

SENIORS INDEPENDENT AND ASSISTED LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS



BUILDING LINKS

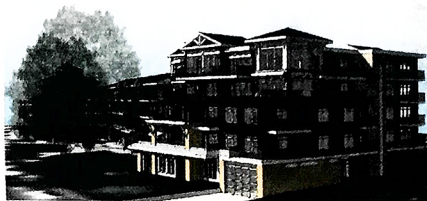
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There is a trend developing towards supplying more seniors housing in Campbell River and the Comox Valley. This year, the applications are increasing to add more seniors independent and assisted living accommodations to the area. In this column we have details on seven new projects moving forward.

Comox Valley

The **Vista Housing Society** has finalized design for its proposed affordable housing development for adults and seniors over the age of 55 at 2240 Comox Avenue and expects to submit applications soon. The project would see a complex with 74 self-contained units built on the site. The project will likely be tender ready in January of 2016. This is

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Rendering of the new proposed expansion at Berwick Comox Valley

a BC Housing project providing affordable housing for seniors.

Berwick Investments Ltd. is working with the planning department at the **Town of Comox** for a new proposed expansion at the **Berwick Comox Valley**. The owner hopes to build an additional 34 units, bringing the total number of senior's suites up to 166 units. A building permit application is expected to be made once the construction drawings are complete and all approvals are in place.

Plans are being finalized for a new proposed project called **Tiger Lily** at Courtenay River, and is a full-service, multiple-care-level senior's retirement residence with condominiums and rental apartments for independent living, supportive living, assisted living and dementia care. Construction is expected to begin in early to mid-2016 once all approvals are in place. Once the building has been constructed, the building will be operated by **Origin Active Lifestyles** who currently have seven locations across Canada.

The K'omoks First Nation wishes to develop IR2 lands to permit commercial retail development, a seniors housing complex and the expansion of an

existing campground. To date detailed development plans have not been created, however the servicing agreement will cap service supply to an equivalent population of 500 or approximately 200-250 units. The development is proposed to take place at the **Puntledge RV Campground** in Courtenay.

The **Westerly Hotel** is moving forward to convert existing hotel suites into 48 senior's residences. The architect is currently working on the design for Phase II which will include the addition of amenities, such as a new dining room, media room and lobby and the conversion of more hotel suites to create additional seniors residences.

Campbell River

Park Place Seniors Living is planning an expansion to its Campbell River facility. This new wing will house 40 new publicly-funded care beds, and five new private-pay beds for a total residential care capacity of 126 publicly-funded and 13 private-pay beds. This project will be coordinated with the opening of the new Campbell River Hospital in 2017.

Construction is ongoing for Phase III, the \$2.5 million expansion to **Evergreen Seniors Centre**. Twenty complex care beds and seven independent beds units are being built. Once Phase III is complete, the owner start the planning and construction of Phase IV. All sub-trades are in place and this project will be completed in June of 2016.

In total, there are approximately 300 new seniors residences planned for the Comox Valley and Campbell River regions that are scheduled to be in the construction phase in 2016. There are also a few other seniors projects being proposed that have not yet formalized their applications.

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