

*I am a senior and I want to live at Belterra cohousing because...*

I like the housing model with compact homes and a larger common area for the occasional time I need more space.

I am healthy and like to spend time outdoors in the garden or just walking, but I cannot look after a large garden by myself.

I like to be around other people of all ages. People who know me and respect the qualities I can offer to the community.

I can join early and take part in the community design. Perhaps the guest rooms in the common house can become a suite for a caregiver who will become a Belterra member and can be employed on site assisting myself and the other seniors.

I love the idea of taking part in community dinners a couple of times a week and helping out in the kitchen.

I know that the younger members of Belterra will take care of the heavy work like shoveling snow and turning over the vegetable garden while I can offer the skills I have learned over my lifetime.

It's wonderful to be around kids, but when I get worn out I can retire to my own home and sit out on my private deck watching the full moon creep out from behind Cypress Mountain.

When the power fails, I can walk down to the common house and sit by a warm fire and share in a hot dinner cooked on the commercial gas range in the common kitchen. With the gas lights and candles and companionship, it will be disappointing when the power comes back on.

I like to attend meetings and classes around Bowen during the evening. I can still drive but I don't like to after dark. The young people living in Belterra have all offered to take me anywhere I want to go. And that cute little shared Belterra car is a treat to drive.

My small home will be so easy to look after. And the beautiful view and sunshine coming in the window make life such a joy.

The security of having friends living close by is a real comfort.

Cates Hill Chapel with services every Sunday and the friendliest congregation is a few minute's walk away.