following needs:

1. Provide an overview and discussion focused on the question "What is consensus?"
2. Provide an overview and discussion on the questions "What do you need to make consensus work?" and "What are the individual's and the group's responsibilities when using consensus for decision making?"
3. Review what shared values support us in our decision making at Cranberry Commons. "What values that are not shared, create difficulties or challenges?" "Is it possible to find some compromise in areas where values are not shared?"
4. Identify which decision-making method is most appropriate for our community. Clarify and reach agreement on our own decision making process and protocol.

Over the course of the

weekend we looked at the behaviours and attitudes that were interfering with our ability as a community to have joyful and productive meetings. We spoke directly and authentically to each other.



Along with her own wealth of knowledge and experience, Diana provided information from other consensus facilitators on such issues as:

- ♦ How many times should someone block in his or her lifetime?
- ♦ What do you consider legitimate and illegitimate reasons for blocking?
- ♦ Examples of legitimate blocks.
- ♦ What about when a person blocks too frequently?
- ♦ Reasons why someone may block too frequently.

- ♦ What can a group do to make decision-making and group process easier and more effective?

The following quote is from Tree Bressen on legitimate and illegitimate reasons for blocking:

Consensus decision-making only works if people have a co-operative attitude: they're willing to lay aside their own preferences in order to allow the group to move forward. A legitimate reason to block is to prevent the group from either:

- (1) *crossing its own stated values, or*
- (2) *doing something truly disastrous or catastrophic; not just risky or undesirable, but truly disastrous.*

Not to get your way.

Not because you'd have to move out because you couldn't afford it.

Not because it doesn't fit your values of how you want to live.

Not to prevent the group from taking a risk.

In summary, good consensus decision making is about the "most number of people getting the most of what they want most". We try to balance the interests, but in the end the well-being of the group over the long term takes

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Chaswood Green and Farm Co-housing Moving Ahead

**by: Roberta McGinn
Chaswood Cohousing,
Shubenacadie**

We've had a busy time since Kathryn's report in the summer newsletter. Getting the pre-application in to the Halifax Regional Municipality was achieved by early July. On October 9th we met with Halifax Regional Municipality Planners in regards to our Pre-development application. Our application was deemed acceptable but there are a number of reports that are required by the municipality.

We have a ninety-day window to get these reports together. They include land survey, hydrogeographical report, traffic impact, and a cash flow budget.

Members have addressed some of these issues, and we are working on the rest. So little time...so much to do. Members are away, Christmas is coming, the ground will be frozen soon,

and the winter storms will be arriving. But no pressure. We are delighted we have come this far.

An all too short, but extremely helpful phone conference with Ronaye Matthew helped us to understand how much has been done, how many issues are typical of cohousing, and that we are actually coming along very well. Apparently we are well ahead of the game by already having our land. We will be purchasing the land from members Kathryn and Ed, but for now we have a parcel of land on which to conceive our designs.

A major issue which we are constantly considering is affordability. We have explored all manner of possible means to provide affordable housing. It is such a core issue in attracting young people to the project.

Habitat for Humanity is one possibility, and we are

fortunate in having an interested potential member as an advisor in this regard.

Members meet regularly, either by phone or in person and discuss the seeming endless issues regarding getting ourselves up and running. Our core membership remains three couples. Of them, Cam and Andrea have sold their house in Ontario, and now reside in rental dwellings in the local village of Middle Musquodoboit, near the Farm. They are about to brave their first Nova Scotia winter!

It's great that we have now met each other and can get together in person. We are planning to have a "Meet & Greet" in the Village in November, inviting local people, potential members, and various politicians. Pray we don't have a snowstorm that day!



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priority over the well-being of the individual.

Along with articles and handouts on decision-making, Diana also provided us with handouts and information on effective facilitation, agenda and proposal planning.

It was a very successful

weekend. We grew as a community and were provided with information that will help us get more benefit from our community life together.

I highly recommend Diana as a facilitator. She is knowledgeable, energetic and brings humour into the process. As well, her book "Creating a Life Together"

contains much wisdom that can support both new groups and completed communities to have greater success in their own journeys of community.

For more information about Diana Leafe Christian and her book please visit

www.creating-a-life-together.org



Sharing Cars in WindSong

**by: Maureen Butler
WindSong, Langley**

It's 7 pm as the phone rings. That must be Lizanne confirming car use for the next few days.

Lizanne is our neighbour in WindSong cohousing, and for the last three months we have been sharing two cars amongst four people from two households: three working adults and one teenager. While that might not seem like much of a feat, consider the fact that the four of us go to five different workplaces, as well as one high school, two universities, pilates, bikram yoga, dance classes in three locations, soccer practices and games (near and far) and the usual grocery shopping and errands. We are four busy people living in the suburbs with infrequent bus service, and we are proof that car sharing can be done.

When we began discussing the idea of car sharing, we realized that we really wanted to make it

work. We have two cars and we need about 1.3, while Lizanne doesn't have any and needs .7 of a car. Three months into our arrangement, everything is working out well.

We also started a general Ride Sharing whiteboard in our common house square, where people can offer rides and request them. Interestingly, the ride board has not worked out as well as our car sharing arrangement. In reflecting on what we've done, I realized a few things about car sharing:

1. In order for it to work, the people involved need to be willing to get into a much closer relationship with each other, as they are continually communicating and working out problems.
2. It helps if those involved see vehicles as primarily functional, getting people from point A to point B, rather than as private luxury items.

I discovered that my

husband Michael, Lizanne and I all have this attitude to cars. In fact, we all have used transit or walked for large parts of our lives, living in Toronto and South Africa.

3. Having a clear financial agreement makes things feel fair. Who will pay for what?
4. Short trips are easily accomplished by biking or walking, and people have to be willing to do that sometimes.
5. Believing that car sharing will work for you is essential, as opposed to thinking of all the reasons that it will not work.

Whenever we come to a glitch, such as three people who want to go in three different directions, we have faith that we can work it out. And we do. Just as I cannot imagine going back to single family housing now that I live in WindSong, I cannot imagine going back to owning cars without sharing. 🍁

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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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Bolton, ON, L7E 4V6
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www.cohousing.ca

Pacific Gardens Begins Construction

by: Kathryn Hazel
Pacific Gardens, Nanaimo

The dream has become a reality. Construction has begun on Pacific Gardens Cohousing Community in Nanaimo!

The Canadian Western Bank and Tri City Equities Ltd. are providing funding for the \$8 million cohousing development, the first of its kind on central Vancouver Island.

The project, designed by local architects Jolyon Brown and Ian Namath, is being built by the award-winning construction company, Georgia View Home Builders Ltd.

Excavation on the 4.37-acre site began in October, and the 25-unit, multifamily development is expected to be completed within a year to 15 months.

Pacific Gardens will have

extensive green space that includes natural flora and fauna, a seasonal pond and heritage apple trees.

It is located next to a park along the salmon-bearing Chase River, and has a spectacular view of Mount Benson.

A special feature of Pacific Gardens is its inner atrium, which connects all units to the Common House, the heart of the community.

With its green building, organic community garden and orchard and car-share program, Pacific Gardens is the model for a future of sustainable living in Nanaimo.

Ten of the development's one, two-and three-bedroom units are still available.

You can keep up-to-date with the progress of construction by going to our website, www.pacificgardens.ca. – we'll be posting plenty of pictures!

Groundbreaking Ceremony



A very successful groundbreaking ceremony took place September 8 on the Pacific Gardens Cohousing property. More than 80 people came out for the glorious Fall day to enjoy food from local restaurants, music by The Brass Connections, and a

ceremonial blessing by Ellen White, an Elder of the Nanaimo Nation. Community members turned the first sod with shovels decorated with green ribbons – representative of their dedication to building a green, sustainable cohousing project.

Cohabitat's Summer Tour

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by the amount of work yet to be done, our group decided to visit nearby cohousing communities during the first weekend of July 2007.

After a few phone calls and emails, four communities welcomed us with arms open wide: Benny Farm in Montreal, which is not cohousing itself but has a lot of interesting green technologies implemented; Terra Firma, a cohousing project of seven units in Ottawa; FROG and SONG, two cohousing communities located in Ithaca, New York; and Champlain Valley Cohousing in Vermont.

We had the chance to visit a large diversity of cohousing projects: from rural to urban, small communities of seven to larger of 35 households, new communities still building houses to well established communities more than 10 years old.

No matter the community background, with every visit we were amazed by the warm welcome that we received. We shared meals, visited private houses and common houses, chatted for hours on end, and spent a very nice time together. Even if we were total strangers at first, we readily felt a connection born from our mutual cohousing backgrounds and shared fundamental values.

This four day trip gave us a **lot of energy**. It was refreshing to hear that after 10 years, people still wanted to share another 10 in their community. We had a real picture of all the daily advantages of community living, such as helpful neighbouring and shared environmental facilities. It also renewed our confidence in our own two year old project. We were reassured that building cohousing takes time; that the strong

community we have built is more important than not yet owning land. It also encouraged us to hear that even if our project requires more time and money than expected in the beginning, we must keep working and have faith, because *cohousing is excellent for the Earth, and especially for the heart.*

We discovered the importance of networking between cohousing communities and rediscovered the true meaning of the word "**welcome**". We want to sincerely thank all the communities that received us. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone we met in the near future in our own cohousing community in Quebec City!

"Cohabitat Québec, un projet qui nous habite."



Construction underway at Pacific Gardens

Georgia View Home Builders Ltd. has begun excavation at the land. The next few months will see the land cleared where necessary and the foundations of the building being completed.



Prairie Sky Featured in Bills

by: Susan Stratton
Prairie Sky, Calgary

Profiled below is the recent "Waterworks" insert that was enclosed with the City of Calgary's utility bills.

It's not every cohousing group that's featured in their city's utility bills!

The article promotes not only

community living but Prairie Sky's water conservation measures, reuse system, car pooling/sharing, and their energy efficiency mandate.



Profiling a friend of Calgary | *Prairie Sky*

What can your condo do to reduce its ecological footprint?

Prairie Sky Co-housing is a community of 18 townhouses and two-bedroom apartments on Edmonton Trail between 30th and 31st Aves. N.E.

"Co-housing is sort of like living in a village where people are determined to be good neighbours," says Joan Myles, a Prairie Sky resident of four years. "It advocates the autonomy of private dwellings with the advantages of community living."

An important part of the community is its sustainability. The measures Prairie Sky has taken to help the environment can easily be applied to more traditional housing developments as well.

"Our water conservation consists of dual-flush (three- and six-litre) toilets and efficient dishwashers and washing machines."

The community also has well-designed, water-wise landscaping, which Joan adds is "extraordinarily beautiful." Rain barrels are also used, though not exclusively.

Prairie Sky's water usage is about 39 per cent of Calgary's per person, per day household average.

Energy efficiency is also a key mandate of the Prairie Sky community. The project was constructed in an environmentally responsible manner, making a small footprint.

"Most of our owners moved from detached homes," Joan says. The buildings feature superior attic and wall insulation, triple-glazed window construction, heat recovery ventilation, energy-efficient heating by forced air over hot water, energy-efficient appliances, fluorescent lighting in the common house and centralized recycling containers, including plastics recycling and composters.

"Energy efficiency is also a key mandate of the Prairie Sky community..."

The community purchases the maximum allowable wind energy (Greenmax) and there's a centrally located "give away" shelf for internal reuse of clothing and household items.

In addition, voluntary initiatives are encouraged among residents such as car-pooling, sharing vehicles (which serves as an occasional second car or primary vehicle) and bicycles. They even share freezers, for households needing only a small amount of additional space and landscape tools such as lawnmowers (push and power).

To learn more about how your apartment building or condominium can save water and energy, visit www.calgary.ca/waterservices. Follow the links to water conservation, business customers and/or water-saving guide.

The community also has well-designed, water-wise landscaping, which is extraordinarily beautiful.



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Canadian Cohousing Communities at a glance

LOCATION GROUP NAME CONTACT ADDRESS	HOUSEHOLDS TOTAL (CURRENT)	CONTACT NAME	WEBSITE PHONE EMAIL	COMMENTS
BRITISH COLUMBIA				
COMPLETED COMMUNITIES				
BURNABY, B.C. Cranberry Commons 4272 Albert Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5C 2E8	22 (22)	Ruth Walmsley	www.cranberrycommons.ca (604) 298-9220 ruth@cranberrycommons.ca	Mixed townhouse & apartments. 20 min drive to downtown Van. Parks, schools, rec centre, restaurants, shops & other amenities all in walking distance. Spectacular mountain views!
COURTENAY, B.C. Creekside Commons 2202 Lambert Drive, Courtenay, BC	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 SF common house. Many sustainable features incorporated into the design.
LANGLEY, B.C. WindSong 20543-96th Ave., Langley, B.C. V1M 3W3	34 (34)	Valerie McIntyre	www.windsong.bc.ca (604) 888-3831 valandgreg@windsong.bc.ca	Environmental award-winning townhome development with glass-enclosed pedestrian streets. Nestled on a 6 acre site, with 4 acres of natural salmon creek reserve, organic community gardens, & 5000 sq ft Common House. Visitors & tours welcome.
NELSON, B.C. The Middle Road 3140 The Middle Road Nelson, B.C. V1L 6M3	11 (11)	Stuart McKinnon	www.cohousing.ca (250) 825-0012 buffalo.sage@shaw.ca	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, B.C. V7M 2L9	19 (19)	Lorraine Kelley	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, B.C. Roberts Creek Cohousing 1131 Emery Road, Roberts Creek, B.C. 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 SF 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				
NANAIMO, B.C. Pacific Gardens PO Box 207 Station A, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5K9	25 (15)	Pacific Gardens	www.pacificgardens.ca 250-754-3060 joinus@pacificgardens.ca	4.37 acres with tranquil river setting; completed design of 25 condo-style apartment homes; glass-covered atrium, 8000 sq ft central common house, gardens, green building design. New members very welcome.
NORTH DELTA, B.C. The Urban Green 11840 88 Ave Delta, BC. V4C 3C5	20-30	Brent & Denise Unrau	www.theurbangreen.ca (604) 502-8558 budunrau@telus.net	Our vision is to live in an Urban Cohousing project with extensive common facilities, which is built with as many environmental features as is viable with an architectural form that supports social sustainability.
FRASER VALLEY, B.C. Yarrow Ecovillage 42312 Yarrow Central Road, Yarrow, B.C. V2R 5E2	20-30	Gerry Kilgannon	www.yarrowecovillage.ca 604-513-0112 gerryk@windsong.bc.ca	We have secured a 25 acre site which includes 20 acres of organic agricultural land and 5 acres to be developed for housing and on site businesses. Yarrow Ecovillage will be a community that strives to live in harmony within itself, with its neighbours, and with nature. New members who support our principles are welcome.
FORMING GROUPS				
SOUTHERN FRASER VALLEY, B.C. South Fraser Cohousing Group	to be determined	David Dalley or Courtney Raines	davidanderin@dalley.ca David: (604) 502-8661 vanderov@yahoo.com	We are an informal network of people interested in forming a cohousing community in the South Fraser Region. Our group values an inclusive and consensus-based approach in the formation and operation of our community.
VANCOUVER, B.C. Vancouver Cohousing 269 East 23rd Avenue Vancouver, B.C. V5V 1X4		Richard Kwan	vancouver.cohousing. googlepages.com (604) 876-2463 vancouver.cohousing @gmail.com	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, SASKATCHEWAN, MANITOBA				
COMPLETED COMMUNITIES				
CALGARY, ALTA. Prairie Sky Cohousing 402 - 30 Avenue N.E. Calgary, A.B.	18 (18)	Susan Stratton	www.prairiesky.ab.ca 403-289-7179 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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ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN, MANITOBA				
FORMING GROUPS				
CRAIK , SASK Craik Ecovillage Box 60 Craik, S.K. S0G 0V0	15 (20)	Glenn Hymers	www.craikecovillage.ca 306-734-2250 glennandbrenda@sasktel.net	The potential site is a 127 acre parcel owned by the municipality. Members will be required to build energy-efficient homes and will have a shared land base to earn income if they so choose.
WINNIPEG, MAN. Hazel Creek Commons Box 11, Grp.16, RR1 Anola, M.B. R0E 0A0	5-6 (3)	Karen Ridd & Fiona Muldrew	www.cohousing.ca (204) 866-4489 contact@hazelcreekcommons.org	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				
COMPLETED COMMUNITIES				
OTTAWA Terra Firma Cohousing 166 Drummond St. Ottawa, O.N. K1S 1K4	7(6)	Signy Fridriksson and Steve Fick	(613) 233-8438	Located in the centre of the city and close to the Rideau Canal. Consisting of two three-unit townhouses and a recently build seventh unit and common house. Includes solar hot water, play structures, treehouse, gardens, bicycle storage, composting bins.
FORMING GROUPS				
OTTAWA Common Ground 207 Bank Street Suite 199 Ottawa, O.N. K2P 2N2	25-30(18)	Marie-Josée Martin	www.coground.ca 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.
QUEBEC				
FORMING GROUPS				
QUEBEC CITY Cohabitat Québec	35 (20)	Hélène Langlois	www.cohabitat.ca relationspubliques@ cohabitat.ca (418) 527-4205	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... our imagination.
NOVA SCOTIA				
FORMING GROUPS				
SHUBENACADIE Chaswood Green Cohousing & Farm 12943 Hwy. 224 R.R. 2 Shubenacadie, N.S. B0N 2H0	12-20 (5)	Kathryn & Ed Belzer	www.chaswoodcohousing.ca hello@ chaswoodcohousing.ca (902) 384-2730	The Chaswood cohousing project is proposed as a rural, multigenerational, environmentally friendly community of persons who choose to live by the values of integrity, simplicity, diversity and equality in homes that balance common ownership with the need for individual privacy. 140 acres.
Canadian Cohousing Network		12		Winter 2008