

Then & Now

40 HOUSES

Sometimes neighbourhoods are created with specific requirements in mind.

In 1942, the Dominion Government began to fund "veteran housing". During the war with the shortage of housing, it was difficult to find a place to live.

The first "war time housing" was for defense workers, but as men came home from military service, other programmes were initiated to help them acquire homes. The first local scheme was in Cumberland, later two more were initiated in Courtenay.

In 1948, a larger project to be built in Courtenay was proposed by Central Housing and Mortgage Corporation. There would be 40 houses on the "old Cudmore property" which was bounded on the north by 17th Street and to the west by E& N Railroad.

It was suggested that there would be only three house plans ranging from 713 to 891 square feet, with monthly rentals of \$30.00, \$33.60 and \$37.80.

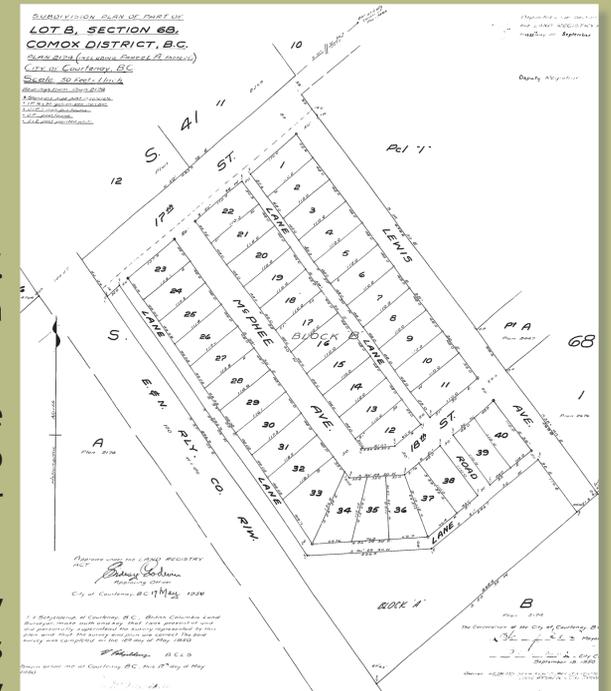
Although the contract for construction was not awarded until September 1948, as early as January of that year, Mayor Simms reported that there were 34 applications to rent the proposed units.

The allocation of the houses would be determined by need and prospective applicants would be judged on their length of service in Canada and overseas as well as their marital status and number of dependents.

In July 1949, the first ten houses were allotted to:

- A J. Sullivan • H.A. Maat • Edwin Erickson • D.H. Ashbee
- Robert Loudon • D.S. Garman • M.J. Harper
- Jack Rawlins • Lorne Pollock • R.J. Scholefield

The remaining 30 houses were completed and ready for occupancy in September.



790 18th Street 891 sq.ft.



860 18th Street 820 sq.ft.



1731 Lewis Avenue 713 sq.ft.



1732 McPhee Avenue 820 sq.ft.



1748 McPhee Avenue 820 sq.ft.

