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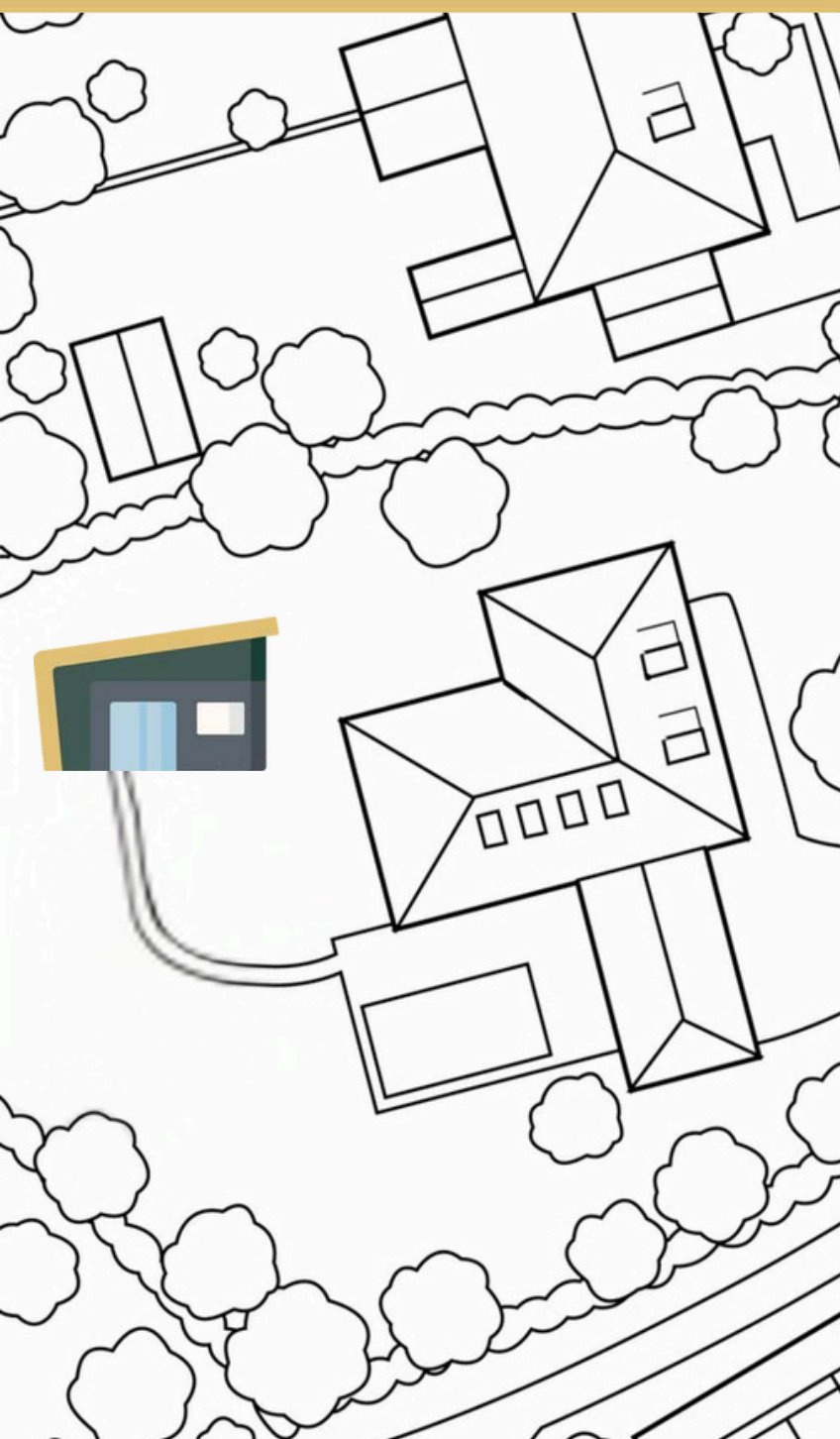
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ADUs vs Tiny Homes

What's the Difference, and Which Is Right for You?

Considering adding an ADU or a tiny home to your property? While they might seem similar, ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) and tiny homes serve different purposes and have unique benefits. Choosing the right option depends on your goals — and **Resimate** is here to make the process easier.



What is an ADU?

An ADU is a self-contained living unit on the same lot as a primary residence. It can be attached, detached, or converted from an existing structure like a garage or basement. ADUs are ideal for:

- **Multigenerational Living:** A comfortable space for aging parents or adult children.
- **Rental Income:** Generate extra income through long- or short-term rentals.
- **Property Value:** Boost your home's resale value.
- **Flexible Uses:** Perfect for a guesthouse, home office, or studio!



Key Differences Between ADUs and Tiny Homes

- **Foundation:** ADUs are built permanently; tiny homes are on a trailer and wheels.
- **Location:** ADUs can be in cities and are in the backyard of a primary dwelling; tiny homes are often in rural settings, potentially off-grid, leasing land.
- **Structure:** ADUs may be internal, attached or converted spaces, while tiny homes are standalone units and typically mobile.

Which Is Right for You?

Choose an ADU if you want to create a long-term living space, enhance your property value, or generate rental income. A tiny home might be your choice for mobility, minimalism, or a smaller upfront investment.

Avoid the Hassle — Let Resimate Help

Browse our [models catalogue](#), [search your address](#), or figure out your budget with [our calculator](#)! We specialize in guiding homeowners through every step of the ADU process, from paperwork to construction.

💡 **[Book a call today](#)** and let us help you design, plan, and build the perfect ADU for your needs—without the stress. Whether you're just starting out or ready to build, we're here to make your dream a reality!

The Resimate Process

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CONSULTATION

Book your free phone consultation to discuss your needs and receive a personalised estimate.

DIGITAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

During your phone consultation, we'll go through a preliminary assessment - valuable insights about your lot, zoning, and garden suite potential.

DELIVERY & INSTALLATION

Partnering with trusted carriers and installers, we ensure the safe delivery and installation of your backyard home!

CONSTRUCTION & PREPARATION

We begin constructing your garden suite off-site while preparing the installation site, including all necessary utilities like electricity and plumbing.

MOVE IN!

We'll make sure everything is just right, then leave you to enjoy!



Our CEO & Founder, Sarah Cipkar, has been a speaker at the Tiny Home Show many times! As an ADU owner herself, Sarah knows well the perks and process of creating your own garden suite. Want to learn more about ADU's? Check out Sarah's **ADU 101!**



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AGREEMENT & DESIGN WORK

You choose your model and customisations, we'll finalise the timeline and answer all your questions before signing the agreement.

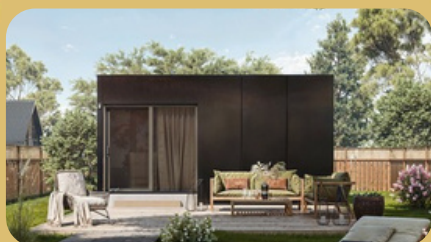
ON-SITE ASSESSMENT

Our experts visit your property to measure and evaluate the site, delivering a detailed assessment report for your project.

PERMIT SUBMISSION & APPROVAL

We handle all the paperwork and submissions required for municipal construction permits, ensuring a hassle-free process.

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Garden Studio

Eden Dwellings
288 sqft · 0 bed · 1 bath

Designed with supreme functionality & aesthetics, this studio has enough custom design elements to make it your own.



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432 sqft · 1 bed · 1 bath

A Modern Luxury Backyard ADU: a no-sacrifice solution to living in style for you, your guests or your loved ones.



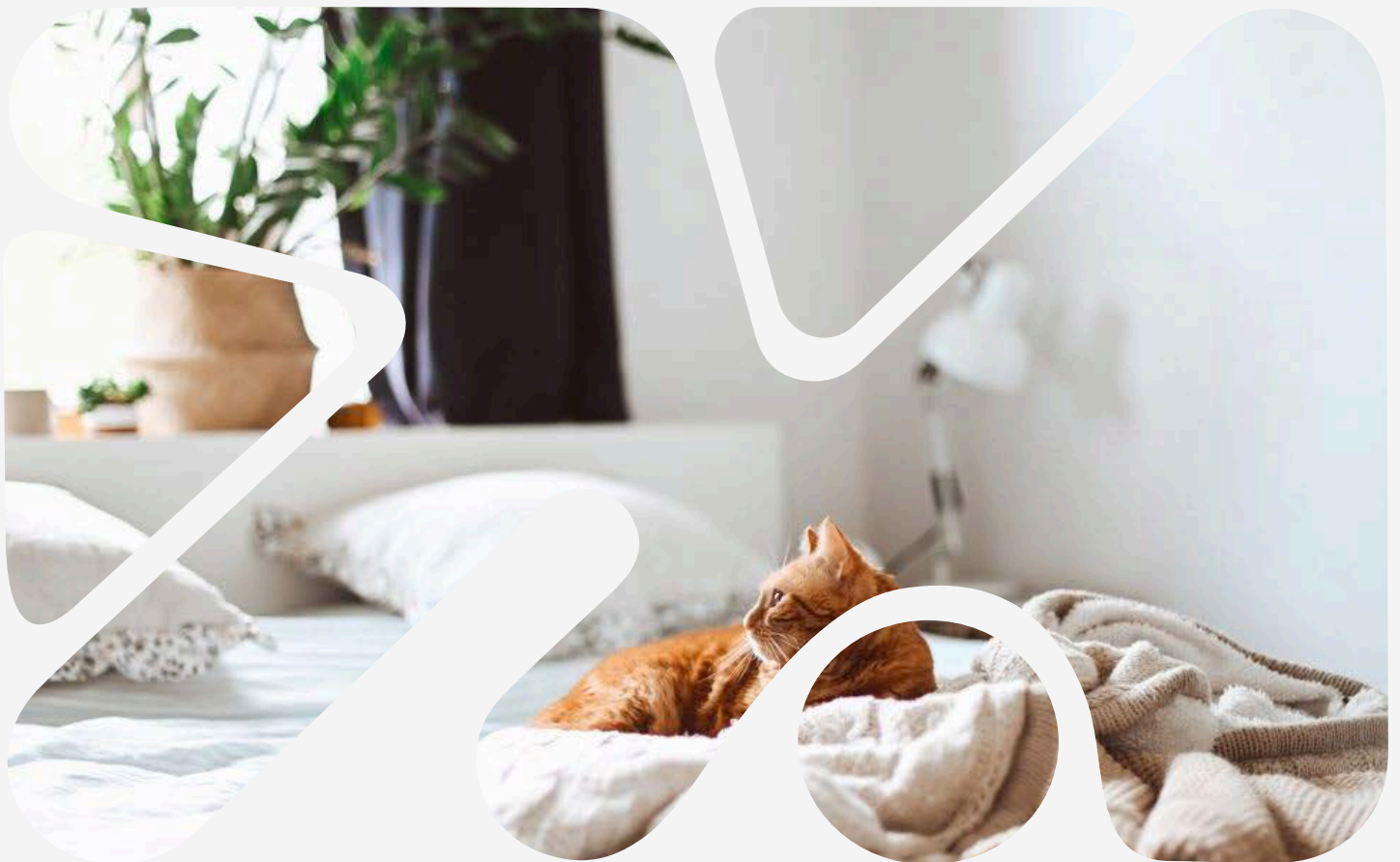
Rio

Ilo Mini-Maison
690 sqft · 2 bed · 1 bath

Designed for a small family with two large bedrooms, kitchen, a dining area and a living room, plus storage!

6 BEDROOM IDEAS WHEN YOU CAN'T HAVE A LOFT

Don't lose sleep over it! When you can't have a bedroom loft because of mobility or building code, you can still get some space-savvy and cozy sleeping spots in! So, let's get creative with beds!





1 BUNK BEDS

First of all, even without a sleeping loft, you can use the generous height that most tiny homes offer by using bunk beds.

Great for kids and sleeping-over relatives alike, bunk beds offer a great solution to lack of bedroom space.

Did you know that bunk beds can have a queen-size bottom bunk with a twin-size top bunk? So many options!

Make the bunk beds cozier by adding privacy curtains or canopies. Kids will love the feeling of being nestled inside their own little nook.

Consider folding away the bottom portion of the bunk bed for use as a home office space or kids play area.

Pros: Great for kids

Cons: Not great for couples

Photo: @miracleonthirtyfourth



2 BEDS UNDER THE FLOOR

A popular option for those of us with limited mobility, or limited desire to climb up ladders and stairs to get into bed, is the roll-out bed stored under the floor.

In this tiny home model, the kitchen floor is lifted, so you have to step up to it.

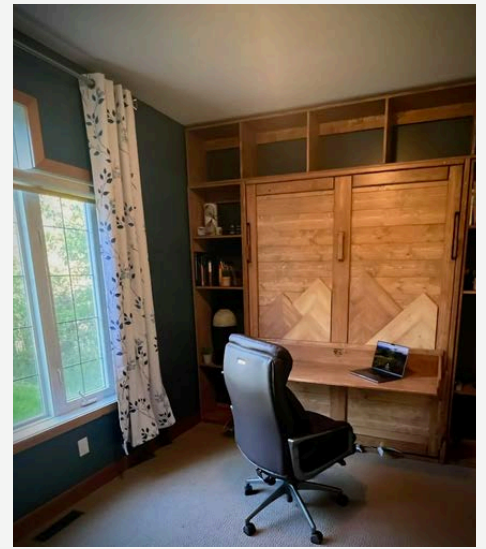
Under the entire kitchen is a giant "storage box" on rollers which is where you keep your bed all made and ready to sleep in.

In the morning, simply roll it back in.

Pros: Your bed is always made and ready, no need to climb anywhere.

Cons: Feels a bit like sleeping on an air mattress in the middle of the floor while visiting your sister. Needs to be built into the floorplan, can't be easily added to an existing tiny home.

Photo: Tiny Living



3 MURPHY BEDS OR WALL BEDS

Murphy beds or wall beds are built on a hinged mechanism at the head of the bed.

In the folded position, it is vertically positioned against the wall, with usually some shelves on either side and perhaps a photo wall or desk on its underside.

With the bed completely folded away, you are left with lots of floor space that can be used during the day.

Since whatever is in the "bed area" will need to be cleared away before lowering the bed, you won't be able to put any permanent furniture.

However, with some creativity, this space can be used for yoga, fold-away home office, or even a big dining table that folds away at night.

Pros: The bed folds away is well-hidden, leaving a lot of floor space for other use during the day.

Cons: Whatever you put on the floor freed by the Murphy bed will need to be moved out of the way every night.

Photo: Kootenay Beds



4 SOFA BEDS

A popular option for space-saving beds in a tiny house is the sofa bed, which looks like a stylish sofa during the day, perfectly complementing your living room decor.

Then, at night, the sofa cushions fold out in various ways to create a bed.

Pros: No compromising your living room look or daytime sofa-lounging comfort.

Cons: Since the sofa cushions are the bed, you don't have as much control over the firmness as you would with a mattress. There is also an awkward "seam" where the cushions fold, which you may find yourself trying to avoid.

Photo: Nu Space Mobilier



5 DAY BEDS AND TRUNDLE BEDS

Day beds and trundle beds have various mechanisms of turning a smaller bed into a larger one.

What looks like a twin-sized bed during the day can become a queen-sized bed at night, or wheel out an additional twin-sized bed from underneath.

With a little bit of creativity and a lot of cushions, the "day" version of the day bed can be styled as a sofa and used in the living room.

Pros: A smaller bed is still available during the day to use as a sofa or lounging area. The plus side over the sofa-bed is that this comes with the comfortable mattress of your choice.

Cons: There is still a twin-sized bed you need to find room for. And you might like to have a sofa instead.

Photo: IKEA



6 BEDS WITH STORAGE

Whatever bed you decide to go with for your tiny home, make sure no space goes to waste!

Take advantage of every inch of storage under, around, and even over the bed.

Pros: No need to vacuum under the bed!

Cons: There are no cons. It's one of those decisions that you will never regret. Enjoy!

Photo: @in_the_small_things



UNLOCK YOUR HOME'S POTENTIAL: THE PERKS OF CO-OWNERSHIP AND SELLING A PORTION OF YOUR PROPERTY

By: Husmates

Why sell a portion of your home?

Fractionally listing your property means selling a portion or fraction of your home while maintaining partial equity and enjoying the benefits of co-ownership.

This offers a way for homeowners who are equity rich and living with extra space to reclaim some cashflow. In addition to the financial incentives, this option might be especially interesting for individuals looking to increase their social community, those who would like to age in place, and anyone interested in sharing resources and having help with the physical and financial pressures of homeownership.

Whether you own a multi-plex home with a separate unit that would be ideal to list for co-ownership, or are in a single family home with extra space that could be creatively divided and shared in ownership – co-ownership provides both sellers and buyers with huge benefits and the ability to enter into home ownership.

Co-ownership driving creative possibilities in housing

In Toronto's escalating housing market, co-ownership is emerging as a viable solution for prospective homeowners. Husmates, a real estate platform founded by Lesli Gaynor and Parimal Gosai, facilitates this approach by connecting individuals interested in pooling resources to purchase property.

The platform assists users in identifying suitable residences, managing finances, and matching with potential co-owners.

CityNews Toronto

A practical example of co-ownership's benefits is evident in Bloordale Village. In February 2020, Craig Ruttan, his partner, and two friends utilized Husmates to acquire a detached house.

It came down to, "we didn't need a 2,000-square-foot house and we didn't want a 500-square-foot condo. So this opened up options in between, getting to live in a neighbourhood and getting to live in a place about the same size or a little bigger than our current apartment" says Craig.

They transformed the property into three separate units, including a laneway house, thereby enhancing affordability and community living.

The Green Line

Co-ownership not only makes homeownership more accessible but also fosters community bonds and shared responsibilities. As Toronto continues to grow, innovative models like co-ownership offer promising avenues to address housing challenges. Check out Husmates available on both the app and [google store](#).

TYPES OF TINY HOME COMMUNITIES IN CANADA



Tiny home community with leased land (the classic)

This is the tiny home community that most people imagine when they first start their search. While common in warmer places such as the Southern United States, these communities are actually very rare in Canada.

We define the "classic" tiny home community by three measures:

- you can bring your own home (most probably on wheels)
- you lease the pad for your home
- there is some shared community element – for example, a shared garden or greenhouse, shared indoor facilities, some community decision-making

Most places that call themselves "tiny home communities" in Canada don't meet all three of these requirements, and that's ok. We need housing in all forms and different things work for different people.

However, we do want to draw your attention to a few examples where this classic tiny home community is working, for real, in Canada, yes, we're serious! Take a look at [Big Calm](#) in BC – they even offer a profit-sharing investment model whereby you can participate in the success of the community as it grows.

PROS Maximum flexibility for the resident – you can choose the home of your dreams, and you can decide it's not for you and move your home elsewhere. Bringing like-minded residents together in an eco-minded community of tiny homes can be amazing.

CONS For the property owner, it's hard to hit a balance of all the infrastructure and services expected by residents at a rental price point that will still be seen by them as affordable living. Buying land is not cheap, either.

Sustaining this type of community may require additional sources of income, for example from an AirBNB rental on the property or selling produce from the community farm. However, managing the property, the people, and the business may prove too much.

Tiny home community on unorganized land

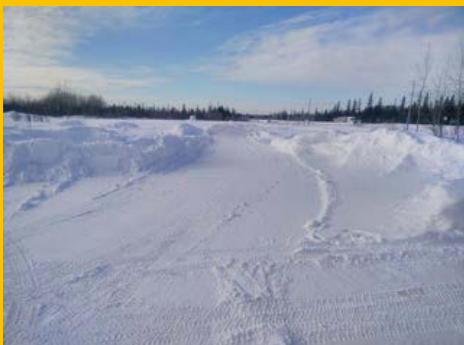
As a variation on the classic, we've seen several examples of this type of community popping up in Ontario, where an "unorganized municipality" means an unincorporated municipality where there is no local government.

It's not hard to understand why – municipal bylaws in Ontario and elsewhere often stand in the way of placing even one tiny home on a property – never mind a group of them! So, we see people buying a lot of unorganized land which does not require building permits.

Then, adding the infrastructure required for a tiny home community and renting out spots for tiny homes one by one. For example, [Rob the Tireman](#) and [Acadia](#).

PROS The "do whatever you want" format of this community allows you to truly put your vision into practice. Those who live in remote areas like these often speak of their renewed connection with nature and all the wildlife they get to observe.

CONS Unorganized townships are often very remote. You will need an off-grid water plan for sure, and probably also off-grid power. Putting in any infrastructure, such as roads/driveways into the property, septic fields, etc. will cost more due to the remote location. Garbage disposal may be difficult.



We've also seen pushback from local municipalities against such communities if they start to notice ecological and social impacts on their township from the added nearby population that is seen as "taking advantage" of their local way of life.

Tiny home community with owned land, condo-style

This is a type of community that gets brought up a lot in the tiny home industry as a potential way forward.

The idea is to replace the single property owner of the classic community above with a group of owners. Essentially, a group of people buying the piece of land and each holding partial ownership of it. They share the property maintenance costs equally and are able to sell their share to a new owner when they move out.

PROS Being able to share the ownership and initial cash outlay to buy the land makes this type of community a lot more manageable to start. Shared ownership also increases the responsibility residents feel for the community as a whole, making this model more egalitarian than a for-profit community that is owned by a landlord.

CONS Requires each resident to have more cash to join the community. We have yet to see banks recognize a structure like this as something mortgage-able, so you should be prepared to pay for your lot in cash – and also prepared to pay property taxes.

Finding the required number of interested residents with cash in hand can be difficult at the start of the community. It can also be very tricky to get the paperwork right – and tricky to understand the paperwork you are presented with as a resident.



Small home subdivision

This may look like a tiny home community – but, in our definition, isn't.

When you are presented by the developer with a home model or models to choose from, you have to buy the land and the home, and there are no shared services apart from a soccer field and a park bench, what you're really looking at is a subdivision – just with smaller homes.

PROS It may be just what you've been looking for.

CONS It's not a tiny home community.

Year-round RV park

Surprisingly to some, all-season campgrounds and RV parks are finding new life in the tiny home industry, since they already have all of the infrastructure (hookups, shower and laundry facilities, septic, power) needed for a tiny home community.

We are seeing tiny homes pop up in many parks across Canada. The only difference between this and a tiny home community seems to be that you will also find some RVs there. Check out [this story of a woman who got a quick parking spot in an RV park in Alberta](#) and is loving it.

PROS It's quick and easy to rent a pad in one of these established businesses. You may find a sense of community among the year-round residents and you may be quite close to the city as well. The degree of "roughing it" is much lower than some of the other options.

CONS Depending on the park, it may not look like what you'd imagined a tiny home community to be. Also, depending on the park, you may get tired of the seasonal turnover of vacationers and temporary workers.

Government-sponsored affordable housing or shelter community

When we hear that a municipality in Canada has approved a tiny home community, it is typically one of these – a community created for a specific vulnerable population and run by a not-for-profit.

For the most part, these communities are built in the same way that any affordable housing complex is built across the country. The homes are pre-designed and put up by a developer hired by the municipality and not-for-profit. Some municipal budget is typically allocated to the project and land may also be donated.

These projects are named "tiny home communities" when they include some of the elements of tiny living – for example, the size and style of the residences and the shared facilities and resources. For examples, take a look at [Project Tiny Hope](#) in Ontario and [12 Neighbours](#) in New Brunswick.

PROS Creating more housing and community living for people who need it most.

CONS In order to get into one of these communities, you need to apply, meet the requirements, and be selected.

They're not accessible to everyone and no, you can't bring your own home.

Organic urban mini-community

This is something interesting that we just wanted to put out there, inspired by [Junction Village](#) in Ontario. It's not officially a tiny home community, but it does have a lot of the spirit of tiny living.

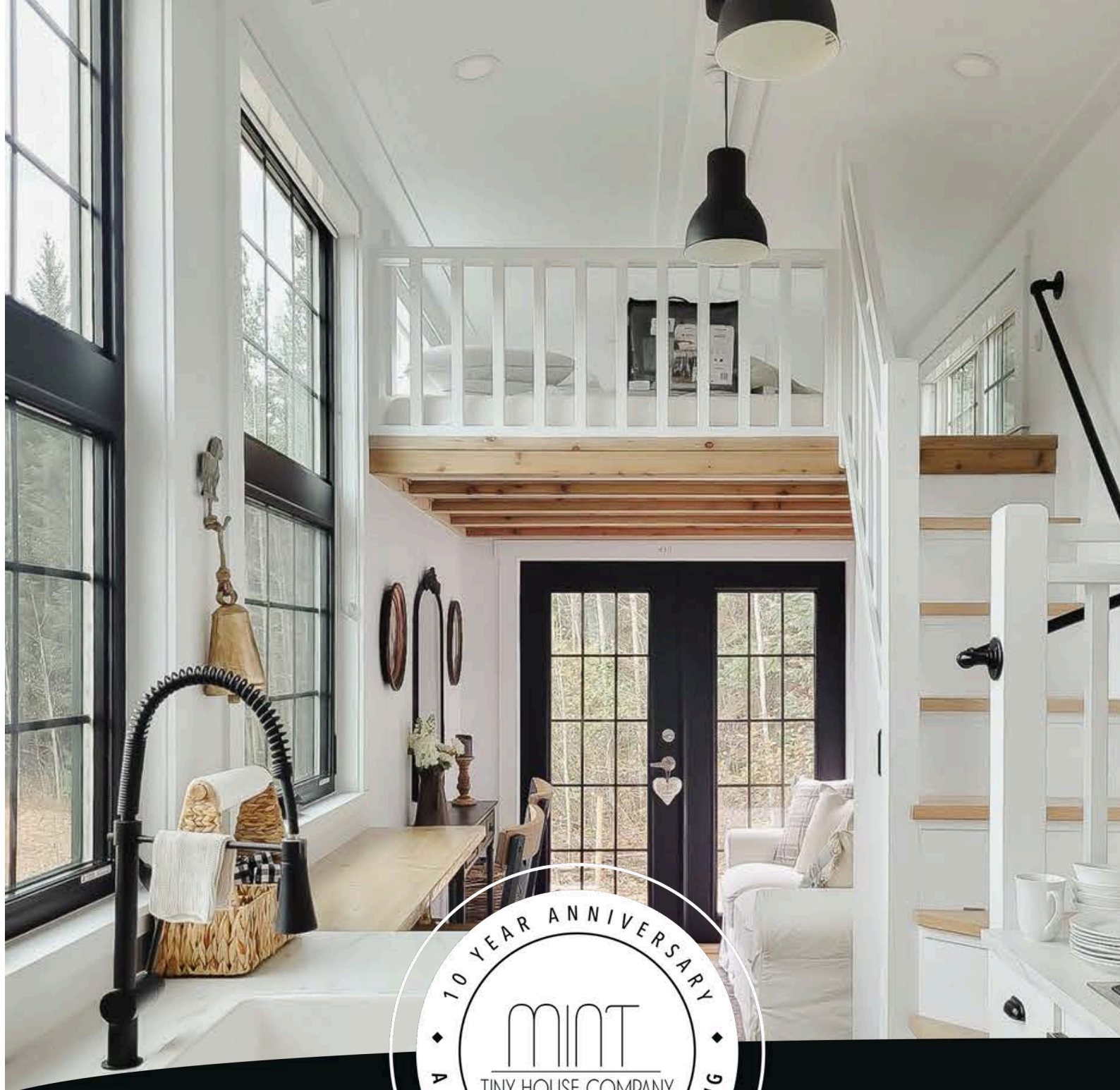
Basically, with the current trend towards urban densification, it may be possible to "assemble" a tiny home community of sorts by building secondary dwelling units into existing properties.

For example, if you and your neighbours decided to convert your conventional houses into duplexes, take down the fences between your homes, and each build a tiny home pad in the backyard, you will find yourself with triple the number of residences in the same area – all completely legal and with all the required permits.

PROS Building a tiny home community inside the city is the dream!

CONS You need really like-minded neighbours... and to already own property.





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FAMILY, CHICKENS, AND TINY HOME ADUS

Two families
reunited
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Additional
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"Mom, I'm going to the store. Do you need anything?"

Simple moments like these can be the key to quality of life.

For JP Marquis of Minimaliste, who has just returned from installing his second Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) tiny home in 2 months, these moments are what he's passionate about.

The ADUs – tiny homes on a foundation – were built in Minimaliste's certified workshop in Quebec, then delivered by truck and installed in their new home.



With the ADU,
you're preserving
privacy while
adding proximity.

Ottawa ADU: A retirement dream of spending time in the garden, close to family

This client hired Minimaliste to build her a tiny home in her daughter's backyard, where she can be close to the grandchildren and roll up her sleeves in the garden.

She's single, retired, and has a lot of energy. Just not for cleaning and maintaining her 5-bedroom home.

"[Our client] was not in the physical shape that was allowing her to take care of her large house and still have the energy to do things outside. But now, her ADU is small, compact. There's nothing to do, nothing to maintain. Now she can go out and have another shot at being more active than she was in the previous 10 years, for example."

The ADU is installed in Clarence-Rockland, an Ottawa suburb. The client sold her house and moved to an ADU on her daughter's property where she can have her privacy and her own indoor and outdoor space while also helping out with the chickens, maple trees, and other gardening projects.

She will also be close at hand to help with the grandchildren.

As any parent knows, an extra set of hands during the morning school rush can mean the difference between mental wellbeing and burnout, an effect that is felt throughout the rest of the day.

"When you have a family with two, three kids, there is so much to do and take care of. Our client was living 45 minutes away. She is an active woman, she wanted to help, but couldn't make that drive every day. Now she can be right there."



Quebec City ADU: No more renting, plus quality time with aging parents

it's a 12' by 24' and it's officially the first Additional Dwelling Unit in Quebec City, making use of a new bylaw that Minimaliste helped to develop and push through.

JP says, "Our clients are a couple in their early 40s. They are two professionals who work remotely, they have their own companies. They travel a lot.

They've been renting an apartment in Quebec City, but she wanted to be closer to her parents as her father is living with a disability and she'd like to be able to support them more as they age."

JP explains, "They installed their tiny home at the back of the family's property so she can take care of her father and her mother wouldn't be the only caretaker.

Instead of living in an apartment far away, she can be right there.

And instead of paying upwards of \$1600 for the apartment and being away for six months out of the year, they can now pay a lower mortgage on the ADU.

When they're traveling, they can also rent out the tiny home for short-term rentals or the family can use it for visiting guests. So, yeah, they're pretty happy right now."

The financing arrangement is an interesting one, and something that JP thinks will be seen more often. You cannot take out a mortgage on the ADU if it's not attached to land.

With the main house and land owned by the parents, the clients were able to add the ADU to the overall value of the property and then purchase a fraction of the property from their parents.

By entering in a co-ownership arrangement, the clients were able to take out a fractional mortgage on the ADU. They are now property owners building equity instead of renting.

In many parts of Canada, buying a conventional home has become out of reach for people in their twenties and thirties. JP shares that adult children buying ADUs is becoming a more common scenario, and a legitimate "middle step" in a house ownership journey.

"Traditionally, we used to think that ADUs were meant for aging people that don't want to have to maintain a big house. But we also see young owners that will say, well, I cannot afford my dream home right now, but I don't want to rent either. I'd like to have something of my own that I can put my money in, and build a credit history."

"There are many families that would really benefit from an ADU. We can see that it really improves their quality of life. Our whole team is so proud of that. That's why we do it."



WHEN A TINY HOUSE IS NOT THE ANSWER

And when it is...

By: Mint Tiny House Company



You might think that our goal at Mint Tiny House Company is to sell every person on planet Earth a tiny home. And, hey, to be fair, that's what a lot of companies aim to do.

At Mint, however, we're committed to building a product that creates well-being, and in order for a house to create well-being, it has to be the right fit.

Much as we love tiny homes, a tiny house is not a universal tool that can be used in any situation.

So, if you're curious, here are a few examples of when a tiny house might NOT be the answer.



A Tiny Home Might NOT be the Answer if You Plan to Live on the Road...

Mint tiny homes hold up very well on the road. In fact, if you wanted to live on the road, you'd have no problem doing so.

So why do we steer people away from a tiny home if we learn their plan is to travel full time? Well, the main reason is that tiny homes are heavy.

Tiny homes are heavy for a reason—they are supposed to feel like real houses! But just because we build tiny homes so they can move, that doesn't mean that being on the road full-time is the most productive use of one.

Can you do it? Sure. But is it the best type of structure for that type of lifestyle? Ehhh.. less sure.

We'd never stop you, but a tiny home might not be the answer if you plan to truly live on the road.

A Tiny House Might NOT Be the Answer if You Don't Want to Downsize

Do you have a massive closet, a spectacular shoe collection, and a ton of sporting equipment?



If you have a lot of stuff and no intention of downsizing, a tiny house might not be the answer.

There's no shame in owning as much as you need to fuel your life, but if your life involves a substantial amount of things, you might find that moving into a tiny house cramps your style.

There is nothing fun about sleeping with a kayak in your loft bedroom, OK?

Again, absolutely no judgment, but if you have a lot of stuff and zero plans to downsize, a tiny home might not be the answer.

A Tiny House Might NOT Be the Answer if You're Looking for the Cheapest Possible Housing

At Mint Tiny House Company, we seek to make more affordable, high-quality housing that promotes flexibility, well-being, and value-based living.

We are not trying to sell you the cheapest possible house.

Affordability will always be a part of the conversation about tiny homes, but one huge myth about tiny homes is that they are supposed to be "cheap."

We would argue that tiny homes are supposed to facilitate a life lived on your terms.

If your goal is the cheapest possible housing, a used traditional RV, renting a bedroom, or getting a job that provides housing could all be less expensive options.

So while a tiny house is far cheaper than owning a traditional house in many areas, it's not necessarily the cheapest possible option.

So if you're looking for that, a tiny home may not be the answer for you.

A Tiny House Might NOT Be the Answer if You Have a Very Specific Vision With No Flexibility

Maybe you dream of a tiny house, but you only want a tiny home IF:

You can live in it legally.

...in the middle of a bustling city.

...on your own land.

...without building or buying any additional structures.

...and without doing any real estate development like getting permits or bringing in utilities.

...and you want chickens, but no neighbors or HOA fees.

Look, we love your style. Who wouldn't want urban chickens, with no HOA rules, chill neighbors, and a government that has a plug-and-play way to say yes to your tiny home dreams?

Someday, we hope this highly specific vision is achievable, but for now, your tiny home dream may have to come with a few compromises.

Maybe you can live in a tiny house in a city... but in an RV community.

Or maybe you can enjoy your tiny home legally on private land with chickens... but you'll need to be in a more rural area.

The point is that there is a version of your dream that's doable, but if you have a highly specific vision and are unwilling to compromise, a tiny house might not be the answer- at least at this stage of the game

So When IS a Tiny House the Answer?

Great question!

A tiny house is the answer if you have a touch of grit and a sense of adventure. If you are excited to build a value-based life and spend less than you would on a traditional home, a tiny home may very well be for you.

If you are open to living in an RV community, the tiny home dream can even be easy, and if you have that aforementioned touch of grit, you may even have what it takes to try to legally place a tiny house on private land.

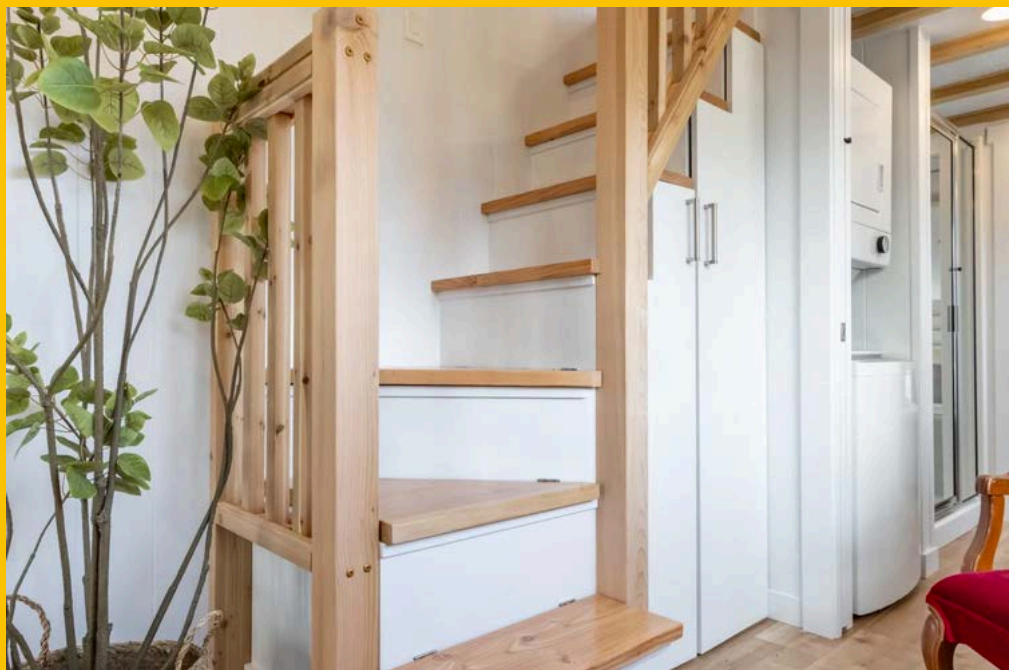
A tiny home is not for everyone, but it is for anyone who wants to look back on their life with the satisfaction of knowing they went after their dreams.

If plastic consumption, gag gifts, and endless micro-conveniences make you feel bogged down, a tiny home is the breath of fresh air you've been looking for.

Are tiny houses the easiest or least expensive possible housing? No.

But if you're looking for well-being, have a pioneering spirit, and are seeking an integrated life that blends seamlessly with your values, you're going to need a tiny house.

Are you ready to learn more about buying a tiny home? Just [click here](#) to book your free tiny home consultation.



THE STACK: LOOKING AT TINY HOME COMMUNITIES AS WHOLE SYSTEMS

Stacks are a central feature in permaculture.

By: Big Calm Tiny Homesteads



In permaculture, the practice of stacking functions ensures that every element in a system has more than one function. By combining the multiple functions of various elements in the system, we are able to increase yields and increase the system's stability, which thereby increases its resilience as a whole.

Psychologist Abraham Maslow identified another type of stack in 1943 when he published "A Theory of Human Motivation" in which he explored how human beings grow and develop according to a hierarchy of needs.

This particular stack provides an especially useful framework for the future of Big Calm and other tiny home / homestead communities. What if we applied the system approach to designing an ideal tiny home community?

If what we're building is an intentional community, let it be one that is intent on serving multiple functions, rather than simply being a place to park your tiny home.

Let it achieve all five of these levels to meet all of our psychological and social needs, such that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.





The core for everything is the house itself. Having a roof over one’s head satisfies our most essential physiological need.

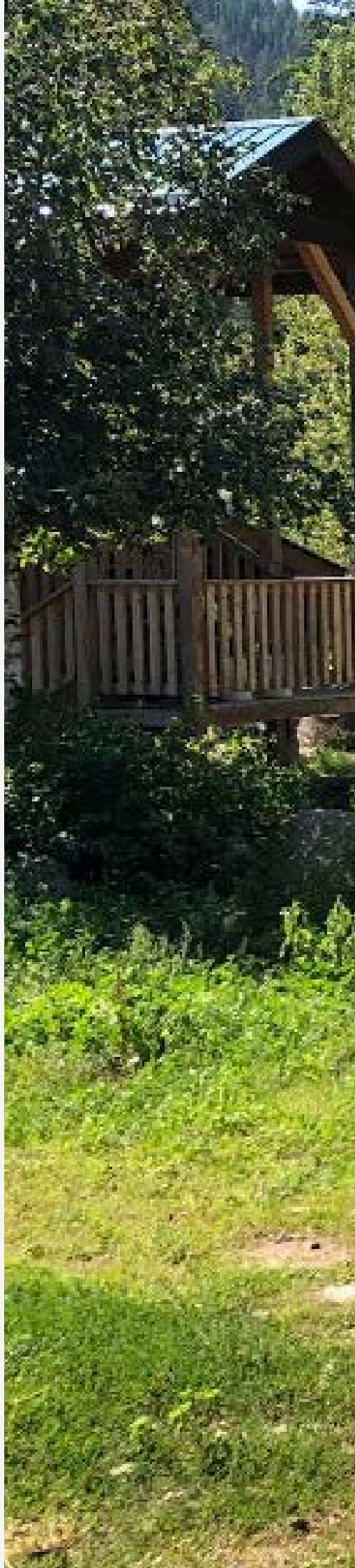
There is a surge of innovative, factory-built, modular, and efficient structures approaching the market – from cubes and containers to A-frames and domes; all shapes and sizes.

These options need to be treated as a distinct housing class that is in many ways superior to traditional stick buildings and wasteful bespoke construction. This next generation of housing is designed to be “plug-and-play” – as exemplified by tiny houses on wheels.



Next is the physical edge (another important permaculture concept). All of those prefabricated houses need to be placed somewhere and plugged into hookups. Most of them would benefit by being surrounded by complementary attachments, like decks, storage, and even micro-grid energy systems.

This edge space provides safety and security for one’s house, and offers a much-needed interface with nature, which is especially important for smaller dwellings.





Then, of course, there is the community aspect. Whether it's suburbs, cohousing, co-ops, or ecovillages, a good home is surrounded by good neighbours – somewhere between [Dunbar's Numbers](#) of 15 and 50, a natural scale of sociability among humans.

Even better if they're positioned in a "pocket neighborhood" configuration that, as [Ross Chapin](#) observed, balances community members' privacy and proximity. Not only does community provide a valuable sense of belonging, in rural areas especially, it's a way to pool resources – like harvested food and energy – that build resilience.



Building resilience also builds esteem, which can fulfil us both practically and spiritually. This may be the most overlooked layer of the stack and is largely missing from modern, sterile real estate developments. In a world where remote work is now possible and work-life balance is sought after, the ability to cultivate and share skills, and to do so both hyper-locally in-person and bio-regionally online, creates a powerful micro-economy and valuable income.

Many people have side-hustles that they're passionate about and would like to nurture. Natalie Brake at [Tiny Home Listings Canada](#) calls this vocational edge space "happy money" and it's ideally close to home, not separated by a dismal commute to a separate work life.

Lastly, and most aspirationally, is the network state. Described as a reverse diaspora, or Society-as-a-Service, and even as the sequel to the nation state, this is where digital technologies like blockchain open new possibilities for membership, governance, and currency. Not yet, but it's coming.

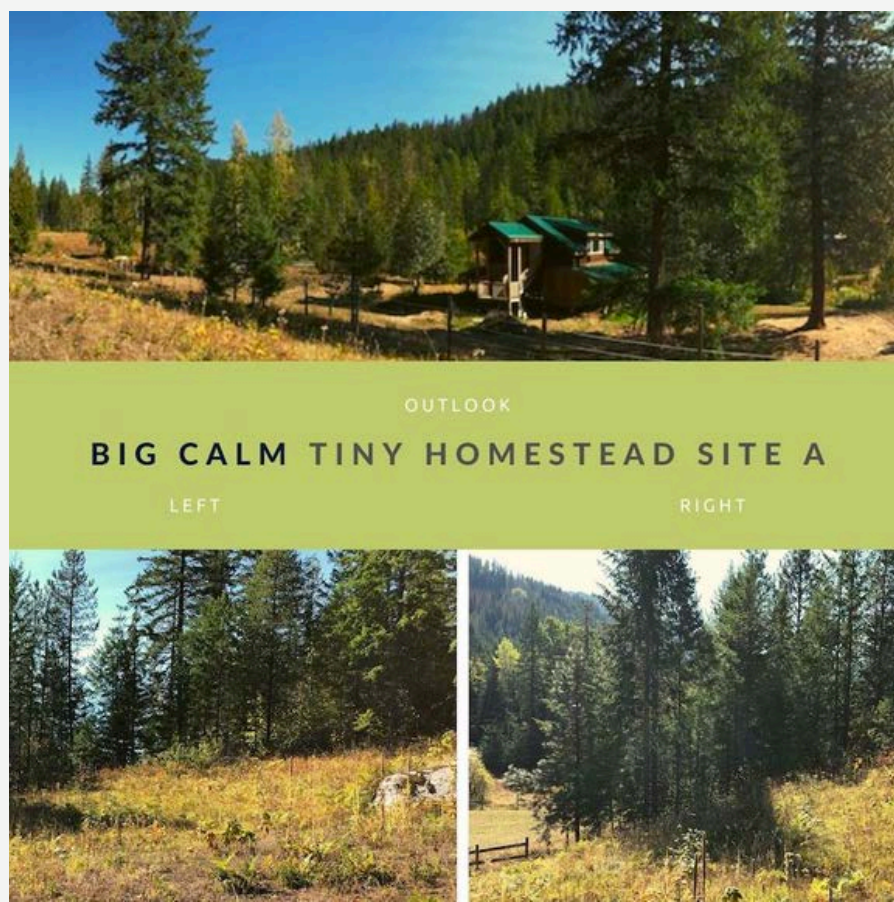
For now, its essence is that of knowledge exchange – especially bioregionally – between champions of the resilient and regenerative villages movement.

In this stack, one's home isn't simply a house. It is also an interface with nature, a community of neighbours, a micro-economy of skills, and a passport to a regenerative movement.

That's the opportunity we envision at Big Calm: to knit together each of these exciting parts into an undeniable whole.



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SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE

Name: **Chris**

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Builder:
Minimaliste

Tiny Home
Location: **Ottawa,
Ontario**

What has been the impact of tiny living on your lifestyle?

Owning a tiny home has allowed my mother inlaw to live close by and still have independence.

Previously she was living in a full size house on her own and required assistance to maintain the home.

Now she has a beautiful, modern tiny home.

What were the easiest and hardest part of getting a tiny home?

The build process for us was excellent and Minimaliste was great. We had plenty of opportunity to shape the building to our preferred look.

They communicated really well virtually, we had walk throughs online and they sent lots of progress updates and pictures.

The hardest part for us was getting our permits sorted out. We had a lot of questions and delays from our municipality that seemed unnecessary given we were installing a prefabricated ADU built to code.

What advice would you give to someone considering a tiny home?

My biggest advice is to contact your municipality early in the process and remain in contact with them regularly when seeking a permit.



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SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE

Name: **Jada**

Tiny Home
Builder: **Teacup
Tiny Homes**

Tiny Home
Location:
**Whitehorse,
Yukon**

What has been the impact of tiny living on your lifestyle?

Everything is better, the use of space is beyond functional and soooo does not feel small in any way.

As with our past homes, we still have designated areas for all living needs but everything feels somehow more magical and connected.

The tinyhouse lifestyle immediately makes you feel much closer to nature, which is something I think we all need more of!

It brings us so much delight and relief that wherever we wish to go, we can bring our home with us.

It's a dream and our whole family is in love!

What were the easiest and hardest part of getting a tiny home?

The hardest (but also so satisfying) part was filtering down all of the things we do not actually need.

The more excess space you have, the more stuff you tend to fill it with. We love about the Tinyhouse that it encourages regular filtering of what you actually need to keep.

Not that storage feels limited - we are a family of four and we have more than enough storage to fit all of our belongings and more.

The easiest part is that you live in a fully-functional, beautiful treehouse / cabin on wheels with a luxurious interior finish.

It just feels like a breath of fresh air in every way. Rather than feeling cramped, we actually feel more relaxed in our Tinyhome than our bigger homes in the past.

This is partially because it does not require constant tidying and upkeep the way that a larger space might.





We have an almost 2-year-old girl and a 4-year-old boy and currently have our Tinyhouse parked in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada on our parents' property.

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We are dreaming of one day moving it down to Victoria, BC to try the Vancouver Island lifestyle with our Tinyhome.

It turns life into a real adventure with all the perks of sustainable and smart living!

What advice would you give to someone considering a tiny home?

GO FOR IT! It just makes sense in too many ways in today's world. Any concerns you may have will likely fade quickly once you have spent a month or two living the Tinyhouse lifestyle.

Is it different? Absolutely – in all the best ways possible.

So many of our friend and family members are now genuinely considering this lifestyle as it can amplify your life so much, while bringing down your costs of living significantly.

Plus, it's just super fun way to live!

A little bit about yourself and your lifestyle.

We are an international couple who just moved back from Europe, where we ran a retreat space/boutique hotel for several years.

We were in search of a simpler life that connected more to what matters most... did our Teacup Tinyhome sure help with that!



TINY HOME

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