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## FAIRWINDS ADVANCES PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO GUIDE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Nanose Bay, British Columbia – November 27, 2008: Fairwinds Real Estate Management Inc. hosted a Second Public Open House on Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup> in the Anchor Room at Schooner Cove. Thursday's session followed the First Public Open House, held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, and a series of three public design workshops in October. The Second Public Open House shared the outcomes from the workshops, together with several exploratory design concepts. Between 68 and 128 people were in attendance over the course of the afternoon and evening. The workshops, open houses and other initiatives form part of an extensive public consultation process, the purpose of which is to engage the community in a meaningful way and to inform Fairwinds and its professional planning team as comprehensive plans for the Lakes District and Schooner Cove neighborhoods are formulated.

Community residents, interest groups, government approval agencies and the general public were introduced to a series of display boards setting out a range of possible planning concepts based on explorations with the public during the October workshops. "At the Lakes District, the issues relate mainly to form and quantity of housing; the extent and connectivity of parks & open spaces; and the conservation of sensitive ecosystems. For Schooner Cove Village, it's: the nature and extent of commercial services; the amount and type of public access to the waterfront; and the height and footprint of residential buildings. We are committed to realizing the truly remarkable potential of this area and equally committed to working with the public to accomplish this" said Russell Tibbles, Vice President of Development & Operations for Bentall LP, which manages Fairwinds on behalf of its owner, British Columbia Investment Management Corporation.



"We are building upon the vision set forth in the RDN's Official Community Plan for Nanose, with a more detailed, updated and comprehensive neighborhood plan. We are seeking to deliver sustainability and a high quality of life for residents", said Paul Fenske, Principal of Ekistics Town Planning, the lead planning and design consultants. Fairwinds ultimately intends to seek amendments to existing land use approvals, once its planning process is complete.

Copies of all materials presented are available at [www.fairwinds.ca/futuredevelopment](http://www.fairwinds.ca/futuredevelopment).



## ABOUT FAIRWINDS

The Fairwinds Community & Resort is central Vancouver Island's premier master-planned, oceanfront community with over 700 homes and homesites developed to date. It includes the award-winning Les Furber designed 18-hole Fairwinds Golf Club, the 20,000 square foot Fairwinds Centre health club and the 360 berth Schooner Cove Marina. Its Bonnington Heights and Rockcliffe real estate projects are currently selling and its future developable lands include approximately 736 acres at the Lakes District and 12 acres at Schooner Cove. For more information, visit [www.fairwinds.ca](http://www.fairwinds.ca).

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