

Little Mountain Housing Timeline

1946-1953—City of Vancouver deals with explosion in population and faces a serious housing crisis following years of dormant rental housing construction. Attempts to build social housing resisted by housing industry.

1953—Canada, BC government and City of Vancouver strike a three-way deal to build BC's first social housing complex. Housing to be managed by BC. Property transferred from city to federal government.

April 1, 1954—First fourteen families move into new housing at Little Mountain site. Within one year, remainder of housing is occupied.

1954—2007—Social housing project provides low-rent housing to 224 families, many with disabilities.

2007—Government of Canada gives LM site to province. BC government then announces intention to sell LM site and use revenue to build social housing in Vancouver and elsewhere.

2007—BC Housing begins pressuring residents to move out of LM homes into social housing elsewhere. Community Advocates for Little Mountain (CALM) is formed to publicize the plight of LM residents and to advocate for public housing, not sell the land, phase the re-development and keep the community together.

2008—BC Housing announces sale of LM site to Holborn Group (now Holborn International). Price and terms not announced. Deal requires that Holborn replace all social housing in new development.

2008-9—Residents of LM are removed except for a handful of tenants who refuse to be relocated.

2009—Demolition of housing begins and is completed by start of 2010 Olympics. Site sits empty.

2010—2013—Redevelopment planning and consultation process with community conducted.

2012—Last residents of Little Mountain fight a final eviction notice from BC Housing, claiming that the province and owner are acting in bad faith. Tenants and community win battle against BC Housing. City of Vancouver announces that development permit for new social housing building will go ahead and that a deal has been reached to let the remaining tenants stay on site until completion.

2013—Deal between Holborn and BC Housing renegotiated secretly. Price set at \$334 million dollars.

2013—Privately, Holborn informs City that it prefers to focus on development of a new hotel on Georgia called Trump Tower and will not actively pursue development at Little Mountain for some time.

2015—Last residents at old Little Mountain leave their homes. New social housing building opened with 53 units for seniors and disabled. Building opened with fanfare from BC Housing and Holborn.

2015— Holborn closes its public office on nearby Main St. No public announcements about project forthcoming as Holborn remains quiet. Site sits empty.

2016—City of Vancouver ratifies LM Redevelopment Policy. No information about pace of development.

2017-2019—No progress!! Site sits empty.

Today—Still waiting