

# Northern BC Housing Conference: Housing Solutions for Changing Communities

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## “Flex” Housing Design Workshop:



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Flex housing design allows owners to convert their homes over time to meet changing needs. With very little effort and cost, a flex house can be converted from a single family dwelling to a duplex or rental suite. For example, a young couple can use a secondary suite as a mortgage helper, and then convert the house to a single-family dwelling as their family grows. Empty-nesters can convert from a single-family house to a suite to allow for a live-in caregiver. For communities facing a rapidly developing housing shortage, flex housing can provide an avenue to quickly increase the number of available units. This session will explore the flex housing concept and feature some examples.