

**RAINBOW - COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PROJECT** 

**Opportunities for MAC** 

The Rainbow Residential /Commercial Mixed use development project in Whistler is expected to receive a development permit on March 19 from the Municipality. Within those plans there is provision for 4 designated units for seniors.

The total development will have 21,500 square feet of commercial space which is planned to include a grocery store, pharmacy, doctor's offices, coffee shop and a restaurant on the main plaza level, with both surface parking and underground parking one level below. In addition, across the street from the development, a gas station and convenience store will be built providing an alternate fuelling option north of Whistler Village.

The WHA residential component of the development will be located above the commercial plaza level in three separate buildings. The eastern most building will consist of 6 two- story units, the middle building will contain two bedroom units and the western most building will contain one and two bedroom units, with the top floor having four units designated for seniors. Individual apartments will either

have a view toward the lake and Whistler Blackcomb, or the park and Rainbow in the opposite direction.

The residential buildings will be build to the Whistler Built Green "gold" standard, a first for mixed-use buildings in Whistler. The buildings will be insulated with spray foam, plus out-sulated, and triple glazed windows will also be standard, ensuring that the residential units be comfortable, and to help keep the operating costs as low as possible. The residential units will be sound insulated between floors and adjacent units to minimize sound transfer. Underground parking and storage will be provided for each unit. There is both direct elevator access and stairs to the seniors level.

The four seniors units with controlled access are located on the top floor of the western most building of the development. Each apartment will have a floor area of approximately 1200 square feet. Each unit will have two bedrooms, a multi purpose room, 2 1/2 baths, living room, dining room and an eat in kitchen, with a separate laundry/storage room. There will be ample balcony space for each home allowing the owners privacy and space to enjoy the outdoors. The units will be designed with walk in closets, wider halls and doors, raised ceilings in the living spaces and will abide by the 19- point SAFERhome Standards as recommended by BC Housing. (<u>http://www.saferhomesociety.com/index.php/saferhome-standards/19-point-standards</u>)The units will be completed with similar finishing's as other WHA homes in Rainbow.

A table will be set up at the AGM and a representative will be on hand to answer any questions at that time. Complete layouts and information packages will be available at that time.

Thank you for interest

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