

Third Wesbrook Place Building Begins

A third residential complex has begun to rise in the emerging Wesbrook Place neighbourhood at the University of British Columbia.

A project by The Redekop Group, Crescent West consists of 24 town-homes located just east of Wesbrook Mall across from where the new commercial Village Centre is due to start rising shortly.

The Crescent West property also runs beside Smith Park, one of three parks approved for the Wesbrook Place neighbourhood in South Campus.

The two other projects underway in Wesbrook Place are Pathways by Adera and Keenleyside by UBC Properties Trust.

As with Pathways, home ownership and residence in Crescent West is open to all. In contrast, Keenleyside ownership is restricted to faculty, staff and others who work at UBC.

Completion of the three parks—Smith, Khorana and Nobel—is expected to occur about the same time the first residents move into Wesbrook Place.



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University Town Seniors Project Passes Design Test

A residential project by Concert Properties that would provide first-class accommodation for up to 200 seniors at a University of British Columbia neighbourhood was unanimously approved by the UBC Advisory Urban Design Panel in June.

The project, which would be built in the emerging neighbourhood of Wesbrook Place in South Campus, goes before the UBC Permit Development Board July 11, and if it passes this test also, construction will get underway thereafter.

The architectural firm of Davidson Yuen Simpson, is designing the project for Concert Properties, one of the largest development companies in British Columbia, and in reference to the seniors project in Wesbrook Place, architect John Davidson told members of the UBC design panel, "We would expect the average age of residents to be 82-84 years old."

Mr. Davidson said this estimate was based on figures provided by the O'Keefe Retirement Community located at 12th Avenue and Arbutus in Vancouver. Concert Properties built—and Davidson Yuen Simpson designed—the O'Keefe where rental units lease for as high as \$7,000 a month.

Mr. Davidson said the proposed UBC project—like the O'Keefe—would provide 'assisted-living' services to those in need. Mr. Davidson imagines residents living in this 'independent seniors

community' to have "full interaction with the Wesbrook Village commercial centre" near where it would be located, and he also imagines the reverse—"students attending at the residence to complete their locums (studies)."

This proposed 460-foot long building would in fact consist of two buildings, one comprising strata-title suites, the other—twice the size—comprising rental units and much of the common area. A sixth-floor 'bridge' would join the buildings.

Plans call for the building also to be fitted with about 8,000 square feet of retail space (accommodating five stores) on the ground floor facing Wesbrook Mall just across the road from the Village centre.

These stores might include a coffee shop, bank, café and florist.

The UBC Development Permit Board is scheduled to meet in the Cedar Room, Ponderosa Centre, 2071 West Mall, 5-7 PM.

A Campus and Community Planning spokesman said the seniors proposal "is consistent with the approved Neighbourhood Plan".

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