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Choosing Cohousing

**by: Steve Boles
Roberts Creek, Sunshine Coast**

I smile as I think of that magic moment back in 2003 when our eyes met and something passed silently between us. "Let's go back to BC and check it out!" was the unspoken agreement. My wife Joan and I were looking at the Roberts Creek Cohousing website.

Our interest in cohousing started with the Ottawa Organic Food Alternative (OOFA). We joined many years ago and were amazed at how community could form around a common interest like healthy food. We city slickers visited the local farms, got to know the farm

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Joan and I (both in shorts) with Honey in The Toaster visiting friends on the way to see the Roberts Creek cohousing site for the first time.

Chaswood Making Headway

**by: Robbie McGinn
Chaswood, Shubenacadie**

Whew! We are moving along at a pace! Our pre-Christmas Meet and Greet was a big success. It was a delight to meet many members of the community, and lots of interest was shown, lots of discussion occurred. And, more to the point; *I won the quilt raffle!*

At last report our pre-application was accepted and there were a number of tasks to be done. They included land survey, hydrogeographical report, traffic impact, and a cash flow budget.

On December 20th 2007 we submitted our stage one

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Choosing Cohousing

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families and helped with planting, harvesting, etc. It was a wonderful experience if you don't mind getting dirty.

A few members were involved in birthing Terra Firma, a cohousing community in Ottawa. After it was formed, 2 of our friends designed and built the 7th house as an infill between the 2 triplexes. One of them moved in with his wife after we left for BC so all we got to see was the construction site and some of the plans. It was tantalizing and wet our appetites.

2001 wasn't the year of any space odyssey unless my memory was wiped by my alien abductors. The only UFO in our lives was the '87 VW camper that my wife bought as soon as I took early retirement. It was called "The Toaster" for obvious reasons. It looked like a silver box and the top popped up. It floated down the highway and we always worried that in high winds it would fly.

Our first summer we drove to BC. We were amazed at how happy everyone seemed. They couldn't all be stoned, could they? Ironically we stayed on the Sunshine Coast highway and drove right by our future home without the name on the sign causing as much as a flicker.

Next summer was dedicated

to exploring Ontario's parks. The third summer was supposed to be for the Maritimes but when we saw the website we were hooked and off we went again to BC to check out cohousing.

It felt like we had a magic tailwind all the way to Roberts Creek. At Killarney Provincial Park in Ontario I decided to stay an extra day to relive the fun of paddling into the interior even if it was just for the day. Our schedule must have been tight because I left my hand in the doorway of the van and Joan obliged by closing the huge, heavy sliding door on it.

The result, after all the swearing, was that I couldn't paddle with an injured hand and we stayed on schedule. I lost a nail on my left hand when we got to Sechelt but that was small price to pay for finding our dream home and neighbourhood. Did I mention that the air was delicious? One of the reasons for leaving Ontario was that the pollution was getting worse and causing me migraines.

Our dog, Honey, was afraid of thunder and lightning. When we camped overnight through a storm, she went ballistic in the camper, even standing on the stove to try to reach our bed to crawl under the covers.

Some of our friends and relatives thought we were

crazy to want to live like sardines in a tiny neighbourhood and what about the financial risk if it doesn't work? We ignored them and didn't put any energy into negative thinking like that. We landed in a nearby provincial park for a month while we checked the group out and they looked us over.

The cohousing site was still wild with dirt paths that weren't necessarily where the roads would be. We were challenged to imagine what it would look like but we had already decided it was for us. After 2 weeks of amazing group meetings all day Saturday, financial and social interviews, a few social outings like a barbecue, we chose our site and a 2 bedroom house to put on it.

We had arrived bedazzled and everything supported that feeling. We are still in love with the place. The honeymoon has been over for a long time and we are now caught up in building a new community. I have discovered that growth only occurs outside my comfort zone and I have grown incredibly thanks to all my new friends and neighbours.

Live in Love,
Laugh in Joy,
Be the Light.

WindSong Work & Celebration

by: Valerie McIntyre
WindSong, Langley

WindSong Cohousing in Langley, BC, is almost 12 years old so you might think we'd have it all figured out by now. But change is constant.

A weekend workshop in February with Diana Leafe Christian, author of *Creating a Life Together* and *Finding Community*, provided clarity on some of our challenges.

We're reviewing our collective values and our mission statement. We're also creating several new agreements on how to responsibly manage our relationships and our property.

This reflection and renewal process allows members who joined WindSong after our

original development process, to get involved in charting our course into the future.


But all is not work at WindSong. We had two memorable celebrations this spring: one for a dearly-loved recently deceased community member and one for a member turning 60 years young.

The birthday celebration was a musical review of hit songs spanning the past 60 years, performed by our "house band", *The Interlocking Pieces*, with the addition of many talented community members and friends. The evening produced a deep sigh of satisfaction for performers and audience alike; cohousing does indeed foster the warm & fuzzy events that it promises.

(Are we the only cohousing community with a performance stage? We make good use of ours and highly recommend this feature to forming groups.)

We're creating more raised bed gardens this year as we respond to the growing desire for food self-sufficiency. Our raised beds are managed by individuals, and members make their own arrangements to share or barter their produce. We enjoy raising fruits, vegetables, flowers and happy children in our garden!

WindSong is a family-oriented community. If you'd like to join us, stay tuned to our website <www.windsong.bc.ca> for upcoming homes for sale.

Editor's note: look to page 8 for more WindSong news. 

Prairie Sky Turns Five

by: Joan Myles
Prairie Sky, Calgary

The first cohos moved into Prairie Sky in Calgary on May 1st five years ago, just a day or two after the snowstorm of the decade. For our 5th year celebration we have planned at least 3 parties.

Come Home To Prairie Sky is an invitation to anyone who ever lived here to come back and have brunch on May 3. All four of the previous owners are coming, along with at least 16 renters.


We always hold a talent night

in May but this year we are asking people to sing or perform some of the songs and skits we have enjoyed over the last 5 years.

In June we get down to some serious celebrating with a day to remember.

Beginning in the afternoon there will be stepping stones made and signed by each unit to place on the north path. Teens and youngsters and possibly a few fast moving 20 & 30 year olds will play our favorite game, Cops

and Robbers. So that nobody has to cook there will be a takeout meal and afterwards a slideshow of Prairie Sky photos.

Mud is what we remember most about moving in - ooey gooey, icky slippery, gluey poeey mud up to the top of our sneakers. There were those who rooted for 5th Anniversary mud wrestling in our own mud pit, but saner heads suggested a Mud Pie bakeoff. After the mud pies are judged we will dance. 

Spring Projects Abound at Creekside Commons

**by: Medwyn McConachy
Creekside Commons,
Courtenay**

We made it through our first winter even though it was unusually cold, abnormally snowy, and very very long.

Creeksiders are a determined bunch and in the midst of it all the spring flower gardens so carefully planted last fall are filled with colour, and the overwintered vegetables are still offering their fresh sweetness to the table.

On this May Day the sun is shining on the many changes to our land since those early days of greening back in September. Our brave compostitas including the champions Ann Aerobic and Dee Composition, have worked steadily all winter resulting in a pile of mature compost and a worm crop beyond belief, large enough for all to share.

The steady knocking of hammer and nail has heralded the appearance of rows of raised bed frames for our community garden and individual garden plots. Work crews have spent many hours preparing the garden lands, rototilling, rock picking, moving wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow of soil into beds ready for planting. Fruit trees have found homes protected from the local hungry deer in select areas of exclusion fencing.

Flats of seeds and trays of young plants bathe in growing lights and bask in sunny windows waiting for the warmth of May to signal planting time. Meanwhile front, side and back yards are being transformed into beautiful creative explosions of garden design, displaying the diversity of taste and expression of the members of our community.



Edibles, ornamentals, alpines, grasses, bamboos, shrubs, creepers, climbers, trees, all are making their appearance in gardens for vegetables, for ornamental displays, even in streambed rockeries with a hint of Japanese design.

Our workshop, raised in July 2006 is now receiving the final finishing. Community members skilled in electrical

and carpentry work have supported work parties in all the required finishing. The turf roof now boasts a display of spring flowers both cultivated and wild!!

Plans are on the drawing board for built-in fixtures in the entranceways and dining room areas. Storage cupboard shelving now accommodates yoga and cleaning supplies, and folding chairs and tables which can all be tucked away to free access to our wonderful open space for celebrations, spiritual practices and community conversations.

Specialist teams are working to support our community in many ways. Our Emergency Measures group fosters a greater sense of awareness and disseminates instructions on earthquake readiness measures. Emergency supplies have been laid in in our homes, water tanks have been secured, shelving units screwed to the wall, and a cord of wood laid by for the stove installed in our common house as an emergency heat source in the event of loss of power.

Our Sustainability group supports the ongoing compost work, has recently built a recycling container for glass and refundables, and is working on projects to reduce vehicle use, explore vehicle sharing, and monitor energy

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Pacific Gardens Celebrates Construction

**by: Kathryn Hazel
Pacific Gardens, Nanaimo**

Members and staff celebrated the receipt of the final construction permit for our Community with champagne, carrot cake and organic truffles on April 23rd.

As champagne corks popped, they donned hats made out of photocopies of the permit from the City of Nanaimo, which allows our construction company, Georgia View Home Builders Ltd., to begin framing the 25-unit development.

On Wednesday, May 7, we'll have an invitation-only event with local dignitaries on the site, followed by an Open House at our redecorated and refurbished office in the Port Place Mall from 12 to 2 pm, to which everyone is welcome.

With 17 shareholders in place, and more to sign on soon, the units are going fast, particularly the two-bedroom and two-bedroom-and-den units. Our marketing assistant, Judy Delogne, can barely keep up with the inquiries!



Work on Pacific Gardens is on-time and on-budget, says project manager Kevin Lamont, and Georgia View is saying that we can expect to

move in before Christmas of this year.

We've moving forward on other fronts, too. Members and staff participated in a very successful workshop on community-building with Diana Leafe Christian in early March, and we plan to have another workshop soon on consensus-building.

We're also working on establishing policies and procedures as well as strata bylaws for when we move in, and training members in facilitation techniques for meetings.

We're building from within as well as from without. Visit our website for updates:

www.pacificgardens.ca



Creekside Spring Projects

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and water use. This group is the source of brainstorming ideas on ways in which we might individually and as a community, reduce our footprint.

Our Play Spaces and Children Team has identified activity areas for young children adjacent to our Common House. Sand play and climbing structures will be constructed for our community children and their

friends to enjoy in the safety of the traffic free environment.

Our rural location lends a very special quality to life at Creekside through the presence of wildlife on our lands. At night we are serenaded by the chorus of tiny green frogs who have made our wetlands their home, while during the day we watch the herons and ducks seeking safe places for nesting and raising their families. Suet baskets and

humming bird feeders adorn branches and patios inviting the songbirds, woodpeckers, Anna's and Rufous humming birds to delight us with their presence.

In the midst of our busy times, these gifts in our natural environment help us to remember how important it is for us to enjoy the peace of our surroundings, finding balance and serenity in our lives and our community.



Internet-Based Document Storage and Communication

by: Ronaye Matthew
CDC Cohousing
Development

CDC cohousing development consulting has designed an internet based system to help facilitate effective communication and information storage and retrieval for groups that use collaborative decision making processes.

This system can easily evolve over time and can be used after move-in just as readily as during the development phase. Ready access to information by all members has been shown to be critical to community cohesion and effective decision making.

The system can be purchased for a fixed fee, which includes installation to the client's server and training. The system is simple and requires only a minimal knowledge of the computer to manage the information and upload documents. Interested parties may contact cdc@cohousingconsulting.ca to get a username and password to view a sample system.

The system includes the following elements:



RESOURCES

Information about the system

Provides an overview of the system, scope of installation and training services should a group choose to purchase the system, and a link to the PMWiki basic editing page.

Calendar

The calendar is very simple and easy to use. Instructions are included at the top of the calendar page. Information about upcoming meetings and other events can be

added for current and future months for up to five years. Re-scheduling and up-dating information for posted events is easily done through the edit function.

Group Forum

This provides an opportunity for members to discuss issues without using email and provides an archival record of discussions by topic.

Contact List

This list can be easily added to or revised by simply using the edit function.

Photo Gallery

Provides a way to easily upload, organize and view photos. Groups of photos are conveniently displayed as pages of thumbnails, where clicking on the desired photo thumbnail opens the full sized photo.

DOCUMENTS

The document storage and retrieval provides an easy way to organize information that can be accessible to all members. The table of contents can be set up in whatever way is desired. This sample gives an example of what is possible.



Become a member of the Canadian Cohousing Network

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

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

For more information contact:

Western Canada

Canadian Cohousing Network
#27 - 20543 96 Avenue
Langley, BC, V1M 3W3
24hr info: 604-878-3311

Eastern Canada

Canadian Cohousing Network
186 Ridgewood Crescent.
Bolton, ON, L7E 4V6
Tel: 905-857-8738

www.cohousing.ca

The Joys of Community Living.

by: Karen Alexandre
Creekside Commons,
Courtenay

The special moments of living in community are the unanticipated little things that happen on a daily basis, things like starting to assemble the new outdoor umbrella, inspired by the enthusiasm of a four-year old curious to see what would come out of the big box.

We started to unpack the pieces, but needed a tool. The four-year-old knew the keeper of some tools, and

recruited her to come and help. The tool-owner brought her tool box, but we needed an extra person to help hold up the various pieces. One by one, neighbours came out of their homes or stopped what they were doing to come and help, give advice, chat, or watch. Before we knew it, the umbrella was standing proud and tall, and there were 8 adults and one four-year old under the umbrella, playing follow the leader and ring-around-the-rosy, smiling and having fun together.

The success of that project led to the start of another one, this time to assemble a lawn swing that had been stored in pieces behind someone's house. Out came the pieces, the instruction book was found, and assembly began amidst rounds of laughter. A short time later the swing was complete, and all present had a chance to try it out. A gathering place in the midst of our homes was taking shape, and seemed to draw people from other parts of Creekside to come and try it out.

That seemed like cause for celebration, so refreshments appeared at just the right moment, and a mini-party ensued.

The small moments are the special moments, every day at Creekside..



For sale from the CCN

We have available a few copies of

Chris & Kelly
Scotthanson's

The Cohousing Handbook

\$20.00

plus \$6 shipping

Chasewood Moving Ahead

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application to the Halifax Regional Municipality. The work behind the application was intense; soil maps, traffic impact study, driveway site lines, level-1 groundwater study, preliminary and sewage treatment system study. Cam and Andrea Farnell, now Middle Musquodoboit residents, and Ed and Kathryn Belzer, the land owners and farmers, worked overtime to get this done.

Our application was accepted and we have moved forward to complete stage two. Our members are deeply committed to getting this in as soon as possible. Our goal is to begin construction by August this year!!

During this period we also struggled with decisions regarding architect or no

architect. In the end we choose to not go with an architect, and instead are working with an excellent Designer with a strong construction background, Andrea Fox of BriFox, Construction Design and Management.

We now meet regularly with Andrea for real hands-on sessions regarding design of our proposed units and the common house. Our most recent meeting focused on her design for the common house.

We continue to have lots and lots of conversation among ourselves via email and, whenever we can, in person about design and everything else. Our incredibly obliging we-don't-know-what-to-call-him, David Harrison, remains very front and center for us. It is a very, very busy time!

On the May 3rd weekend we worked together to generate contour maps of our land. We rented a professional surveying GPS device, and have walked the land taking the required information. We had lots of fun with plenty of food and cheerleaders too.

Nova Scotia is rejoicing in the rapid onset of Spring weather right now but that means very WET ground. So, rubber boots are a must. It is a perfect time to be outdoors.

Last weekend, we were all able to get together and attend the local church supper and a fabulous musical performance at the charming and unique Middle Musquodoboit Theatre.

By next report, we hope to be able to describe actual construction.



Renewal at WindSong

**by: Patrick Meyer
WindSong, Langley**

WindSong is going through a period of renewal. On the environmental front we completed a sustainability retrofit feasibility study last December. This report outlined a series of steps we could take to decrease our ecological footprint while reducing our monthly bills.

On the social front we are



revisiting our vision and purpose statements, and we've been creating a new member orientation, among

other things.

We're working on our building too. Our well-known atria are getting face-lifts too. The bland greens and browns are being replaced with Danish-inspired colours. Though the colours don't reproduce well in this newsletter I invite you to visit our website for a view of our new look.

www.windsong.bc.ca



Construction Starts at Craik

**by: Paul Stinson
Craik Ecovillage,
Saskatchewan**

The Craik Ecovillage currently consists of a graveled road access to a number of surveyed lots, with some beginning development here and there, ranging from foundations and storage sheds to a partially-constructed strawbale garage and a below-grade shipping container project that is expected to include an above-ground dome and become a home before the year is through.

The first surveyed lots have all been spoken for with demand exceeding supply. As a result, another set of lots have been surveyed on the opposite side of the access road, which will be available for sale to accepted applicants at \$1 per lot. A number of these have also been requested, but at this time there are lots still available.

This ecovillage will be shaped not so much by the RM of Craik administrator and Council, which provided the land available for this development, nor by the Ecovillage Committee, which considers new applicants, but by the residents themselves.

Already, there is a wide range in building proposals, such as the shipping container home already mentioned, and a studio/home complex that will consist of three interlocking



Praxis' insulated concrete forms being used at Craik Ecovillage.

circles. Occupations range from entrepreneurs/educators to IT specialists to artists and more. A number of young families with children will make up this community, as well as retired couples.

The only thing shared amongst all future residents

seems to be an enthusiasm in healthy, fulfilling, and sustainable lives. And the ability to actually do something about it.

Proposals are to include details on how the home construction would be a sustainable building; whether that would be an off-grid solar-powered R-2000 home with insulated concrete forms and the latest in energy-efficient technology, or a grid-tied self-built strawbale home with PV panels, solar thermal heating and recycled materials

A comprehensive review of how the applicant plans to deal with power, heating, water, etc is also required. Additional land may be available for onsite projects such as a greenhouse, orchard, laying hens, and so on.

The exciting part about this ecovillage is the range and diversity of projects that are being proposed, and the anticipation we feel of the community that will be taking shape over the next several years.

For more information, visit www.craikecovillage.ca or call the Craik RM office at Phone: 306-734-2242 Email: rm222@sasktel.net



Canadian Cohousing Communities at a glance

LOCATION GROUP NAME CONTACT ADDRESS	HOUSEHOLDS TOTAL (CURRENT)	CONTACT NAME	WEBSITE PHONE EMAIL	COMMENTS
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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 valandreg@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 cree 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.
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.
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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

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Craik Ecovillage
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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.

QUEBEC

FORMING GROUPS

QUEBEC CITY
Cohabitat Québec

35 (20)

Hélène Langlois

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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

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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.