

Six-storey wood West Coast Modern building SAILs into UBC

On September 6, UBC Properties Trust and local developer Adera host the grand opening of UBC's most sustainable residential building, SAIL, as well as the new Mundell Park adjacent at Wesbrook Village. SAIL is the first project to meet REAP (or Residential Environmental Assessment Program) Platinum standards, the highest level of sustainability ever achieved under the program.

REAP is a UBC-specific rating program designed for our Pacific Coast climate.


Opening day celebrations includes a tour of the newly opened SAIL, illustrating the building's West Coast Modern design including lobby, breezeways and private roofdecks.

It will also highlight SAIL's green technologies, including energy recovery systems from North Vancouver's Enerpro and renewable wood products from Penticton's Structurlam. Adera anticipates a savings of 75 per cent + in energy costs and water use versus traditional buildings because of SAIL's green systems (Energy Star appliances, high efficiency windows and light switches among other features).

SAIL is located in the Wesbrook Village neighbourhood in UBC's South Campus, master planned to international award-winning standards by UBC Properties Trust.

Close to urban amenities, the 172 homes are surrounded by natural landscaping, pool, ocean, forest and parks.

Extensive green spaces, water features and green streets link the neighbourhood together and connect it to the wider university community, with a high attention paid to sustainability.

Notably, SAIL is also the first six-storey wood-frame building at UBC. 



There will be a public open house for SAIL, the first project to meet REAP Platinum standards, on Sept. 6. The gorgeous wood beams are made by BC's Structurlam (also notably seen at the Vancouver Convention Centre and Richmond Oval).