



Building Dreams –

AN INTERVIEW WITH KEENAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Actual photo of Rockies
from the Kimberley Ski Hill

AS THE CREATORS OF AND VISIONARIES BEHIND DREAMCATCHER, KEENAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP IS PASSIONATELY DEVOTED TO THE CREATION OF EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTIES THAT UNITE RESIDENTS WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH NATURE. WHAT FOLLOWS IS AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH BILL KEENAN AND DALE CHYNOWETH, PRINCIPALS OF KEENAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP.

You live in Florida and are successful developers there, but also grass roots Canadians spending much of your vacation time in Canada. Tell us a little about your backgrounds and about some of your previous projects? We have never fully left Canada and the vast majority of our travel has been back to this great country. Our previous projects include millions of square feet of office, industrial and retail development, in addition to a thousand residential units. We bring almost 50 years combined real estate experience and our philosophy is one of sharing our passion for the mountain lifestyle. DreamCatcher is really a homecoming, as it truly encapsulates our passion with its mystique, and provides our homeowners with the opportunity to experience this with their friends and family.

Bill, you are a Canadian Hall of Fame, former World Champion Mogul skier, what can you tell us about skiing in Kimberley? Why did this particular site appeal to you? Skiing in Kimberley is a wonderful combination of great snow, sunshine, rolling groomers, great bumps and powder stashes in the glades for days after a storm cycle. The site appealed to us because it is centrally located, level and forested and the history of a former campground lends itself to a "cabins in the woods" theme.

How did you first learn of this incredible 25 acre site, and what is your vision and philosophy for it? The site attracted the interest of several developers; however, it took the ultimate approval of the airport expansion to cinch the economic outlook for the area. The vision is to create a community of alpine themed homes, nestled in the existing forest, utilizing the lowest impact construction means.

DreamCatcher is minutes from the ski hill and edging onto a bluff with a million dollar outlook to the Rocky Mountains. What have you done to protect the environmental aspects of the site and have you incorporated any "green" building practices? The homes have been designed to preserve the existing trees with slab-on-grade construction or with an optional shallow "daylight" basement. Likewise, the roads are narrow and wind around the original campground sites, which adds charm and gives a feel of a rural forested landscape.

We employ "green" building practices wherever possible, such as incorporating locally harvested, natural renewable building materials, low-energy glazing, highly efficient in-floor heating, and premium insulation and appliances.

Can you tell us about timber frame construction and how it differs from typical log home construction? A timber frame structure, featured in over half our homes, utilizes the natural compressive and tensile properties of wood beams to provide an impressive, open floor plan without interior bearing walls. These majestic posts and beams will provide decades of function and aesthetics. Catch the Dream. **Your Time is Now.**