

## **Public invited to Affordable Housing meeting and launch of waitlist**

The Bowen Island Municipality's Affordable Housing Working Group welcomes the public to an open house and launch of the Waitlist for the purchase of affordable housing units. The meeting is set for Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008 at the Gallery @ Artisan Square from 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to hear the news regarding steps being taken towards the delivery of affordable housing on Bowen.

The meeting will offer a review of the work undertaken and achievements realized by the Bowen Community Housing Association. It will also describe policies established by the Bowen Island Municipality (BIM) and outline strategies developed to ensure that affordable housing units are included in new developments on Bowen Island.

With the launch of the Waitlist, eligible individuals are invited to submit applications to be considered as potential purchasers of affordable housing units, when they become available. Details explaining how to apply to be added to the list will be available at the meeting. As well, members of the Affordable Housing Working Group along with Tim Wake, the consultant who drafted the Ownership Unit Guidelines, will be on hand to answer questions and hear feedback from residents.

The municipality struck the Affordable Housing Working Group earlier this year and gave it the job to develop an affordable housing policy to govern rezonings, and to begin the work of a municipal housing organization. With a policy now in place, the group is focusing on the establishment of a housing corporation, to be in place by early next year. The housing corporation will play an essential role in ensuring Bowen remains a diverse community, by facilitating perpetually affordable housing. To learn more about this initiative, please attend the meeting Oct. 29. The public can read more online at the Bowen Community Housing Website at [www.bowenhousing.org](http://www.bowenhousing.org), or visit the BIM website, at [www.bimbc.ca](http://www.bimbc.ca) and click on Affordable Housing under the Current Events menu on the left.

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