

*I am an empty nester and I want to live at Belterra because...*

I love to work in the garden and don't want to give that up but I am looking forward to sharing my knowledge with the youngsters who will in turn share their stamina.

My kids have left, the house is too big most of the time and too much to look after but I want to stay on Bowen. A two bedroom townhouse in Belterra with the second bedroom doubling as an office sounds pretty perfect.

A couple of times a year I need a big kitchen and dining room and a spare bedroom or two, which the Belterra common facilities will provide.

I need a workshop, mom wants a crafts room, but not every day so they don't need to be in our house, but a community workshop and crafts room will be great.

I love having kids around, but also enjoy my solitude after all those years of raising my own children. (young families will be a big part of Belterra as will a respect for other residents privacy.)

I love to walk, and now I have more time to do it. In fifteen minutes I can easily be in Snug Cove enjoying a coffee and muffin and then drop into the library or pick up a newspaper at the store and in another fifteen minutes I can walk back home to Belterra.

I like a crackling wood fire but it is too much work and too dirty. The beautiful woodstove with glass doors in the common living room, with someone else looking after the firewood, - now that's living.

I love my new found solitude but also look forward to sharing a meal once or twice a week with my neighbours in the common house.

Mom's roast beef and my lasagna are family favorites and will become favorites in Belterra too, with others helping to prepare veggies and share in the clean up.

I am getting used to my new freedom and want to get away for a couple of days every now and then. But who will take care of Barley? - no problem he's got 35 other surrogate families.

My house on the other side of the island is much larger than I need, and requires so much maintenance. I can have a beautiful townhome in Belterra and put money in the bank as well.

I look forward to meeting my new neighbours but also look forward to entertaining my old friends in the beautiful common house.

I won't need my second car any more. The shared Belterra cars will fill in for that odd time a second car may be needed. I might not even need a car at all, as the shared car will be adequate. (I've always wanted to try one of those zero emission electric cars and I think it's great that other Belterrans feel the same way.)

The equity I gain after selling my large home allows me to take extended vacations. With a Belterra townhome I can simply lock the door and walk away. I know all my neighbours and I can relax knowing they will keep an eye on my home while I'm away..

I will love the safety and security of living in a community of close friends.

Grandma is on her own now. She is healthy and fit and I would love to have her with me. I am confident the whole community will watch out for her.

I love the natural park and year round stream and easy trail right next door.

Cates Hill Chapel with services every Sunday and concerts and gatherings is only 5 minutes walk away.

If I become a founding member, I will have a full voice in the building design and the community planning. Cohousing communities are well known for their green building designs and sustainable neighbourhood development.

I love the sunrise and I love to see the snow covered mountains reflecting the glow of the sunset.

I know the pleasures and benefits of eating fresh vegetables grown on my own land, and the joy of working with others to prepare the soil, to plant, to nurture, to harvest and preserve.

I love to watch the Grey Cup, or a good hockey game. The big screen TV in the common house is a great gathering place to have a few beers and show off my sports savvy. Or we could hold a movie night, and if you like what's showing, you can just drop in.

*For all these reasons and many more, Belterra will certainly become my next home.*