

# Portwood Update

## Summer 2023



Artistic Rendering 'Presentation Center'

### What's New at Portwood?

We are thrilled to share that the Housing Agreement and Development Permit for the 5 acre BC Housing site was approved by City Council July 11, 2023. Two operators for the 328 below-market rental homes have been selected. We are pleased to welcome [Entre-Nous Femmes Housing Society](#) and [Makola Housing Society](#).



A not-for-profit providing safe, affordable and appropriate homes primarily for Indigenous people and families at Portwood.



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### Interested in Seeing What the New Portwood Looks Like?

There is also activity where the prior Woodland rental office building used to be – this is the Portwood Presentation Centre. It opened its doors earlier this spring as the Sales Centre and is open for anyone wishing to purchase a condominium at Portwood. Sales staff are selling Phase 1 homes, known as Umbra. Sales staff are on site Monday–Sunday, 12–5pm. Closed Fridays or by appointment. Staff are available to meet with anyone wishing to purchase a home by connecting at [info@Portwood.ca](mailto:info@Portwood.ca) or 604-931-8096.

Please visit [www.portwood.ca](http://www.portwood.ca) for additional information.



### EDGAR in the Community

We're happy to share that the past year was full of many opportunities to connect with the community! EDGAR proudly participated in the following events:

- Inlet Center Music Series - December 16, 2022 at Inlet Theatre
- Donations to 3030 Gordon Shelter, Phoenix Society Emergency Response and Hope for Freedom
- Farmers Market, come see our booth on the last Wednesday of the month through to September
- Summer Concert Series, August 27, 2023 presented by the Rotary Club

## Neighborhood 1 (The Creek):

- Land donation (5 ac) from EDGAR to BC Housing
- 3 buildings with 328 non-market affordable housing units
- Rehabilitation of the west side of Melrose Creek
- Over 78% of the units are proposed to be family-oriented (2+ bedrooms)
- Multi-use path along the forested area providing connectivity to the rest of Woodland Park

Targeting Fall 2023

## Neighborhood 2 (The Gardens):

- A u-shaped multi-unit residential building with 219 strata units, including ground-level family-oriented townhomes
- Inner courtyard facing south
- Rehabilitation of east side of Melrose Creek
- Multi-use path along the forested area providing connectivity to the rest of Woodland Park
- Public Art

## Neighborhood 3 (The Hub):

- Envisioned to be the heart of the community
- 154 market rental homes (an increase from 138 market rental homes originally proposed)
- Retail and childcare on the ground-level
- 1.5 acre public park with play areas for different age groups, water features for play and cooling off in hot weather, off-leash dog park, a sports court
- Public Art

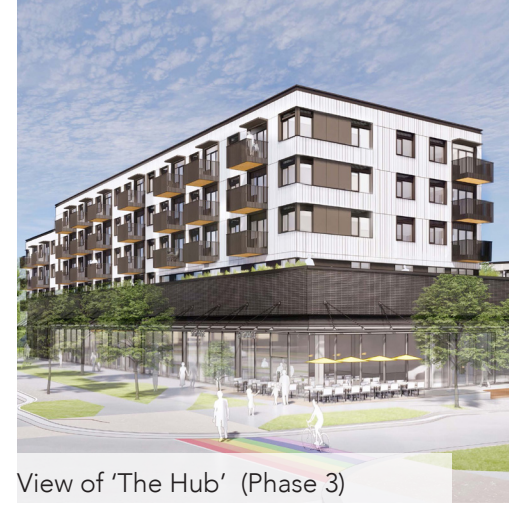
Artistic Renderings



View of 'The Creek' (Phase 1)



View of 'The Gardens' (Phase 2)



View of 'The Hub' (Phase 3)

## What's Next?

**Approvals** — Building permits are currently being finalized for all three neighbourhoods north of Angela Drive.

The project team is working on Construction Management Plans to ensure a safe work and construction site.

We hope to start construction later this fall on the BC Housing site, however timelines can vary.

**Public Art** — A detailed public art plan is underway and will include a “gateway” art opportunity at the BC Housing neighbourhood. A proportion of art funds were reallocated from the other two Portwood neighbourhoods east of BC Housing to take advantage of this gateway art opportunity.

**Tree Demolition** — We heard from the community about the trees that were removed this past winter and are sorry for the confusion that arose around this. The fencing was a requirement by the City during the demolition of the existing buildings, as EDGAR was still in the process of obtaining development and tree removal permits.

In October 2022, the development permits for neighbourhoods 2 and 3 - where the future rental, childcare, park and new homes will be located - were approved, so that is why the fencing was able to come down now as we prepare the site for construction.

The plan has always been to retain as many trees as possible, but this is not possible when underground parkade structures are being constructed. The plan is to retain approximately 65% (670 mature trees) of the existing tree canopy, many of these trees which will be protected, are mature trees that are located within the environmentally sensitive area.

The environmentally sensitive area is over 5 acres (22% of the Portwood area) and the plan will protect and enhance these areas, including stream protection ; enhancement, providing habitat for wildlife. The plan will adhere to the Port Moody Tree Protection Bylaw and aims to replace trees at a ratio of 2:1.

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