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On the Horizon

Checking Out What's Hot and New in the Okanagan, Interior, and Island Marketplaces

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Hawthorne Corner: Nanaimo Urban Lofts

Tucked onto 56 acres near Buttertubs Marsh and across from Vancouver Island University (formerly Malaspina University College), Hawthorne Corner combines the sophisticated comforts of urban loft living with the advantages of an active island lifestyle. These 73 one-bedroom homes are found in nine colourful buildings feature unique warehouse detailing with a mixture of corrugated steel, natural brick and heavy beams of timber on the exterior. Shops, cafés, an aquatic centre, ice rink, sports fields, and schools are all within a two-block radius, downtown Nanaimo and the waterfront just a short bike ride or drive away. Prices start at \$179,900, and completion is expected this September.

The new Hawthorne Corner presentation centre and show suites is now open at 101 – 1406 Jingle Pot Road in Nanaimo. For more information, please call 250-756-0141 or visit www.hawthornecorner.com.

West Harbour: Kelowna Master Planned Community

Commanding the waterfront on the west side of Okanagan Lake and facing the city of Kelowna, West Harbour is designed to become a walkable, self-contained community with show stopping views. Terraced down a hillside, the 1,500 townhomes, low-rise condos, and sky residences planned for West Harbour will be just a heartbeat from the vibrant pulse of Kelowna city life yet feel worlds away with

Mediterranean colours, cobblestone walkways, fountain-centred plazas, and not a vehicle in sight thanks to underground parking. Additional plans include on-site shopping, restaurants, private beach, 300-slip marina, water taxi to Kelowna, amphitheatre for community events, and even a skating rink for winter family fun.

Priority reservations will open in July for a limited offering of low-rise condominium homes ranging from studios for less than \$200,000 to spectacular three-bedroom penthouses under \$1,000,000. The Kelowna presentation centre at 1593 Ellis Street will open this summer. Online registration and more information are available at www.westharbourkelowna.com.

Wild Coast Cottages: Port Renfrew Vacation Homes

Located in Port Renfrew on the forgotten coast of Vancouver Island, a destination that rivals Tofino for beauty yet is only a two-hour drive from Victoria or Duncan, Wild Coast Cottages revive the memory of a getaway cottage. A collection of 30 fully serviced lots – most with ocean views – ranging from just under 5,000 square feet to nearly half an acre, prices start at \$99,000. Purchasers can then choose from a selection of two-, three- and four-bedroom cottage plans ranging from 1,180 to 1,900 square feet. You can also use a builder of your choice as long as your home adheres to the community's aesthetic guidelines. The small-

est cottage plan, when combined in a home and lot package, will be available for under \$299,000.

For more information call Graham Bavington at 250-413-2164 or you can visit www.wildcoastcottages.com.

Ravenscraig: Coldstream Townhomes

Located near the Aberdeen Village subdivision just east of downtown Vernon, Ravenscraig is a collection of 34 townhomes. Close to shopping areas and schools but still boasting the rural outlook Coldstream is known, these homes are fully landscaped and come with an impressive list of upscale features including on demand hot water heater, gas fireplace and patio barbeque outlet, nine-foot ceiling in garages, hardwood flooring in main living areas, and Shaker cabinetry in maple or birch.

The sales centre and display home are open 4:00 to 6:00 pm Thursdays and Fridays as well as 1:00 to 3:00 pm weekends or by appointment any time at 9875 Selkirk Drive. For more information call 250-549-4161 or toll free at 1-800-667-2040. You can also visit on the web anytime at www.ravenscraig.ca.

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