WENINGER CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN LTD.

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eninger Construction has made its mark in Kelowna and at Big White Ski Resort, capturing the imagination of home builders seeking the best in quality and design. From the construction of luxury residences to the resort's award-winning Grizzly Lodge at Big White, Weninger has a hand in some of the area's finest projects.

Clients are actively engaged with the planning, design and building implementation of their home or business. From the

outset, they are brought into the creative design process utilizing a unique 3D Design and Drawing Service. Weninger's clients experience an actual 'walk through' of their completed project, even tracking the sun and shadows, before a foundation is poured or a single nail is driven. Weninger takes your ideas seriously, and several consultation sessions ensure that your dreams are reflected in the drafting and design they do.

The full construction drawings include all electrical and plumbing, and are suitable for permit applications. Interim designs can be forwarded to clients for their approval and input.

The Weninger name has been synonymous with quality construction in the Kelowna and Central Okanagan areas for decades. Ron Weninger worked in the building trade until 1989, when son Marlin joined forces with this father to launch Weninger Construction and Design. Marlin's

drafting and design skills, coupled with his father's building experience, proved to be a winning combination in the past 20-plus years.

Pauline Weninger, who oversees marketing at Weninger Construction and Design, says the overall process is a combination of a careful consideration of costs, quality design and construction, and exceptional craftsmanship. Long-term relationships are also a key element.

"We strive to use local suppliers and we source local products. We have great long-term relationships with many local suppliers who supply specific information when needed, she says.

Weninger Construction and Design was using green techniques before it became a way of life in the building trade. Their Grizzly Lodge project at Big White, completed in the 1990's, was one of the first luxury condominium units on the mountain. They harvested logs from the property and incorporated them into their design.

Most of Weninger's clients are from the Okanagan, although they are seeing an increase in clients from across Canada, especially Alberta. The company aims for variety in their projects,

> and they undertake large and small renovations along with their new home building.

Pauline says Weninger is optimistic about the building market in 2011. She offers some valuable insight.

"One thing the recession has done is to promote people staying in and enjoying their home more. People want to create a more comfortable home where they can spend time with their family and friends. Also, this is a buyers market, so it leads more to renovations. Rental property renovations are also on the rise, as investors are looking for a more long-term return, purchasing in this buyers market and updating to obtain a better rental clientele," she explains.

Each Weninger project involves features that are unique to that particular client. Their most recent project, a custom chalet built in their Feathertop development at Big White, incorporated timbers, rock work and huge view windows to enjoy the panorama. The 5,000 square foot chalet was made for fun, and includes a pool table, theatre room, gourmet kitchen

and bars, sauna, hot tub and gym, and a Juliette balcony overlooking a 23-foot vaulted ceiling.

Weninger has a regular team of 12, which can vary depending upon the projects they are undertaking. At Weninger Construction and Design, the most important awards are their customer's response to their work.

"We are rewarded every day by satisfied clients," Pauline says.





"Clients will want to have a feature or two that stand out and make their project exceptional, as well as creating an overall feel

for each individual project," she says. "There are many ways to do this, and they do not have to be over-the-top expensive."

Examples of unique touches include wood soffits, vaulted wood ceilings, curved staircases, large view windows, rock accents, wood garage doors and expansive covered front entries with unique front doors.

The team at Weninger is committed to top quality cli-

ent services, always building with an eye for the long term. As a large local company, Weninger is known for their solid reputation for providing exceptional warranty service.

As is the case with most successful businesses, experience is the key at Weninger Construction and Design. Every element is carefully considered...each client's wants and needs, the lay of the land they are building on, sunrises and sunsets, the best views, parking and access are just some of them.

"With our extensive construction and design experience, your project will proceed very smoothly," Pauline assures.

Their experience is vast and diversified, both in terms of location and the type of project they are undertaking. Commercial

properties, residential homes, multi-

family living, home renovations, chalets, custom homes, recreational properties...they have done them all. Another of their unique specialties is working with steep or challenging terrain.

Each type of projects has its own challenges and rewards. Restaurants and commercial spaces are turned into unique yet functional spaces, tailored to each businesses individual uses, with special consideration for high traffic areas. Multi-family sites go from raw

land through the development process and ultimately into a well laid-out, attractive building which conforms to the code of the individual municipality. From Vancouver Island to the central Okanagan and as far as Big White Resort, they have a working knowledge of the area in which they are conducting business.



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