

A 2010 waterfront keepsake

'It's the first of its kind in North America'

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"Millennium Water will be housing up to 3,000 athletes during the Games," says Linda Chu, Rennie Marketing senior project manager.

Developed by Millennium Southeast False Creek Properties Ltd., part of the Millennium Group, the project is the result of the efforts of more than 20 firms, including Merrick Architecture, Gomberoff Bell Lyon Architects, Arthur Erickson/Nick Milkovich Architects Inc., Walter Francl Architect Inc. and Lawrence Doyle Young & Wright Architects.

Millennium Group was selected by the City of Vancouver as the successful proponent for the development in 2006 and paid \$193 million to the city for the development sites, to build residential and modest market housing, commercial and retail space.

In addition, Millennium is developing 250 units of affordable housing on behalf of the City of Vancouver.

The sustainable community will offer an urban centre for residential, commercial and public use that will feature plenty of parks, a town square, a farmers' market, a 30,000-square-foot



A rendering of Millennium Water shows its prime location on Vancouver's waterfront at southeast False Creek. The community will house Olympic athletes during the 2010 Winter Games, then homebuyers will move into the stylish residences afterward.

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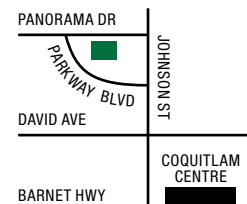
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A competitor uses the Whistler Sliding Centre venue during the FIBT Bobsleigh and Skeleton World Cup. Luge, bobsleigh and skeleton events will all take place there in 2010. Courtesy of VANOC

A rare chance for waterfront city living

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community centre that includes a childcare centre and non-motorized boating facility. All buildings will be built to LEED Gold or Platinum standards, while waterfront greenways and bikeways will encourage residents to take advantage of B.C.'s beautiful outdoors.

"It's the first of its kind in North America," Chu says of the Millennium Water community, and notes that the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee will take over at the end of this month. "The official date for hand-over to VANOC is Oct. 31."

After the Games are done, people will start to move into the still-new homes, which include 620 condominiums and townhouse units, 130 units of modest market housing, and the 250 affordable housing units.

During the Games, Chu explains, temporary carpet will cover the floors while athletes enjoy their stay.

"The hardwood goes in after," she says.

Kitchens will be completely covered in recycled wheat board, which will be removed afterward.

"It's still a brand-new kitchen, a brand-new home."

More than 250 homebuyers have already purchased residences at Millennium Water, Chu says.

Talk about the ultimate 2010 souvenir.

But more than owning a stylish new home that has the Olympic 'wow' factor, Chu thinks people will want to live at Millennium Water for its location and urban centre. Post-Games businesses in the area will include Urban Fare, London Drugs and a Mark James Brew Pub, among others.

"Millennium has really taken it upon themselves to create a great community," Chu says, and notes the seawall will connect to the new bridge in that community.

"I think the location is the biggest thing. Waterfront living in Vancouver is becoming more and more rare."

Already, international buzz has spread about Millennium Water, Chu adds, confiding that they've heard several times that the Vancouver athlete's village is "the best one ever."

"I think, when the world turns its eyes to us and they see this amazing city and village, it will be great."

Homes at Millennium Water start at \$475,000. Visit www.millenniumwater.com for more information.



A bridge will span False Creek and connect to a seawall on the southeast side, where Millennium Water is being constructed (top photo), while a rendering depicts a view of the development from the other side of the creek (above). Homes at Millennium Water will feature chic, European-inspired design, noticeable in the kitchens (left). The master-planned community is sustainable as well, and will use conservation strategies to be energy-efficient, such as green roofs and recycling rain water.