



# IDEAL LIVING AROUND B.C.



Above: Wakefield Beach homes in West Sechelt feature open living areas with high ceilings. Below: In Kelowna, The Madison includes townhomes, terraces, residences, skyhomes and penthouse, close to the water's edge.



Our province's residential resort developments offer superb locations, desirable features, sand and water, golf or views, providing an enviable way of life for the fortunate buyers.

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Set in locales that rival any found across the globe, designed by architects with international reputations, no wonder B.C.'s residential resort developments are drawing attention from near and far. And as soon as they build them, we buy them; we and other eager purchasers from Alberta, Ontario and abroad. Within our province you'll find new seaside and lakeshore communities, desert, golf course and mountainside developments, with green roofs, filtration ponds and cutting-edge geothermal loops, with wine cellars, sculptures and private clubhouses.

## SECHULT

At Wakefield Beach, an imaginative, highly successful collaboration, past meets future, its name effectively linking the two. Located in West Sechelt, one of only a few low-bank waterfront properties with a sandy beach still available on the Sunshine Coast, the community dates back more than a century ago when pioneers -- including William Wakefield -- first visited the area.

The Wakefield Inn opened as a pub in 1938, passed through a number of hands, ultimately ending up with developer Lance Sparling in 2005. Given his respect for the extraordinary beauty and environmental sensitivity of the site, he and his partners set out to create a traditional community, a neighbourhood that

would work in harmony with the environment, integrating the site's potential with its historic roots.

The first phase of 31 homes was 50 per cent sold on the first day of sales in March, 2006 and is now completely sold out. Phase II's 15 Next Wave residences, just launched, comprise three oceanfront homes and three oceanview buildings, each two storeys, a mix of duplexes, townhomes and single-family residences. Ranging in size from 1,431 to 1,790 square feet, priced between \$595,000 and \$1.35 million, they offer wonderful south-facing views through the Trail Islands to Mount Baker and Mount Washington.

Designed by Blue Sky Architecture, the homes feature open living areas with high ceilings, striking vertical beams and dramatic curved rooflines. Massive windows and doors interweave indoor and outdoor living, exteriors finished in natural wood and stone. Salvaged timber from the original Wakefield Inn will be fitted on to fireplace mantelpieces.

To minimize environmental impact, homes are outfitted with energy-efficient electrical appliances, low-flow plumbing fixtures, high-performance window glazing, green roofs and geothermal loops for heating and air-conditioning. Green roofs help reduce heat build-up and decrease rainwater runoff, with excess rainwater collected into a runoff filtration pond and recycled into hardy native plants, eliminating the need for an irrigation system.

"The geothermal power systems and green roofs under LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) guidelines provide us with a sustainable design that is unprecedented on the coast, but demonstrates that the future is here," says architect and project adviser Peter Busby.

Wakefield Beach can be reached by ferry from West Vancouver or by driving up Highway 101. For more information contact: 1-888-741-9899, e-mail: [info@wakefieldbeach.com](mailto:info@wakefieldbeach.com), or check the website: [www.wakefieldbeach.com](http://www.wakefieldbeach.com).

## KELOWNA

With the arrival on the downtown Kelowna scene of The Madison, an elegant and distinctive 15-storey residential tower, there can be no doubt that this Okanagan city has added more than a touch of class. They call it a new way of living and they're right on the mark.

Close to the water's edge, at the gateway to the city's vibrant cultural district, these townhomes, terraces, residences, estates, skyhomes and penthouse embody "high-end urban living more commonly associated with Vancouver, Toronto or New York . . . and specially designed for the quintessential Okanagan lifestyle," as Karen Hyndman of North Ellis Developments expressed it.

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