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Final Sale of the Former Kings County Academy Land at 25 School Street

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KENTVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA – The town of Kentville has finalized the sale of the former Kings County Academy land to Enqore Developments and Ryan's Pocket Housing Co Operative Limited. Enqore Developments will construct three residential buildings with apartments of 1000 - 1500 sq.ft. and a pocket community of 16 - 20 town houses of 600 - 900 sq.ft. circling communal green spaces. These town houses will have individual driveways, while the three larger buildings will feature underground parking.

"This development addresses a housing need that currently exists in our community," states Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer for the town of Kentville. "We are confident that this development will provide options for a blended community, from young professionals to seniors looking to downsize."

"Working with Susan Harvie's group at Ryan's Pocket has been extremely inspiring," says John Ghosn of Enqore Developments. "Together we are creating a beautiful and thoughtful community that will support many diverse groups of residents."

Susan Harvie, President and co-founder of Ryan's Pocket with Peter Kirkpatrick, Secretary/ Treasurer, explains, "The concept of a pocket community is unique in Atlantic Canada. We see paths adjoining the homes which surround a large, central, traffic-free greenspace. There will be benches for people to sit and talk, and an activity complex with businesses serving the wider neighborhood such as a cafe, a daycare centre and a laundromat."

Mayor Sandra Snow states, "The experience which John Ghosn and Enqore Developments brings, combined with the local enthusiasm and determination of Ms. Harvie's group, have created a wonderful, 'one-of-a-kind' development for Kentville. This is a project that will continue to be enjoyed by the Town of Kentville and its citizens for many years into the future." The sale of the property was unanimously supported by Kentville's Town council.

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