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 Building the Urban Village**

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Hey, Torontonians! If you've been wondering if there is cohousing in your city, there is. The Toronto Cohousing Initiative has been meeting since March and you are welcome to join us.



Some members of the Toronto Cohousing group

Most cohousing groups are started by someone who wants to live in a cohousing community, who invites others into the process. Ours is no exception, but the story is just a little different. As a student doing my Masters in Planning at the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University, I had the opportunity to do a hands-on project related to my area of concentration, Participatory Planning for Sustainable Communities. What better opportunity to start a cohousing group in Toronto?!

Although I organized and facilitated the first few meetings, I am very pleased to say that other members

have since taken on various responsibilities and we have had a different coordinator/facilitator for each meeting since mid-April. My role has become more behind the scenes, sharing what I've learned about the planning and development process, just as everyone else is sharing their knowledge and skills.

A few members have come and gone, but a core group of 12 diverse households is now stabilizing. We took our time in the first few meetings to get to know each other and  
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# Prairie Sky Cohousing: Calgary Alberta!!!

*Ann Kyle*

## Change of address

Effective from May and June 2003, the:

Ducharme	Amell/Stratton
Kyle/Magnus	Myles
James/Sadouski	Poulin
Corcoran/Lamoureux	Clark/Gasca
Guyn	Rutherford
Nowlin/Guyn	Swenson
Michell/Bond	Rackow/Myers
Emmett/Jensen	Ryan
Lusena	Sept

families have a new address.

Yes! After 2 years of design and construction and additional years of planning and searching for land, eighteen families are moving into the first cohousing community in Alberta. Needless to say, it is an exciting time for all of us. There is still plenty of work to be done, particularly "sweat equity" projects for the common house and landscaping. In the meantime, we are sorting, packing, moving, unpacking, and glowing with knowledge that those people with whom we have gone through good times and bad during the development process are now our neighbours. Living the dream more than makes up for (temporarily) living with "mud, mud, glorious mud...and

there let us wallow in glorious mud!"\*

Prairie Sky Cohousing is located in Calgary's inner city on Edmonton Trail between 30 and 31 Ave. N.E., Calgary, Alberta. It contains 18 units clustered around central courtyards and a common house with kitchen, dining room, lounge, laundry, studio, office, and rooms for kids, teens, crafts and guests. Parking is underground. All units are sold. More information is at [www.prairiesky.ab.ca](http://www.prairiesky.ab.ca).

\* *The Hippopotamus Song*, Michael Flanders, lyrics.

## Cohousing Conference June 19-22 University of Colorado

The 2003 North American Cohousing Conference takes place in Boulder, Colorado from June 19-22. There were over 200 in attendance at the last conference in Berkeley, California in 2001, and it was a rich and valuable experience. This year there are workshops for every level of cohousing, a great keynote speaker, tours of local communities and many fun events. Last year's conference workshops included the classic "Getting it Built" overview; conflict resolution advice; Facilitation techniques; Living in Community; Site Acquisition; and Design & Construction. The top names in cohousing will be there, helping attendees to enhance their cohousing experience.

For more information, visit: <http://www.cohousing.org/conference.html>.

# Boulevard Gardens: Quayside Village Cohousing

*Linda Moore and Camilla Amundsen*

Quayside Village is a privately owned and self-managed cohousing community, a registered strata, built in 1998, in North Vancouver. It is home to about 30 adults and 7 children. Owners take an active interest in the larger community, and particularly, our immediate neighbourhood. We seek to share a sustainable lifestyle, demonstrated by our unique building design, our commitment to energy efficiency, an advanced recycling system, a courtyard landscaped with organic, edible and native plantings, a CMHC pilot grey water system, a triple bin composter, and a series of rainbarrels to capture and reuse rainwater.

In 2002, we weathered (pun intended) a major building envelope restoration, which, amongst other things, resulted in a loss of all of the heather plants on our street-side boulevard. Having already successfully grown (and eaten) vegetables, herbs and fruits from our urban garden, we began realizing we could make a much more attractive and productive garden there.

While restoration was still underway in late spring, we planted some squash and pumpkin plants in this area, so that it wouldn't be

such an eyesore. What an overwhelming success! The plants grew very quickly in that sunny location, so what had been a sea of mud became lush green within a couple of weeks. Then the big yellow flowers started to show. Before long, neighbours came by, some with children on bikes, to watch the growing pumpkins. Passersby raved about the amazing vegetation, and expressed delight at spying the swelling butternut squash. The Quayside children took special pride in the pumpkins, from seeding to eventual carving for Halloween. By fall, we had harvested 3 large orange pumpkins and 14 butternut squash!

Rather than being a barren 16 foot square of rubble, our boulevard could be a model for others about how to grow food in the city. Year round, organic vegetable gardens! Rainbarrels and soaker hoses will feed the plants when the rain doesn't. Compost from our households and soil from our worm bins will help nourish the plants. Birds and beneficial insects would inevitably partake in the process.

The ever watchful ones at Quayside could catch the moments of ripeness and enjoy more home-grown vegetables for our group

dinners.

The list of plants already tested for growth habits at Quayside includes:

Blueberries	Leeks
Strawberries	Beets
Potatoes	Kale
Beans	Broccoli
Peas	Chard (3 types)
Carrots	Radishes
Zucchini	Lettuces
Pumpkins	Arugula
Butternut Squash	Basil
Green Onions	Many herbs

## **Boulevard Garden Proposal:**

1. Erect raised wooden planters
2. Provide a drainage strip along the sidewalk, with river-rock flush with the sidewalk to overcome the soil erosion and waste of ground water.
3. Design beds to allow for wheel chair access, and minimal bending required.
4. Using time-tested organic growing principles, plant rotating vegetable crops, with careful consideration given to the visual aspect, year round.
5. Be visible, sustainable urban gardeners for others to appreciate.

# Adventures in Cohousing: Roberts Creek

## *Dorothy Mazeau*



The morning mists drifted slowly upwards, as the ferry pulled away from the dock at Horseshoe Bay, headed for the Sunshine Coast of British Columbia – which, I am told, gets markedly more sunshine than the rest of this northern rainforest. Roberts Creek Cohousing had agreed to let me sit in on a day of meetings with Ronaye Matthew, their development consultant, during my brief stay in the Vancouver area. Ronaye and I, along with community member Nora Harrison, were making the trip up to Roberts Creek on a rainy Saturday morning in late April.

A brief drive by the site gave me a glimpse of a gently rising, heavily wooded site. Only a recently completed cul-de-sac hinted at the community to come. Carefully selected trees had already been tagged for removal to permit construction of 31 small detached and semi-detached homes and a common house, which had been sited to unobtrusively nestle into their beautiful forest setting.

Our arrival at the Roberts Creek Community School library coincided with that of several of the community members, who greeted

me warmly and chatted as we waited for the rest of the members to arrive. Once everyone had assembled, the first meeting began in earnest – there were several consecutive meetings planned for the day!



Testing the proposed kitchen layout

The first meeting dealt with an upcoming planning meeting that represented the last of a long series of hurdles leading to the approvals required to proceed to a building permit application. Roberts Creek is an unincorporated municipality, which makes it subject to a wide range of governing bodies who all want a say in what happens on the site. This final hurdle involved the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MoTH), who felt that the community's roadway should be constructed as a wide thoroughfare –

not at all what the group had in mind! (The final agreement involved only a few pullouts – thank goodness!)

Following a brief financial meeting and a working lunch, the architects,

Teryl Mullock of Teryl Mullock Architects and his joint venture partner Dana Brash of Mobius Architecture, arrived to make a presentation of the proposed design for the common house kitchen. The design had been developed in close collaboration with a few of the members who had very definite ideas about how the

kitchen should be laid out.

During the presentation it became clear that other members had some doubts about whether the proposed layout would work. After considerable discussion, Teryl had an idea: Why not build a mock-up of the kitchen right in the library? Then people could walk through the process of bring in dirty dishes, scraping them into the compost bin, rinsing them off, and stacking them in the dishwasher. Everyone loved the idea -- especially after a

*(Roberts Creek: Continued on page 10)*

## Moving from Cohousing (to Cohousing!)

*Maureen Butler*

We're at the bank, paying the penalty to get out of our existing mortgage. After seven years in Windsong Cohousing, we're moving. After we sign the forms, the banker looks at the new address, and says "So, you're moving to the same place?"

"To a bigger unit", we reply. "And our friend, a single mom, is downsizing. Her kids are moving out, so she's moving into our smaller unit." "That's quite an interesting place, Windsong", the banker says. "You must know quite a few of the people there, by now."

"We know everybody", I reply.

"Everybody?" she says incredulously, as if she can't possibly imagine knowing all the neighbours in a

townhouse complex, or even on a street.

"Yes. It's like a village," I offer.

She smiles again, but doesn't ask any more questions. I can see that cohousing is definitely counterculture, for her.

And so, we are moving—me, my husband, my daughter and our cat—from #5 to #21, from 783 square feet to about 1100 (what luxury!). But we're not leaving. Why would we? As one of my neighbours says, "I'd have to find something that is a least three times better than Windsong, to want to move." And we haven't found that, yet. Nor are we looking. We really like our community.

We seriously contemplated staying in our 783 square foot place. We're used to living in a small space, and we still have all the benefits of cohousing, in terms of space: a 5000 square foot common house, many common areas in the atriums, and a big backyard and garden. But by switching homes, two families can meet their changing housing needs. And that's one of the many benefits of cohousing!

Windsong has a few homes for sale, and is looking for new members. For more information, visit the Windsong website, [www.cohousing.ca/cohsng4/windsong](http://www.cohousing.ca/cohsng4/windsong).

## Photo Exhibit at Windsong June 22

Windsong is having a photo exhibit on Sunday June 22 from 1-5 pm, showing large art photos by Windsongers. The event will be like an opening at an art gallery, complete with refreshments and socializing. It will be a great opportunity to visit Windsong, especially if you are curious about cohousing.

Windsong is located at 20543 96th Ave., Langley, BC. For directions, visit <http://www.cohousing.ca/cohsng4/windsong/directions.htm> or contact Maureen at [maureenb@windsong.bc.ca](mailto:maureenb@windsong.bc.ca) or (604) 513-0046.



# Recycling at Quayside

*Linda Moore*

In the early days of Quayside Village (1997), we decided as a group to aim for 90% recycling as part of our desire to be environmentally conscious. In a community such as ours, our individual efforts multiply quickly. By recycling, we reduce the amount of "garbage" that we send to the landfill sites at Burns Bog, and Cache Creek.

## What Goes Where?

While the municipality does pick-ups of metals, glass, #1 and #2 plastics, mixed paper, cardboard and newspaper, Quayside has recycling bins for many other items including soft plastic, hard plastic #3 and #7, low grade paper and cardboard (like pizza boxes and milk containers), styrofoam, and several other groups of items.

There are labels on the wall above the bins to give residents a map of what goes where.

We have a container for deposit bot-

tles for funds that go towards the common-house. We have a container for clothes that gets taken to the Salvation Army. There's even a bucket for wine corks and wood that get sent through a chipper at the transfer station. These get combined with other landscape materials to become garden and landscape mixes. Soft plastics get recycled into pellets that are then recycled into more plastic bags.

## What is Real Garbage?

*There is no such thing as real garbage!* But some of the items that we haven't figured out how to recycle are: light bulbs; items that are different types of materials glued together (such as metal and plastic toys); disposable diapers; cat litter; large vinyl items such as shower curtains and raincoats).

## Why Bother Recycling?

North Americans consume more goods and produce more garbage

than any other country in the world. This is not sustainable living.

In our community, there is something we can all do. We can be models for our children and for others who visit. So far, our recycling centre has been featured in the GVRD Sustainability TV Series and the Home and Garden Channel.

By increasing the amount of recycling that we do, we can feel good about closing the loop with what we consume. After all, the concept of "throwing away garbage" is totally unrealistic....there is no "away"..... it all comes back in forms of land, air and water pollution. It takes some effort to change old habits, but soon one begins to see the benefits.

One of the benefits to Quayside is reduced garbage pick up costs, as we need a smaller bin for our garbage. If we all participate fully in the program, we'll only need a few household garbage cans in the lane for the city to pick up!!

# A new way to promote your community

*Alan Carpenter*

Hugh Perry is passionate about community living. He is involved with the Eco Village Network of Canada and has set up a website on a volunteer, no cost basis for the purpose of celebrating the development of the communities that exist in Canada. I have joined Hugh in that celebration by having him post Windsong on that website.

Celebrate community with us and gain more exposure for your project.

You are invited to list your community by going to:  
<http://www.silentpartners.ca/CEL/listing.html>.

Rather than absent-mindedly adding our own tons of garbage to the landfill, we can neatly sort into individual pails which we keep under our sinks, and weekly empty our recyclables into the recycling bins in the parkade. From there, residents take responsibility for dropping off bins to specific recycling centres.

For under the sink sorting ideas, have a look under the Quayside Common House sink! It's all there.

## Common Ground Update

*Frank Antonsen*

Common Ground is an Ottawa co-housing group of 23 active members in 18 households that have been meeting about twice a month for the last year with one of those meetings including a potluck meal.

The members have been working through a series of prioritization exercises provided by Ronaye Matthew of Cohousing Development Consulting. We have determined that our #1 priority is for a cohousing community lifestyle that features inviting, well designed homes grouped around a common house. Our second priority is for a central location in the core of Ottawa close to amenities. Our third priority is to have a diversity of people and ages.

We plan to build a combination of 25-30 townhouses and apartments and provide inside and outside play spaces for children. An elevator will provide wheelchair accessibility and a common garden will be available for members.

We also recently completed a survey to determine how much interior and exterior space each household needs and we also submitted a statement of personal net worth to the consultant.

Once we have received some feedback about our priorities, space requirements and financial abilities from our consultant, we will have a

better idea of what we can afford. With this information, Common Ground can start thinking about searching for a suitable site.

Future challenges include writing a set of by-laws and membership guidelines for our manual, creating a brochure and content for our web site, developing more specific design criteria and continuing to work on community building.

If you are interested in learning more about Common Ground, please contact Marie-Josée Martin at [info@coground.ca](mailto:info@coground.ca).

## Kelowna Cohousing

*Forbes Leslie*

The Kelowna Cohousing Group plans to spend the summer marketing cohousing locally at fairs and other local events. We have about twenty people interested in the concept and want to build that group to forty people.

The intent, in the Fall, is to gain a financial commitment from enough

members of that group of forty to make an offer on property and then proceed with the building.

One of our most stalwart members, Joyce, has been hospitalized for some time. Her support has been missed especially as she is now unable to live in the home base of Kelowna cohousing and we have

ended the tenancy of 571 Cawston Avenue, Kelowna.

The new address for the Kelowna Cohousing Group will be #19 - 845 Jones Street, Kelowna, V1Y 2S6.

## Conscious Lifestyle Training in Slokan, BC

*Carel Scott*

The Chuckleberry Community in Slokan, BC is holding their Conscious Lifestyle Training program again this summer. This is a "hands on" experience of life in an intentional community. Participants live in a beautiful mountain setting outside Nelson, BC and enjoy organic vegetarian meals. They learn valuable skills including a sustainable spiritual practice with yoga and meditation that supports an opening

to spirit.

We need people who have construction, landscaping and computer skills. We have openings for June, July, Sept and Oct.

For more information, Call Jon Scott 250-359-6669. Please leave a good time for Jon to reach you when you call. Or email [cscott@netidea.com](mailto:cscott@netidea.com).

## Rentals in Slokan, BC

Chuckleberry has a two bedroom suite with a large deck and an amazing view of the mountains for rent.

We also have a two bedroom trailer and a small travel trailer.

Call 250-359-6669

## Coho/US 2002 Annual Report/Directory released

*Adapted from Cohousing e-news*

The 2002 Annual Report and Communities Directory is now available. This 36-page publication should make interesting reading for everyone involved in cohousing. If you are not on the TCN (now Coho/US) mailing list and you'd like to receive a copy of the publication, send an e-

mail to [office@cohousing.org](mailto:office@cohousing.org).

The Annual Report, besides showcasing our new logo (designed by cohousers, by the way), reports on the state of the cohousing movement, with commentary from pioneer Kathryn McCamant, as well as

last year.

looking at Coho/US's strategic plan for building and nurturing the development of the movement, and a report on Cohousing media coverage

The Communities Directory provides new depth and current information on the 61 completed communities in the US (now in 17 states plus D.C.), with detailed descriptions of their unique attributes, plus standardized info like location type (urban, suburban, rural, small town, etc.), common house size, site acreage, number of kids and adults, and years established and completed. We also map the 39 communities under construction or with sites owned or optioned, and list the 41 communities forming and seeking sites.

For information on Canadian cohousing communities, visit: <http://www.cohousing.ca/>

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## A new identity for new times: TCN becomes Coho/US

*Adapted from Cohousing e-news*

The Cohousing Network's board of directors reached a consensus decision in December 2002 to change its name to "The Cohousing Association of the United States," or "Coho/US" for short.

This bold change came in part to broaden our identity and to de-

velop a more formal and permanent profile with potential cohousers, the news media and local governments. The new name will help brand us as the authority of the cohousing movement. Our new name also reinforces that cohousing is about the "concept of us" by emphasizing the two most important

letters in the middle of cohousing: "us."

Other changes in store include a new logo (now visible on our website, <http://www.cohousing.org/> ). Next steps include a re-design of our website and new format for our newsletter.

## Cohousing Among Political Philosophies Explained in Simple Two-Cow Terms

**SOCIALISM** You have two cows. You keep one and give one to your neighbor.

**COMMUNISM** You have two cows. The government takes them both and provides you with milk.

**FASCISM** You have two cows. The government takes them and sells you the milk.

**BUREAUCRACY** You have two cows. The government takes them both, shoots one, milks the other, pays you for the milk, and then pours it down the drain.

**CAPITALISM** You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull.

**CORPORATE** You have two cows. You sell one, force the other to produce the milk of four cows, then act surprised when it drops dead.

**DEMOCRACY** You have two cows. The government taxes you to the point that you must sell them both in order to pay the taxes to support a man in a foreign country who has only one cow which was a gift from your government.

**COHOUSING** You have two cows. Some members want to buy a bull, but they don't want to sell either cow. Some want to sell both cows and build a barn. Some members want to milk the cows, but some feel that this would break the universal lactic harmonic balance and would set the cows free. Some members want to use the methane from the cows for power generation, but others are worried about the methane causing global warming. You still have two cows.

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long day of sitting and talking! Immediately they leapt into action. Chairs and papers were cleared out of the way; the modular tables became a U-shaped kitchen counter.

“These chairs represent the dishwasher. These notebooks are the kitchen sink and this wastebasket is the composting bin. There is the entrance to the dining room. Now: everybody line up with your dirty dishes. GO!”

It very quickly became clear that this arrangement had some flaws! After several collisions and amid great hilarity, the kitchen was sorted out and the group arrived at a viable layout that everyone is confident will work. The group had taken participatory design to a new level!

On the ferry back to Vancouver we chuckled and marveled over how this simple exercise very quickly and effectively resolved an issue that could have taken hours of discussion – and was much more fun!

*(Toronto Cohousing: Continued from page 1)*

develop trust; our patience is now paying off in a strong foundation for working together. We realize that we are accomplishing more in our meetings as we go, because we are getting better at communicating with each other.

We are now at the stage of putting together our initial vision statement for the community, including narrowing down the location, size and common facilities we are planning for. We are looking for a location within the TTC transit system, near urban amenities like shops and services, with green space either on site or close by. Many of us would like to have a room where we can practice yoga, meditation and martial arts. Our community will consist of about 20-25 families, with units in a range of sizes to accommodate diverse and changing needs. We envision a community that will nurture our health and quality of life, interact with the surrounding neighbourhood and be planned and managed with consideration for our environmental impact.

As we develop our criteria for searching for a site, we are also researching what potential sites are available in Toronto. We have also been exploring various opportunities for making the community financially feasible for us, including incentives for affordable housing from the City of Toronto's Let's Build program, in-

centives for developing on the waterfront and a unique opportunity to acquire air rights over a property in exchange for property enhancements. During the summer we are planning to have field trips to look at potential sites and give us ideas for our community design.

We would like to extend an invitation to more experienced cohousers, who have been through the process of making decisions by consensus, developing a vision and finding a site, to come to one



of our meetings to give us feedback on our process and answer our questions about what has worked for their group.

New members are welcome. Our cohousing group meets every other Saturday, with a monthly social potluck. The location of our meetings varies, so contact me at [adri@yorku.ca](mailto:adri@yorku.ca) or 416-531-6249 to find out where to go. We are starting to prepare a public presentation/open house for later in the summer, to show our friends and potential community members what we are doing and planning. You can keep up with our progress at [www.students.yorku.ca/~adri](http://www.students.yorku.ca/~adri).

## 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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# Canadian Cohousing Groups at a Glance

Location Group name Contact address	House- holds total (current)	Contact Name	website Phone email	Phase of develop- ment	Comments
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA GROUPS</b>					
<b>Completed Communities</b>					
<b>BURNABY, B.C.</b> Cranberry Commons 4272 Albert Street, Burnaby, BC V5C 2E8	22 (22)	Ronaye Matthew	www.cranberrycommons.ca (604) 570-0742 ravens2@axion.net	completed	Mixed townhouse/apt. 20 min drive to downtown Van. Parks, schools, rec. centre, restaurants, shops & other amenities all in walking distance. Spectacular mountain views!
<b>LANGLEY, B.C.</b> WindSong 20543-96th Ave., Langley, B.C. V1M 3W3	34 (34)	Valerie McIntyre	www.cohousing.ca/cohsng4/ windsong (604)888-3831 valandgreg@windsong.bc.ca	completed	Townhome development nestled on 6 acres with 4 acres of natural reserve, glass enclosed pedestrian street, 5000 sq ft Common House. For information about homes available contact Valerie.
<b>NELSON, B.C.</b> 3140 The Middle Road Nelson, BC V1L 6M3	12 (12)	Gary Ockenden	(250) 825-9497 ockenden@netidea.com	completed	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.
<b>NORTH VANCOUVER, BC</b> Quayside Village 510 Chesterfield Ave., North Van., B.C. V7M 2L9	19 (19)	Carol McQuarrie	www.cohousing.ca/cohsng4/ quayside (604) 985-1514	completed	Mixed townhouse/apart. Incredible views of ocean, mountains & city. Walk to a public market, shops, restaurants, cinemas, parks & gardens. For information about homes available contact Carol.
<b>VICTORIA, B.C.</b> Cardiff Place 1246 Fairfield Rd., Victoria, B.C. V8V 3B5	17 (17)	Kathleen Kane	www.cohousing.ca (250) 920-9941 kkane@telus.net	completed	Heritage apartment style, one mile from the beach, close to parks, shopping, public transportation, walking distance to downtown. For information about homes available contact Brad.
<b>Projects in Development</b>					
<b>NANAIMO, B.C.</b> Pacific Gardens 504-150 Promenade Dr., Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 6M6	25 (5)	Susana Michaelis	www.cohousing.ca 250-753-4892 info@ecoconnections.ca	site purchased	4.33 acres with a 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.
<b>SLOCAN, B.C.</b> Chuckleberry RR1 Site 7 C56, South Slocan, BC V0G 2G0	20 (5)	Jon Scott	www.cohousing.ca (250) 359-6669 cscott@netidea.com	site purchased	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.
<b>ROBERTS CREEK, B.C.</b> Roberts Creek Cohousing Box 152 - Roberts Creek, B.C. V0N 2W0	31 (19)	Gary Kent	www.cohousing.ca/ robertscreek (604) 885-2971 garykent@uniserve.com	site secured	A mix of detached and attached housing on acreage with a common house, shared workspaces, gardens, etc. An enthusiastic welcome to new members!

Location Group name Contact address	House- holds to- tal (current)	Contact Name	website Phone email	Phase of develop- ment	Comments
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA GROUPS</b>					
<b>Forming Groups</b>					
<b>BURNABY, B.C.</b> Cohousing at Glenrobin #204, 9330 Sandeewood cres. Burnaby, B.C.V3N-4M5	24/30 (7)	Georgia Doerksen	www.cohousing.ca  604 420 2926  lccpp@telus.net	forming	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.
<b>FRASER VALLEY, B.C.</b> Yarrow Ecovillage		Gerry Kilgannon	www.cohousing.ca  604-513-0112  gerryk@windsong.bc.ca	forming	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.
<b>KELOWNA, B.C.</b> Kelowna Cohousing 19 - 845 Jones Street, Kelowna V1Y 2S6	28 (2)	Forbes Leslie	(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
<b>VANCOUVER, B.C.</b> Vancouver Cohousing 269 E 23rd, Vancouver, V5V 1X4		Scott Patten	www3.telus.net/cohousing  (604) 298-9553  spatten@telus.net	forming	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.
<b>ALBERTA GROUPS</b>					
<b>Completed Communities</b>					
<b>CALGARY, ALTA.</b> Prairie Sky Cohousing 402 - 30 Ave N.E., Calgary, Alberta	18 (18)	Kathleen Ryan	www.prairiesky.ab.ca  403-276-4296  Susan Stratton (susanst@telusplanet.net)	com-	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
<b>Forming Groups</b>					
<b>FORT MCMURRAY, ALTA.</b> Clearwater Commons Apt 1316, 101 Loutit Rd. Fort McMurray, Alberta, T9K 0N5	25/30 (3)	Maggie Dutton	www.thehomesproject. shawbiz.ca/ clearwaterhome.htm  780-715-0449  mdutton@shaw.ca	forming	This forming group intends to build a townhouse style complex in Timberlea area with shared amenities such as: large kitchen, flex room hot tub, workshops, and more. Welcome to new members!
<b>MANITOBA GROUPS</b>					
<b>Forming Groups</b>					
<b>WINNIPEG, MAN.</b> Cohousing Manitoba 780 Brock St., Winnipeg, MB, R3N 0Z5.	15-30	Judy Walker	(204) 489-7500  judewalk@hotmail.com	forming	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.

Location Group Name Contact Address	House- holds total (current)	Contact Name	Website Phone/Fax Email	Phase of Development	Comments
<b>ONTARIO GROUPS</b>					
<b>Completed Communities</b>					
<b>Ottawa, ON Terra Firma Cohousing</b> 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	Occupied Infill unit planned for next year	Two three-door row houses, some neighbors are participating in community activities
<b>Summerhill, Toronto, ON One Shaftesbury</b> c/o Royal LePage 477 Mount Pleasant Road Toronto, ON M4S 2L9	55(50)	Carolyn McIntyre Smyth	(416) 489-2121	Occupied	30 townhomes and 25 apartments structured as a life lease facility Common facilities include multi-purpose room, doubling as a recital hall, with adjacent kitchen, pool
<b>Oro Township Rowanwood</b> RR#2 Oro Station, ON L0L 2E0	11 (8)	Vivian Abbott	(705) 835-2999	Occupied Home sites available	Intergenerational, rural, with barn, common garden and maple woodland/ sugarbush
<b>Projects in Development</b>					
<b>Alton, ON Whole Village</b> 20725 Shaw's Creek Rd. Alton, ON L0N 1A0	30 (11)	Jeff Gold  Mary MacEachern	www.wholevillage.org (519) 941-1099 info@wholevillage.org	Construction starting this summer!	Biodynamic farming, Community Farm, Community Supported Agriculture 5 people are living on the active farm
<b>Orillia, ON Foxfell Friends Community</b> RR#2 Oro Station, ON L0L 2E0	12(6)	Vivian Abbott	(705) 835-2999	Redesigning	Twelve apartments in three groups of four Actively seeking members
<b>Forming Groups</b>					
<b>Ottawa, ON Common Ground</b>	25-30(18)	Marie-Josée Martin	info@coground.ca	Forming	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
<b>Kingston, ON Kingston Cohousing</b> 141 Hawthorne Ave. Kingston, ON K7M 1Y9	15-20	Dan Taft	(613) 389-9025	Seeking land	Looking for 25-200+ acres, with a mix of forest, waterfront, arability and rugged terrain, within ½ hour northwest of Kingston
<b>Toronto, ON Toronto Cohousing</b>	20-25 (12)	Adriana Stagni	www.students.yorku.ca/~adri (416) 531-6249 adri@yorku.ca	Forming	Seeking an urban location, close to shops, services and green space Consideration for our health, environmental impact and affordability Yoga/martial arts room