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preliminary conceptual plans to the community.

"We got rave review from the public," he says. "Everybody was very excited."

Kevin Poole is probably understating the facts when he says there are "several big projects on the go."

One of the largest is the Silverdale area which is moving into the neighbourhood planning stage. The area totals about 3,400 acres of which two developers, Genstar and Madison own 1,435 acres. Phase one of the mostly residential plan encompasses about 600 acres.

Poole says that in everything Mission does, it looks to generate employment for residents in the area.

"So from the economic development perspective we'll be looking at some opportunities for commercial or educational facilities in the overall plan."

Solterra Development has another large project in the works. The Silver Creek Industrial Park comprises 38 acres that has been developed into 20 serviced lots. Most of the lots are sold, Poole says and only four remain. Building on the lots is scheduled to begin shortly.

The third large project - and perhaps the most exciting - is the Mission waterfront development. There is 150 acres on the Fraser River, 70 acres of which is vacant land. Poole says the city recently presented

The plan encompasses open space, public trails, residential units above stores, a public market, a boutique hotel and even some light industrial because, as Poole says, Mission is always looking to develop jobs where they develop land. He estimates that the project will engender about \$2 Billion in investments.

The growth in Mission is part of a wider trend to development in the Fraser Valley Poole says.

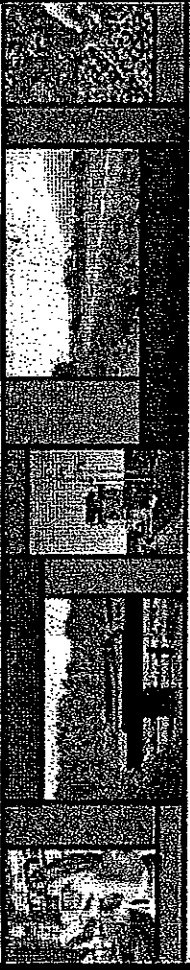
"All of the communities here have experienced a tremendous growth in population and with that comes a demand for services. We're one of the last communities on the Lower Mainland that has potential for waterfront development."

The growth is exciting, Poole says and the city plans to make sure that the growth benefits everyone in the community.

"We don't want to become a bedroom community. We want to ensure that people can live and work in Mission. That's what we're striving towards."

"Every plan we do and everything we look at we look at how we can create employment opportunities out of it."

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