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Columbia National Investments To Build New Smart Growth Community in Abbotsford

(Abbotsford, B.C.) - Columbia National Investments Ltd (CNI) plans to build a smart growth, sustainable community on 168 acres on Atkinson Road with freeway access providing the new eastern gateway to Abbotsford, Steve Dunton, CEO, announced today. The planned start for this project is spring, 2007.

The Atkinson Road project will include 2.2 million square feet of office/commercial space created as a business community of employment campuses, as well as approximately 2200 new home sites, 35 acres of green space and parks, a community centre, convention centre, hotel and regional retail shopping. The project also offers beautiful south facing views of the Fraser Valley, Mount Baker and surrounding mountains. This proposal includes the development of a full highway interchange on the Trans-Canada Highway at Atkinson Road east of the Whatcom Road interchange.

“The Fraser Valley is a thriving, growing region. There is pent-up demand for office space in the Lower Mainland and residential homes in the Fraser Valley. We are in a position to help meet that demand with a smart growth, sustainable community,” said Dunton. “The focus of this project is on creating a pedestrian-friendly community, right next to the Trans-Canada Trail and canal, providing exceptional recreational opportunities. This will be a great place for people to live and work. It is a very exciting project for us.”

CNI, one of B.C.’s most respected builders of communities, currently has 10 ongoing projects in Mission, Chilliwack, Cultus Lake, Abbotsford and on the Sunshine Coast. With a large owned-land base surrounding Vancouver, CNI and its partners have plans to build up to 30,000 new homes over the next decade. CNI is committed to creating smart growth, environmentally responsible developments and providing unprecedented green space in the communities that they build.

Owned and managed by Herb Dunton and Steve Dunton, CNI was founded in 1992 and through the vision of the founders, the entire CNI team approaches business based on philanthropy, a strong commitment to integrity, environmentally supportive development and a focus on community. CNI supports a wide-range of charitable organizations, including Teen Challenge, Seeds International, Global Fellowship, Partners International, and numerous others.

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