

Slocan seniors' housing taking applications for tenancy

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Are you a senior thinking about applying to rent an affordable suite in beautiful Slocan? Construction is well underway on the seniors' housing project, and applications for residency are ready for pick-up at the Village office, the library, the entryway of Passmore Lodge and online at svhousing.ca/. Get your application in by May 15 for the first round of interviews and offers of suites.

"It's time to apply," said housing society president Rita Moir. "It may seem like a long time before move-in in late autumn, but the decision to apply, the selection process, and preparing to move take thought and time."

"It's pretty neat to see the project materialize. A plan on paper is now a structure with walls, stairs, a roof, a shape. To imagine that people will

live here, that's exciting."

"People are saying they love watching it go up," said Slocan resident and housing board member Lynnda Moore. "They go for walks to see what's going on at the new facility. People know it's in a central location and they can shop and go to the library and restaurants. They won't have to have a car to get to everything they need."

Building #3 has its roof on and doors and windows installed; building #2 is ready for a concrete pour in early spring. Bedrooms are on the main floor, and the airy loft design adds space, a sense of spaciousness, and a place for overnight guests. The units are STEP 4 – an energy efficiency rating that is 40% more energy efficient than the building code requires with air source heat pumps and hot water tanks.

"We're very pleased with the work NDB Construction, the contractor and crew, are doing," said Moir. "The weather's a challenge, for certain, but we're assured it will be completed on time and on budget."

While eight units (two quadraplexes) are under construction currently, a call for funding has gone out through a partnership with BC Housing and the Columbia Basin Trust, and the housing society will submit an application to build the remaining third quadraplex. That will make 12 apartments in total: two studios with lofts, eight one-bedrooms with lofts, and two two-bedrooms.

There is a dedicated Slocan Project phone line for prospective tenants at (250) 226-7115, or you can email project coordinator Tamara Smith at coordinator@SVhousing.ca. To see more photos, please visit www.Facebook.com/SVhousing.

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Construction is well underway at the seniors' suites in the heart of Slocan.