

What we may see in the next round of sustainable community development is onsite sewage treatment, except it will be called 'WERCs' – Water and Energy Recovery Centres. If we take this one step further, not only do you have wastewater treatment on the site, and streams and wetlands on the site, but that water literally comes through the soil on the green roofs of the buildings, down through the soil on the green walls of the buildings, and by the time it gets through all that soil to the basement, it's drinking water quality again. You've truly completed the cycle. And that, of course, is nature's system.

Patrick Lucey, Senior Aquatic Ecologist, Aqua-Tex Scientific Consulting Ltd



There's an original vision for this area that is still completely valid. The challenge now will be for the City to stick with its vision as the rest of SEFC is built. If they keep to the vision and policy statement, this will be an amazing neighbourhood. It will be truly phenomenal. You'll sense it.

Margot Long, Principal, PWL Partnership Landscape Architects



We've learned in SEFC that to change the world, we have to manipulate things we never manipulated in the past, that we've never thought of manipulating before. For example, how energy was delivered was always a given; in SEFC, we're forming our own energy utility. Now, a real challenge is genuine middle-income affordability; I don't think we've headed there very well. We have to start modelling a new sector of housing, a private market non-profit sector. I tell young people this is the struggle they're going to have because I'm pretty sure green construction is in the bag. And the only way we will always be at the cutting edge – no matter how much we celebrate – is to also be critical.

Larry Beasley, Former Co-Director of Planning, City of Vancouver



It's been great for me to see what people are capable of when challenged. Now, our challenge is to see everybody step up here and figure out how they can refocus their developments and their attitudes to not necessarily duplicate this, but to meet those energy-saving challenges, meet those design challenges, create great places for people to live and work in a sustainable place. I believe that is what people will look forward to in the future and it's helpful that we started down that path with Millennium Water.

Hank Jasper, Project Manager, Millennium Development Corporation

