

Community Land Trust Volunteer Member Form

Introduction

A community land trust is defined as “a private, non-profit corporation created to acquire and hold land for the benefit of a community in order to provide secure affordable access to land and housing for community residents.”¹

The community land trust model (CLT) is a unique solution to the problem of permanently maintaining attainable housing for communities faced by many communities. A CLT can provide a range of options from single-family, rental and special needs housing that are affordable, sustainable and are a result of community participation and ownership. In particular, community land trusts help communities to:

- Gain control over local land use and reduce absentee ownership
- Provide attainable housing for lower income community residents
- Promote resident ownership and control of housing
- Maintain attainable housing for future residents
- Capture the value of public investment for long-term community benefit
- Build a strong base for community action

A community land trust acquires multiple parcels of land throughout a targeted geographic area with the intention of retaining ownership of this land forever. Any buildings already located on the land or later constructed are sold off to individual homeowners, cooperative housing corporations, non-profit developers of rental housing or other entities that provide attainable housing for the community.

The CLTs never resell the land parcels and provide for the exclusive “use” of the land by the owners of the buildings located on the land in the community land trust. The parcels of land are provided to the individual homeowners or organizations through long term ground leases.

Community land trusts offer an innovative tool for solving the attainable housing problem by addressing key community development components of permanence and resident participation. Many CLTs have developed as a vehicle for assisting municipalities implement housing and community development policies.

The Housing Action Team of the Social Planning Council of the North Okanagan in partnership with Community Futures – North Okanagan has initiated the development of a North Okanagan Community Land Trust.

At this time, a founding Board of Directors has been recruited however the society welcomes volunteers who can assist in the goal of increasing the stock of attainable housing in our communities.

¹ “Land Trusts” Lisa Engle, Community Investments

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation/Expertise: _____

Business/Company (if applicable): _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email address: _____

AREAS OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

1. Networking/Promoting Land Trust :

Yes___ No___ I am interested in presenting information on the Land Trust
(or arranging for a speaker from the Land Trust) for various
committees, clubs, churches and organizations.

If yes, please list any organizations you are affiliated with:

Other networking/promotional opportunities you would like to be involved with?

2. Soliciting Land/Fundraising

Yes___ No___ I have ideas, tips and/or connections for possible donations
of land.

Yes___ No___ I am willing to volunteer time in the planning of fundraising
events.

Yes___ No___ I am willing to volunteer time at the actual fundraising event.

Other fundraising ideas/opportunities you would like to be involved with?

3. Attainable Housing Project Design/Development

Yes___ **No**___ I have relevant skills/expertise that could assist the board in assessing suitable projects for specific parcels of land

Yes___ **No**___ I have relevant skills/expertise that could assist a non profit in the design/development of a project

If yes, please specify:

4. Attainable Housing Construction

Yes___ **No**___ I have relevant skills/expertise that could assist a non profit in the construction of attainable housing

If yes, please specify:

5. Other skills/expertise/ideas you would like to offer the Land Trust?

To submit forms and for more information, please contact:

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