

THREE SISTERS MOUNTAIN VILLAGE VISION BOOK





INTRODUCTION

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The story of Three Sisters Mountain Village (TSMV) is not a smooth, seamless one – but then, no authentic adventure story is. And TSMV is an authentic adventure in every way.

Named after the commanding peaks towering over the property – Hope, Faith, and Charity – Three Sisters Mountain Village is an 1,800-acre mountain community surrounded by 360 degrees of awe-inspiring Rocky Mountain vista. Commute-close to Calgary, just east of Canmore and only five minutes east of the Banff National Park gates, it's as close to Canada's vast, iconic wilderness as any settlement can be. TSMV contains within its boundaries 80% of the developable land in the region. That's Three Sisters' great opportunity and its challenge.

Envisioned since 1992 as a world-class, four-season master-planned resort community, Three Sisters Mountain Village is home to ardent, active outdoors people and a rich ecosystem of wild

creatures. It's a delicate balance of animal instinct and human desire. As we've sought the harmony necessary for cohabitation, plans have evolved, recessions have been endured, over 1,000 acres have been given over to wildlife corridors, consultations and conversations have been held, and understanding grown on all sides.

Now, some 24 years after its beginnings, two new Area Structure Plans and TSMV's community master plan are helping the community's varied and complex character emerge; a recognizable and realizable place that's an integral part of the close-knit Town of Canmore is being born. In the years to come, the existing Stewart Creek neighbourhood in the centre of the property will be flanked by



two new neighbourhood character areas, each with specific uses and attractions that are detailed in this document. The result will be an integrated community and a destination resort for the wildlife, the many kinds of residents, visitors and adventurers that have always called it home.

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CANMORE: PEOPLE & PLACE

Describing the appeal of Canmore to someone who has never visited is an exercise in speechlessness and superlatives. Adjectives – majestic, spectacular, breathtaking, magnificent – always seem to fall short. This is a place that has to be seen – and felt – to be understood.

Soaring nature, right there, every way you turn, has a salutary effect on the most hardened among us; the well-being of the combination of the elements – brilliantly fresh air and fairy tale beauty – runs through us like the glacial, rushing Bow River runs past the base of the Sisters, the resort's namesake. Sisters Faith, Hope and Charity, prominent thrusts of limestone and shale rising above the community, are touchstones, icons, and home base. The massive drifts of perfect snow and astounding 330 annual days of sunshine. The stupendous wildlife wandering through dedicated corridors set aside for their movement – elk and moose and cougars and bears.

Though adventure tourism is the town's primary industry today, what is now Canmore began as a mining town when Queen Victoria granted a coal mining charter to the area in 1886. The No. 1 mine was opened in 1887, and the coal mining industry boomed well into the 20th century. In 1979, Canmore Mines Ltd. ceased operations. Impacts from this history – the potential weakening of the ground from past mine digging – continue to shape parts of the TSMV property to this very day: careful and thoughtful engineering of the development already creates a co-habitation here as well.



The town's economic prospects seemed dismal until it was announced that Calgary would host the 1988 Winter Olympics – and Canmore would have a part to play in the events. New facilities for Nordic sports were built, with 60 kilometres of trails for cross-country skiing. Canmore's time in the Olympic spotlight resulted in an influx of visitors who stayed and visitors who come looking for some of the world's best outdoor recreational opportunities. It's much more than a tourism destination.

Over the past 20 years, Canmore has evolved into an authentic mountain village and an epicentre of outdoor activity and adventure tourism. Avid and expert climbers, hikers, bikers, skiers and adventurers of all kinds find a particular definition

of heaven here. There are national and provincial parks offering thousands of kilometres of trails within nearly three million acres of protected wilderness. The mighty Bow River: canoeing, kayaking, paddling, or world-renowned fly fishing. Four world-class ski resorts – with 9,000 combined acres of internationally renowned downhill terrain – within a 45-minute drive. Small wonder that Canmore is home to more national-calibre athletes per capita than any other Canadian centre.

Those of us who venture out of doors from time to time are enthusiasts. The people who choose Canmore – residents or visitors – are lovers of the outdoors who take their passion to new heights. Garages aren't used for sheltering cars but for

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storing their bounty of equipment – mountain and road bikes, skis and snowshoes, ice axes and crampons, golf clubs and paddleboards. Outdoors is in, year-round – they take full advantage of all four seasons, and enjoy every one of Canmore's 330 annual days of sunshine. They're sure-footed on trails, bike wranglers on the steep, explorers of the marked and the back country. They go, boldly.

For these intrepid spirits, there's no better home or holiday destination than Three Sisters Mountain Village. Basecamp to endless adventure. Portal to 2.8 million acres of majestic mountain wilderness in their backyard – for a weekend, a week, or forever. Access to some of Canada's finest recreational amenities, a walk or bike ride from their doorstep.

Here, they are part of a community of like-minded people who have chosen this place and this lifestyle. They connect with their neighbours around the

resort's many tables, campfires, hot tubs and pools with tales of peaks conquered, tricks mastered, and wildlife spotted. They share a relentless commitment to treading lightly on this land, because it is and will always be shared with the wildlife who inhabit it and migrate through it and with future generations who deserve to inherit it unspoiled. They understand, always, that while the wilderness is a playground, preserving this majestic mountain playground is no game.

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DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

As it grows and develops, TSMV will continue to become a cohesive residential community, an integral part of Canmore, and a unique destination for visitors while providing the Bow Valley's largest, most studied and most extensively connected wildlife corridor system on private lands in Canada.

The residential development will consist of three distinct but integrated neighbourhoods, connected by a network of roads and trails as one cohesive community. The existing 750-unit, golf course-adjacent Stewart Creek neighbourhood, already a primary or secondary residence to approximately 1,300 people, will be flanked by two new neighbourhoods, developed in a manner that builds upon what already exists, but also provides distinct experiences and lifestyles.

First, Smith Creek, the easternmost extension to the Town of Canmore and home to the most permanently settled of the resort's resident families. As such, the neighbourhood will feature amenities built around convenience (e.g., retail, professional services, workspaces) and around community (e.g. covered pavilions and picnic spots). Smith Creek is designed to be a well-served, well-connected and self-sustaining settlement, but still very much a part of the greater Three Sisters community, physically and in spirit.

And lastly – and perhaps most excitingly – the Resort Centre: the heart of the holiday destination and of Three Sisters' significant contribution to growing and evolving Canmore's tourist offering, as well as offering an alternative to an increasingly popular downtown. The neighbourhood where the well-being and exhilaration of the outdoors is bottled and concentrated, the Resort Centre will attract long-term TSMVers, day trippers and a new population of residents to an imaginative basecamp from which to embark on a wide range of adventures.





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The flagship amenity in the Resort Centre is envisioned to be an imaginative destination spa and wellness clinic; this, and the other planned amenities detailed in this document, will build upon Canmore's appeal to visitors from across Alberta, Canada and the world, thus diversifying and enhancing the town's economy.

It is of utmost importance to TSMV that the resort make a positive economic, social and cultural contribution to Canmore – by drawing in new visitors, attracting new investment, and adding to the community's amenities, resources, and infrastructure. Today's Three Sisters Mountain Resort exists somewhat apart from the Town of Canmore, and yet is – and will increasingly be – part of the Canmore community. As plans for TSMV come to fruition, the reciprocal relationship between resort and town will continue to evolve, each benefitting from the other's offering as a cohesive community.

For a start, the TSMV will provide a proliferation of new housing and lodging. According to a CMHC report, in 2014 Canmore had Canada's lowest vacancy rate for rental properties; housing affordability is one of the community's most pressing concerns. With this in mind, TSMV has made housing diversity a priority in its plans. In the coming years, the community will see the addition of 1,200-1,700 rooftops in Smith Creek and 1,600-3,450 units in the Resort Centre. These residences will include a combination of rental apartments, condos, townhomes, and single family homes – which means that making a home at TSMV will be accessible to a broader, more diverse range of people and families.

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VISION

Three Sisters Mountain Village will be a world-renowned, all-season resort, wellness retreat and hub of active health and happiness at altitude. Geographically situated between the town and the mountain, TSMV, like Canmore, is a gateway into the parks, and a portal to discovery of the natural world.

TSMV welcomes seekers of a holiday destination or a home for family and friends. It is a community of three neighbourhoods, distinct yet connected by physical infrastructure and by a shared affinity for activity and adventure. Whether you're young or old, a seasoned outdoorsman or just starting out, here for a weekend or forever, you and your intrepid spirit will be warmly welcomed to this ultimate Rocky Mountain basecamp. From here, you'll enjoy access to endless opportunity for outdoor recreation and personal renewal in one of the most spectacular mountain settings on Earth. And while it may be the natural elements and the wilderness at your doorstep that draw you here, it will be the civilized elements that draw you in, and entice you to stay: a resort centre envisioned to include sophisticated spa facilities, fine shops, accommodations, innovative restaurants and bars and brewpubs you won't find anywhere else. Here you'll find many ways to feel at home in nature, many paths into discovery.

Three Sisters is not just about the rush of adrenaline, but about ceasing to rush. About finding a pace in tune with the rhythms of nature, rather than dictated by the deadlines and demands of the city. You escape to the mountains to disconnect from the signals and stresses of urban life, and in so doing, find yourself more connected than ever – to your family and friends, new and old. To the Three Sisters community, and the community of Canmore. To the towering Three Sisters who stand watch over you all and their silent rhythms. To nature – the gorgeous Bow Valley landscape and the wildlife you share it with. Attuned and alive to the truest, most vital version of yourself, and the purpose and possibility within you.



ENVISIONED CHARACTER AREAS & KEY FEATURES



RESORT CENTRE

Science says that adrenaline and endorphins bond people, and the Resort Centre is perfect proof of that. The heart of Three Sisters Mountain Village, the Resort Centre will be vibrant and vital year-round, full of movement, activity and temptation, abuzz with the excitement and anticipation of the fun to come. Designed as a park-your-car-and-forget-about-it kind of place, visitors and residents stroll, run, bike, skate or ski from A to B. Unless point B is adventure that exists just beyond the resort – downhill skiing, climbing, fishing – in which case this bustling basecamp has everything required to equip and

outfit, and everything to reward adventurers when they're done. The Resort Centre and the modern mountain village at its core is much more than a basecamp. It is where TSMV's kinetic community – the many locals as well as visitors – slows enough to gather together beside a pool, by a fire, or around a table. And a community it is, for residents, including many who live year round, and for visitors young and old. It is a warm, welcoming place, inclusive and inviting to all ages and levels of expertise. Seasoned? Just starting out? Follow us; we have something for all of you.

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THE WATERSHED

Home to a proposed spa, wellness clinic and waterpark, The Watershed is envisioned to be an activity centre beloved by all ages. Inspired by the rustic Scandina ve spas at Whistler and Mont-Tremblant – with elements of the high-tech Sparkling Hills, we see the spa – as luxurious as it is expert in its treatments – featuring an assortment of hot and cold pools and showers, saunas and steam rooms, fireside loungers and hammocks. The facility could offer an assortment of treatments: physical therapy procedures and massage for those needing only to repair sore muscles after a day of skiing; or full-on turning back time with consultations, acupuncture, cryotherapy, cleaning and hormone balancing. Within The Watershed but separate from the energetic repose of the spa, the waterpark might include indoor and outdoor pools, cold, warm and hot, and a number of slides and rides that will delight youngsters – but would be tranquil and tasteful enough to win over adults with log cabanas, loungers and alpine vibes. The Watershed will be a park rather than a theme park, decorated with greenery, not gimmicks.



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RETAIL VILLAGE

TSMV's vibrant, pedestrian-centric retail village will be a complement to downtown Canmore, not a replication of it or a competitor to it. It will be an authentic reflection of Canmore and its people; delightful to tourists but not catered exclusively to them. Instead, it will offer the kinds of shops and services required to support a diverse and active community – bike shops, sports equipment rental, activewear boutiques in addition to the everyday needs of TSMV residents. The Basecamp Cabin is envisioned as an information centre for the intrepid or just the timidly curious – providing maps, advice, tours, and well wishes for those heading out on the High Line trail or up the Ha Ling Peak. And, of course, food – restaurants, bars, and cafes, many of which are homespun right here in Canmore, adding to the Town's already vibrant local cuisine. Imagine the morning air filled with the scent of baked goods and aromatic with coffee: it's an open invitation to be cozy and indulgent. The village is where always-moving Three Sisters residents and visitors convene when it's time to slow down – to relax, refuel, and reconnect with their community. To watch the inexhaustible kids on the skating rink in the centre plaza in winter, or take in some live music in summer. To share food and drink and tales from the day's exploits on the mountain, the river, or the back nine.





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PROGRAMMING

TSMV is about living life outside, not in, and programming ensures that the resort offers ways to enjoy the outdoors year round in every way possible. It will quickly become well known far and wide throughout the resort, across Canmore and beyond that there's always something special happening at TSMV for the hard core and for simple enthusiasts alike. To facilitate community gathering and satisfy Canmoreans' natural energy and insatiable appetite for new and novel activities, the resort will offer a jam-packed roster of planned programs, events, excursions, celebrations, classes and camps throughout the year. Much of Three Sisters' programming could be built around our envisioned village plaza, with its event pavilion and stage, and the Rocky Mountain Experiences Cabin – the command centre of Three Sisters' program offering, manned by the team at Altitude – where visitors and residents can rock up to see what's going on across the entire resort, any day of the year.

Other events will be offered in partnership with an increasing number and diversity of partners keen to tap into this mountain community's well of energetic and enthusiastic residents. Potential programs include Arc'teryx Climbing Academy, Lululemon Wanderlust Festival, Salomon Ski School – inspired by Norwegian after-school programs, when kids cross-country ski after classes daily – and a Studio Bell, home of the National Music Centre, kids' music camp; these and other partner programs would attract residents and visitors eager to learn from the best in the business. TSMV could also put on one of the country's most anticipated triathlons – dubbed the Movers and Shakers. Triathlons are next-gen business people's idea of fun, and the event could draw

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Calgary's top young movers and shakers to come up to Canmore for camaraderie and competition. Others who like their competition old-school style could do an energetic 18 on the golf course. Then there's the event considered by many to be Canada's most challenging and rewarding enduro race – a must-do for mountain bikers across the country.

TSMV envisions putting kids squarely in the game, with potential North Face youth summer camps and organized backcountry camping excursions for budding outdoorsmen and junior explorers. In the cooler months, programs could include rec hockey tournaments and figure skating camps that bring families from all over the province.

For residents and visitors, we imagine endless possibilities: a thrice-weekly trail running club and its counterpart of walkers meeting regularly at the brewery after their outings, a frisbee golf 'beer league' – a great way for people staying a weekend to spend time with locals. Plus, imagine a season's worth of cultural performances; if it's a summer Saturday, there is something to watch on the proposed main stage in the village square: Bard on the Bow could link TSMV with East Village as performances move up and downriver; there's the Summer in the Square concert series. Another option: for a weekend in August, the Trois Sœurs Music Festival – a favourite stop for many artists, emerging and established, on the summer festival circuit. TSMV partners with Banff fest events, mountain film fests and goings-on in Calgary in ways that bring the Canmore community together and keep artists gainfully employed in the mountains.

It's in winter that TSMV plans to really shine. Imagine Winterlude West, Alberta's most beloved winter

event, getting its start here: if it can be done with, in, or on ice or snow, western Canada's biggest winter festival would have it. Those seeking a classic Canadian experience would love a Michaluk Memorial Skating Pond, named after Canmore's brotherly contribution to the NHL – with special space and equipment rental for hockey games against an epic mountain background. A scene fit for a Molson Canadian commercial – in fact, the big brewery could sponsor elite games that give everyone a taste of true winter sport during Winterlude West. The pond could also be the beginning and end of an Ice Trail – a skateway inspired by Ottawa's Rideau Canal, with hot drink stands and warming huts. Inspired by those found on Winnipeg's Red River Mutual Trail, the warming huts would be of imaginative structures on the Resort Loops – short, medium and longer walking loops allowing visitors to walk a little or a lot around TSMV's three neighbourhoods even on the chilliest of days. These huts – along with a series of trailside exhibits illuminating walkers about the biology, geography, and history of the area – would attract walkers from Calgary and the surrounding area looking for a more interesting and informative walk in the woods. Inspired by Vail Resorts' new and highly successful Epic Discovery programs, the exhibits would be designed to bridge adventure and education. And those for whom walking on the ground is too tame have the option of Walk Up Top – a treetop adventure with ropes course, zip lines, and treehouses, including the Crow's Nest picnic platform.

And did we mention a German Christmas market and festive sleigh rides? We're exploring more ideas as we imagine epic winters at the future TSMV.





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THREE SISTERS CRAFT BEER EXPERIENCE

Because nothing tastes better after a day of adventuring than a cold one, we imagine a Three Sisters Craft Beer Experience quickly becoming a favourite across the resort – and a terrific day trip from the city. Three Sisters' three flagship brews – Hope, Faith, and Charity – would be more than beers. Irresistible drawing cards, distributed throughout the province: a taste of intrepid that invites city-dwellers to come try out the best of Three Sisters, at the brewery and on the mount. A beer and a challenge. Those who choose to accept it will find not just a brewery, but what we envision to be a beer experience unlike anything they've found elsewhere (that is, unless they've been to Dublin's Guinness Storehouse or to Brooklyn's best artisan breweries) – in-depth brewmaster tours, tastings and lessons. And of course pints in a beer hall, inspired by Brooklyn's Spritzenhaus 33, which, when weather permits, opens right up to an always-buzzing Bavarian beer garden. The brewery will be partners and pals with Canmore's original craft brewery, Grizzly Paw Brewing, co-creating beers and engaging in friendly brew-off competitions. Much like in East Vancouver's beer districts, the two breweries would work together to create and cultivate what will become Canmore's strong craft beer culture.



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MEETING & EVENTS FACILITIES

Offering natural beauty, ample opportunity for adventure, excellent food and drink, and beautiful alpine-modern conference and event facilities, TSMV will quickly become Calgary's favourite spot to retreat, to meet – and to marry. Businesses and brides will avail themselves of Alberta's finest conference and event space, widely admired as the architectural centrepiece of the resort and as a shining example of an emerging Rocky Mountain Modern architectural style. (Like Michael Audain's museum in Whistler, its contemporary architecture will be so perfectly designed to blend into the mountain landscape that it will be entirely outstanding.) Winter weddings will also be held in the conference centre's smaller event spaces, which will have some of the most stunning mountain views to be found at Three Sisters. And for those brides and grooms wanting to wed outside, there could be a number of wedding spots and experiences to choose from, offered and expertly managed by the resort's in-house wedding and event planners.



06

HOUSING & LODGING

The Resort Centre is primarily a place of comings and goings: home to visitors and those who look after them for a weekend, a week, a season. To accommodate a diversity of ages and means, the Resort Centre will offer a range of lodging options: a hostel and rustic rental cabins for those on a shoestring; deluxe chalet rentals and a signature luxury spa hotel with wellness built in to every stay.

While its population ebbs and flows, the Resort Centre is also home to a population who choose to live at the heart of the Three Sisters community: young professionals who want to be close to the resort's recreational amenities and its lively village. And an aging and elderly population who live in the resort's staged senior housing facilities, from active lifestyle to assisted living to memory and hospice care. Young and old, these locals maintain the vitality of the village year-round, and ensure that it remains a community for all.







STEWART CREEK

TSMV's original neighbourhood, Stewart Creek, has the most open spaces and room to roam. With sports fields, parks, frisbee golf and a golf course – and convenient access to the resort's extensive network of trails – there is endless space for people of all ages – and their all-important, ever-present four-legged family members. This is a neighbourhood that can feel pleasantly sleepy and serene during the work and school week, but that erupts in activity each Friday and Saturday as the Weekend Warriors arrive, ready to play. These second homeowners are warmly welcomed each week;

they are very much a part of the Stewart Creek community – the soccer teammates, climbing partners, and golf buddies of the permanent population. Their arrival means it's the weekend. Time for fun.

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GOLF

TSMV is home to Stewart Creek Golf & Country Club, recognized as one of Canada's best golf experiences. Surrounded on all sides by the Three Sisters, Cascade, Pigeon and Ha Ling Mountains, the Gary Browning-designed course has 18 holes – and 360 degrees – of breathtaking beauty. Don't be surprised if you're too awestruck by the view to play a good game; it happens all the time. The course is casual and just challenging enough – a part of everyday life for residents and an afternoon of beautiful new perspectives for visitors.



02

EDUCATION

Stewart Creek is home to TSMV's two schools, Our Lady of Snows and the French Immersion École Notre-Dame des Monts. The Stewart Creek area continues to evolve as the educational centre of TSMV, with a medical school already under discussion or perhaps satellite campuses of vocational and trade schools like SAIT and ACAD, as well as partnerships with other institutions, companies, and organizations. Students will eagerly seize the opportunity to take a weekend, a semester – or a whole program – at the resort's remarkable Rocky Mountain Institute. Here, education is much broader than elementary, secondary, and post-secondary – it's about learning new skills and trying new things, at any age. Perhaps companies like Lululemon, Arc'teryx, Salomon, and other purveyors of all things active will jump at the chance to work with life-long learners in Stewart Creek's envisioned campus facilities, a favourite spot for those from near and far wanting to explore cooking, climbing, cross-country skiing, landscape photography, yoga, sculpture, or phrenology.





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RECREATION

Like the rest of Three Sisters, the people of Stewart Creek love to spend their time outdoors. This neighbourhood is particularly perfect for activities that require wide open spaces – flat pitches or rolling hills for golf, frisbee golf (frolf to its fans), soccer or softball. And because of the neighbourhood’s blessed location at the centre of the community and its easy access to Three Sisters’ extensive network of hiking, biking, walking and skating trails, endless recreational opportunities exist within minutes of each Stewart Creek doorstep.



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SERVICES

With a population that stays put year round, Stewart Creek will continue to grow its offering of close-by conveniences and services – perhaps a local grocery store, gathering places like TSMV’s own Market Bistro for quick grab-and-go food, a transit hub for the Roambus that connects the resort to the Canmore core. And a future fire hall to give families even more peace of mind, knowing there’s additional help close at hand over and above the excellent protection already provided by downtown Canmore’s fire department.

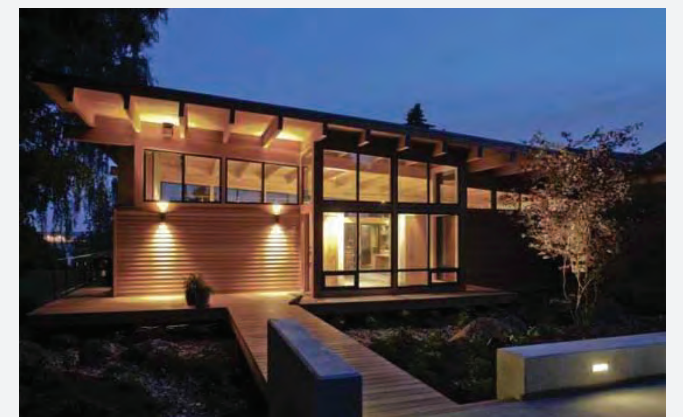




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HOUSING

Stewart Creek will continue to grow as a residential neighbourhood, and will offer a new variety of housing by reintroducing single family homes for the first time since 2007. These single family homes will be built alongside new and existing condos and townhomes, so Stewart Creek will increasingly offer housing for a diversity of means and needs.





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SMITH CREEK

If the Resort Centre is to be about coming and going, Smith Creek will be about staying put and settling in. Smith Creek is envisioned to be the most established community at Three Sisters, with most residents putting down roots and living here year-round. But those roots don't mean the families here like to stay in one spot. They don't. Smith Creekers will take full advantage of the vast wilderness that is their backyard, and of the activity-oriented amenities around which their community is built. And Smith Creek will be exactly that – a close-knit community in which neighbours become fast

friends. Those connections will be fostered by a number of spaces meant for sharing, gathering, and participating alongside one another – rinks, parks, and pavilions that draw the denizens of Smith Creek together, year round. Of course, being connected to the rest of the resort by its network of trails, these amenities will be available to all, and Smith Creekers will like it that way. Smith Creek's small-town hospitality will be a pleasant surprise to those cycling, strolling or skating through.

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MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

Popular with homeowners and daytrippers alike, an indoor mountain bike park could be Alberta's only opportunity to mountain bike during the off-season. Imagine day camps for kids, where little ones can learn one of Canmore's favourite pastimes in a safe environment. Inspired by Mississauga's Joyride and Pittsburgh's Wheel Mill, the park could feature jump lines, dirt jumps, skinnies, lines, a half pipe, a vert park, a foam pit, and a street-inspired plaza with rails, ledges and steps.

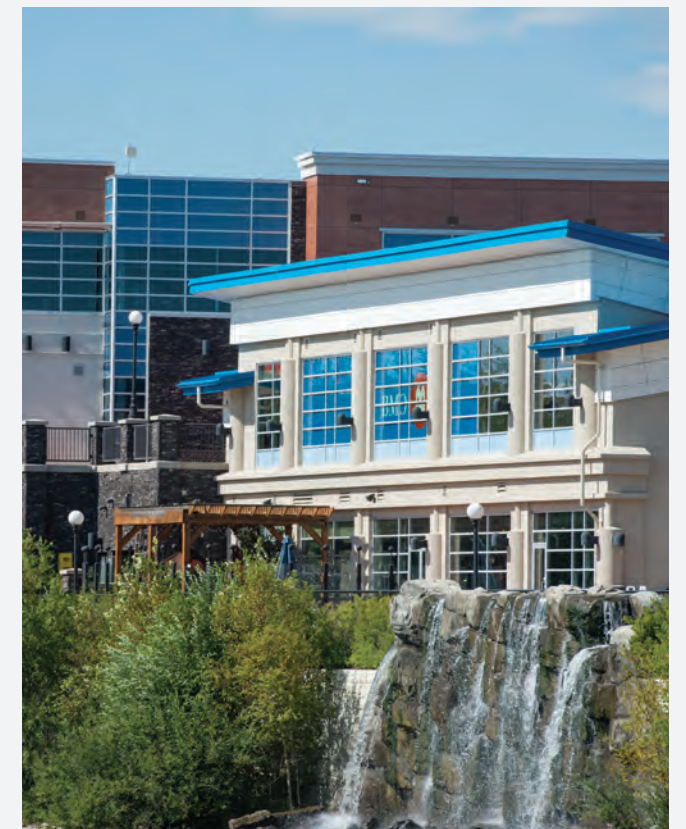
In the warmer months, the park could seamlessly connect with an outdoor park, inspired by its natural surroundings. With earthy accents like rocks and logs, it will look and feel like the wild, not like a warehouse.



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COMMERCIAL CENTRE

Home to young families, retirees, and single people alike, Smith Creek will require everyday conveniences, including professional services, perhaps a small grocery store, and grab-and-go food. Inspired by Calgary's Aspen Landing and Victoria's Tuscany Village, the commercial centre is also envisioned to be home to office space, so many lucky Smith Creekers will be able to commute on foot or by bike.



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RECREATION / OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Though Smith Creek is expected to be Three Sisters' most settled-in community, its residents aren't likely to be prone to staying still. Like the rest of the resort, Smith Creekers will be constantly in motion, and will require spaces and facilities in which to engage in their countless hobbies and activities. They'll make good use of the network of trails that begin and end at their doorstep. Their kids will practice their stick-handling and master their Lutz jumps on a Smith Creek skating pond. The pond could be home to a hot chocolate stand and warming hut, so Smith Creek skaters would be joined by neighbours stopping by for a hot chocolate and a rest. In the warmer months, the pond could be a concrete pad well-used for playing roller hockey and shooting hoops – and a destination for the RVers who've been set up in a nearby campground with all the necessities in the neighbourhood – hot showers, room to move, supplies, and a Resort Centre they can ride a bike to.



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COMMUNITY GATHERING

The Resort Centre is envisioned to offer ample opportunities to gather and connect, but this close-knit neighbourhood will require spaces that are special to Smith Creek: shared campfire spaces, picnic and barbecue spots, possible glamping facilities. On warmer weekends, pop-up drive-in movies would attract people from across Three Sisters and Canmore, but Smith Creekers will always manage to claim the front row. And imagine weekend farmers' markets – held outdoors, in the shelter of a new multi-functional pavilion – sure to be a can't-miss for residents; they would become a well-loved weekly opportunity to fill the fridge while catching up with friends.



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HOUSING

Though the people who choose TSMV share an appetite for adventure, they are demographically diverse. To ensure outdoor enthusiasts of various means can make TSMV home, Smith Creek will offer a range of housing options, from rental apartments to condos to townhouses to single family homes to villas. Shared between these homes is an authentic alpine aesthetic, inspired by the area's natural environment as well as its rich cultural heritage.





CONCLUSION

So close to the mountains that you can feel their every shift in mood, Three Sisters Mountain Village is a unique environment – habitat for man, woman and beast, for visitors seeking what John Muir would call the ‘glad tidings of the mountains’ and for residents who have grown to love what Earle Birney described as ‘the peak...upthrust like a fist in a frozen ocean of rock that swirled/Into valleys the moon could be rolled in.’

This is no small landscape, and these are no small plans – they unfurl over hundreds of hectares and over decades, embracing and accommodating change, swirls of opinion and practices new and old. Three Sisters Mountain Village, when we are done, will be able to accommodate all of it and all of us, and be a source of the joys and well-being of mountain life – whether for a day, so we can touch the edge of nature, in whatever capacity we have, and take its energy and peace back home with us; for a weekend, so we can retreat from the city and bloom on the mountainside as skiers, bikers, explorers, intrepid at last; or for an active, healthful lifetime, committed to the rich rewards of time spent in the company of our Three Sisters, discovering ourselves as we explore the mountains we’re privileged to call home.





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