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 DEVELOPMENT: Capella
 ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: First tower - 2009
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Swing home into Bear Mountain

Vancouver Island development nears presale

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Capella, a \$1.4-billion development planned for Victoria Island's pristine Bear Mountain region, is making investors in Calgary — and around the world — sit up and take notice.

The anticipated community is the latest in a series of landscape-driven projects led by veteran developer Robert Quigg and his team.

The idea behind the design, Quigg explains, is a community's architecture should "celebrate" and flow with the land around it, rather than be forced in against it.

"We're not typical developers, we don't build the same thing over and over again," he says.

"We buy trophy properties and we design for those properties.

"Here, you have views of the Pacific, views of Victoria, Mount

Baker, the U.S., two 18-hole golf courses — everything — wrapped around your terrace.

"It's spectacular, it really is. The setting is amazing — and it's 15 minutes from the downtown (Victoria) centre."

The hilltop community, flanked by a rolling vineyard, will feature four residential towers, with a total of about 650 units, an on-site spa, a fitness pavilion, and a winery-inspired restaurant, cantilevered, 21 metres off the hillside.

The units themselves will have wood flooring and stone tile throughout, high-end finishes and fixtures, and expansive covered decks to encourage "indoor/outdoor living."

Quigg has also planned for extensive landscaping, including sheltered pathways, secret gardens and cascading, multi-level infinity-edge pools.

A short walk away, residents will

find all the amenities of the Bear Mountain resort, including two Jack Nicklaus golf courses, hiking trails, and shops.

"This is basically a lifestyle community at the end of the day," Quigg said.

"When people pull into any of my projects, I want them to say, 'Ah, I'm home.' A home that is going to feel great.

"Normally, you would have to deal with everything else that's going on around your building — the other noises around it.

"But with this one, we've actually created the whole thing, tying it in with nature.

"You have a sense of peace and serenity, but also a sense of luxury and sophistication."

If all goes well, Quigg and his associates hope to have the first tower completed by 2009, and the rest of the project finished within five to seven years.



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