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shíshálh Nation announce Groundbreaking Ceremony for Our House of Clans

tsain-ko Properties, shíshálh Nation to host the upcoming ceremony for the housing project at 5573 Sunshine Coast Highway, Sechelt.

tsain-ko Properties today announced that Our House of Clans, a new affordable housing development located on the shíshálh Nation, will have a groundbreaking ceremony for this highly anticipated community resource and cultural landmark. In keeping with BC's COVID-19 safety protocols, the event and further details are by invitation only, and will highlight the blessing and reconciliation of the land, upon which this important housing and community hub for the shíshálh people will be built. The project is a joint effort by tsain-ko Properties and tsain-ko Housing Society, the shíshálh Nation, community partners, and the Province of BC.

"The project team at tsain-ko Properties is extremely proud to debut Our House of Clans, which we have defined as a collaborative housing development with a unique approach to social responsibility and reconciliation. We have worked diligently with the shíshálh Nation, BC Housing, the syiyaya Reconciliation Movement, Mobius Architecture, Yellowridge Construction, Master Carver ?antuni Tony Paul, and many others, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our partners for making this exciting project possible," said Jason Jenkins, Director of Projects with tsain-ko Development Corporation.

In late 2018, tsain-ko Properties applied for and was awarded \$6.8 million from the BC Indigenous Housing Fund to address the need for affordable housing. Plans began in January 2019 for a multipurpose building that would take a unique approach to social responsibility and reconciliation. Beginning with the name itself, the project celebrates the rich cultural heritage of the shíshálh people, the interdependence and cooperation of the five clans (Bear, Frog, Orca, Wolf, Eagle), and features the work of multiple indigenous artists from the shíshálh Nation.

Our House of Clans will include:

- 34 affordable housing units, ranging from studios to 3-bedroom family units;
- A large multipurpose events room with community kitchen;
- The "Reconciliation Plaza" and gathering area;
- Five amenity areas, including a fitness room and entertainment spaces;
- Office space for community events and staff;
- 7,500 square feet of retail space on the ground floor, in which an intent to lease 4,700 square feet has been received from Community Futures Sunshine Coast for the purposes of creating a non-profit innovation centre; and
- Underground parking and storage.

“shíshálh Council is excited to be breaking ground on this sensational project. Our House of Clans will be an impressive building and is the precursor of good things to come for the shíshálh people. Our House of Clans will provide much-needed housing for our elders, single families and people with disabilities. Additionally, it will feature artwork by shíshálh people and provide our community shared gathering spaces, such as a community kitchen, that we know will be well used. This project is a fine example of what can happen when we work together; we thank our partners tsain-ko Properties and BC Housing who have worked hard to make this dream a reality,” said Chief Warren Paull.

A place of reconciliation.

The exterior plaza will feature a totem entitled “Carving Tears into Dreams of Reconciliation,” by Master Carver, ?antuni Tony Paul. Organized by the syiyaya Reconciliation Movement, Paul designed and carved the pole with over 1,500 members of the shíshálh community, starting in June 2019.

Representatives from the syiyaya Reconciliation Movement shared “the syiyaya Reconciliation Movement is delighted to extend our congratulations to tsain-ko Properties. We are thankful to tsain-ko for allowing syiyaya to carve this pole in the right way in honoring survivors past and present and bringing the greater community with us through reconciliation. We are grateful for all the support from Debbie Hendsbee, Jason Jenkins, Jamel Paul and the tsain-ko team. We are looking forward to celebrating together the installation of the Reconciliation Pole upon completion of the building. ?ul nu msh chalap (we raise our hands in thanks to you all)!” The development will not only benefit the shíshálh Nation but will be an integral part of building the greater community of ch’atlich (Sechelt).

Completion of Our House of Clans is slated for late Spring 2022.

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