

Kelowna Cohousing – in progress

Thank-you for your interest in creating cohousing in the Okanagan, BC!
Below is some general information on our project and resources to explore.

Okanagan Cohousing (OKC) is an initiative led by Dr. Gordon Lovegrove (PhD. Civil Eng.; founder of *SMARTer Growth Partnership*) and his UBCO research team, *The Sustainable Transport Safety Lab*.

Mission Statement: To facilitate the development of cohousing neighbourhoods in the Okanagan, BC, which provide affordable, quality-built homes and support healthy, socially-connected lifestyles. These communities aim for social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

Values: *Sustainability • Harmony • Inclusiveness*

Project Status: We have several members committed to building a community in or near Kelowna, and we are hoping for a few more to get this project off the ground. Monthly meetings are being held via Zoom (we'll be in-person at some point too!) as we create a development plan. We are also keeping an eye out for potential properties and have developed an assessment framework to compare them on criteria we think will make for a great cohousing location.

Why Cohousing? – A Kelowna Cohousing Perspective

Community

- Social connection
- Shared values (community minded)
- “It takes a village to raise a child”
- Intergenerational support networks
- enhanced safety

Living Practicalities

- Affordability
- Sharing resources (eg. tools, cars)
- Higher & sustained Quality of Life

Environmental

- Heathy Environmental Practices
- Green space / gardens
- Self-sustaining (as much as possible)
- high walkability

Neighborhood

- Maximize space efficiency
- Respected privacy
- Quality-built homes
- Aesthetic design

Resources

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- Creating Cohousing (2019) by K. McCamant & C. Durrett
- Conversation (each other • professionals • experienced Cohousers)