

EDUCATION BRIEF

Occupancy Restricted Employee Housing

Why Employee Housing is so important for Whistler:

For Whistler's community to thrive it is vital that people working in Whistler, who are supporting our local economy, have access to safe and secure housing within our municipality. Whistler has an extensive inventory of over 7,300 beds of employee housing restricted to the local workforce. These employee restricted properties contribute significantly to achieving Whistler's goal of enabling at least 75% of the community's workforce to live locally and to call Whistler home.

All of the employee restricted properties have housing covenants registered on title requiring the designated homes and suites to be occupied by Whistler employees. While many of these units have price restrictions and are sold directly through the Whistler Housing Authority (WHA) and the Employee Housing Program waitlists, some of the properties in the Employee Housing inventory have occupancy restrictions only and are not sold via the WHA waitlists. A list of the employee occupancy restricted properties is provided at the end of this Brief.

Occupancy Restricted Properties:



Employee occupancy restricted properties and suites are an important component of Whistler's Employee Housing Program. The legal housing covenants registered on these properties and suites stipulate that the properties must be occupied by full-time employees who are working for Whistler based businesses. Retirees who have worked in Whistler for at least 5 years prior to retiring from their Whistler employment may also be eligible occupants of these properties. If the owner of an occupancy restricted

property is not occupying the Employee Restricted unit as the eligible employee or retiree, then the property must be rented to another qualified Whistler employee or retiree as their primary residence.

With many Whistler businesses in need of housing for their employees, one option for property owners to consider is to participate in the <u>Home Run Program</u>, which matches property owners with Whistler businesses. This program provides a licensed property manager at a more affordable rate and enables property owners who are participating in the Home Run Program to make a valuable contribution to our community through Whistler's Employee Housing Program.

Annual Occupancy Declaration:

Owners of Employee Restricted properties and suites are required annually in June to complete an Occupancy Statutory Declaration detailing the previous year's occupants and their employment status. Reminders for Employee Restricted property owners to complete this annual reporting requirement are sent out with the RMOW's Municipal Property Tax Notices. The Declarations can be completed quickly online through the Whistler Housing Authority website and assist the WHA and Municipality with planning for additional Employee Housing for the community.

About the Whistler Housing Authority

The Whistler Housing Authority (WHA) administers Whistler's Employee Housing Programs and offers rental and homeownership opportunities to full time Whistler employees who are registered on the WHA Waitlists and who work for <u>Qualified Whistler Businesses</u>. Since the early 1990's, the WHA and the Resort Municipality of Whistler have provided housing options to address housing affordability challenges for Whistler employees.

Questions about the Employee Housing Programs can be directed to the WHA: mail@whistlerhousing.ca.

Occupancy Restricted Employee Properties & Suites (As of November 2023)

Check the property title for specific information about the property restrictions.

Complex Name & Neighbourhood	Address
Nordic Court, Nordic	2005 Nordic Place – all units
Nordic Place, Nordic	2007 Nordic Place – all units
Eva Lake Village, Nordic	2230 Eva Lake Road – all units
Eaglecrest, Bayshores	2720 Cheakamus Way – all units
The Landing, Bayshores	2728 Cheakamus Way – all units
Sunridge Suncrest, Brio	3102 Panorama Ridge – all units
Highpointe Lodge, Creekside	2101 Whistler Road (select units)
Millar's Pond, Bayshores	Millar's Pond & Cheakamus Way (select properties)
Deer Run, Blueberry Hill	3300 Ptarmigan Place (select units)
Sunrise Townhomes, Whistler Cay	6117 Eagle Drive (select units)
Lorimer Ridge, Whistler Cay	Piccolo Drive & Oboe Place (select properties)
Bayshores, Whistler Cay, Barnfield,	Select properties in these neighbourhoods may have
Spruce Grove, Spring Creek,	employee restricted suites with maximum rental
Nordic/Taluswood, Alta Vista, Rainbow	rates. Check title or contact the WHA to confirm.