

THANK YOU FOR COMING & THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS

Bowen Island Properties Limited Partnership held **two public meetings on September 20 and 25, 2014** at Cates Hill Chapel to introduce two planning concepts.

The concepts focus on:

- a) providing alternative and diverse housing forms, especially for young families and maturing households, and
- b) creating long-lasting new business initiatives toward the development of a sustainable local economy.

In short, a plan toward implementing some of the most important key objectives of three successive Official Community Plans.

Proposal for Parkview Slopes on Cates Hill:

- A broad variety of *alternative housing forms* in cottage-style "micro/eco homes," and garden-style homes in duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, including:
 - *Rental housing* (a mix of 1-bedroom/studio, 2-bedroom, 3-bedroom units);
 - *Live/work areas* for trades, artisans, workshops, small businesses, and rental accommodation above;
 - Ratio $\pm 50\%$ "market" homes vs. $\pm 50\%$ "non-market" homes (some on *long-term land lease lots*).
- Theatre school use, and other community uses next to the theatre school, such as daycare, assembly, etc.

Proposal for Seymour Landing at Cowan Point:

- *Independent/Supportive Living* in rental housing and owner-occupied detached and attached homes (a range of services provided, e.g. meals, housekeeping, laundry, regularly planned activities, shuttle bus service, assistance with shopping, trips on and off island);
- An *expanded Inn* with associated *commercial guest accommodation*;
- Scandanavian-style *spa* facility;
- Campus-style *retreat* with assembly and seminar space for "life-long" learning;
- A *passenger ferry dock* at Seymour Bay;
- *Widened waterfront park* at Seymour Bay.

Approximately 100 to 120 people attended the meetings. All comments, without exception, were constructive, measured, and positive. They will find their way into a report by our planning consultant to the Municipality.

(If you couldn't attend a meeting, a copy of material that was handed out, plus a copy of the slideshow, can be viewed on our website rezoning.bowenlandproperties.ca.)

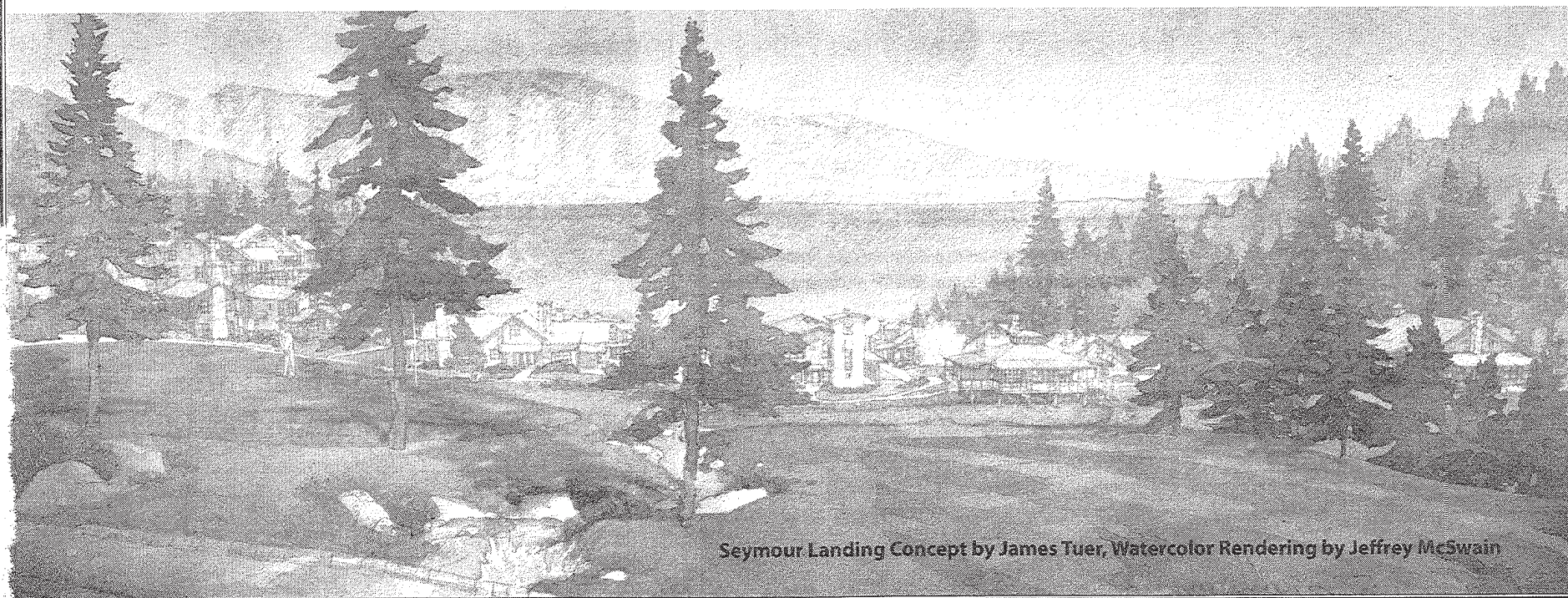
The **most frequently asked questions** at the two meetings centered around the timing of the project. In particular, when would the dock at Seymour Landing be built? When would independent/supportive living facilities at Seymour Landing be ready for occupancy? When would rental housing and the "not so big homes" on Parkview Slopes become available?

The **short answer** is that the start of construction would be possible within 6 months after rezoning, with first occupancies a year later.

What will happen from here on? We will keep working on planning details, display materials, and a comprehensive list of answers to frequently asked and specific questions. Parallel to that, Municipal staff and planners will most likely prepare a summary report for Council, which may be followed by a First Reading of the bylaws for rezoning.

At this time the intent of our applications for Parkview Slopes and Seymour Landing has been served by creating awareness of both projects, and the potential role these projects could play in helping to turn a larger vision into reality. We hope that the time between now and the Municipal election will provide opportunities to exchange and discuss our own and other visions for the future of the island. A dialogue and exchange about the most appealing visions may be what Bowen Island needs now.

Thank you again to all who came to the public information meetings. **Stay tuned** to updates that will be posted on our website at rezoning.bowenlandproperties.ca.



Seymour Landing Concept by James Tuer, Watercolor Rendering by Jeffrey McSwain