

Gordon Price praises Bosa's four tower White Rock project

White Rock city council decision gives approval in-principal to Bosa Properties' four-tower redevelopment of White Rock's Hillcrest Mall area, and closes more than a year of intense public scrutiny. The development will occur in four stages during the next five years. Phase one, 19 floors, the tallest of the four buildings, will begin in spring. Sales will begin around the same time. Phase two, 17 and a 14 storey building will follow.



White Rock's highrise proposal has earned high praise from one of our region's foremost livability experts. Gordon Price, director of Simon Fraser University's City Program, said the Bosa plan could bring big-time benefits to White Rocks sleeping commercial core. The former Vancouver city councillor is holding the Bosa plan up as an example of 'how-to', even drawing parallels to Whistler Village. "This proposal has the chance of being as good as anything in the region,"

The proposal – four towers between 14 and 19 floors, an arts centre, retail space and a public plaza – has met some opposition from people, but as Price discusses in his latest edition of PriceTags, his online newsletter, the layout of the Bosa Project will replicate that down-home serendipity, by providing a grocery store, residences, an arts centre and a public plaza in a compact location. It will draw all kinds of people, at all times of day, such as Whistler.