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## **Birch Haven changing plans for new resort**

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A special meeting will be held this Saturday between 10 a.m. and noon at the Baysville arena regarding the redevelopment of Birch Haven Resort.

An estimated 64 fractional ownership, tourist commercial units are being proposed on the site, which includes approximately a 1/4 mile of shoreline.

Further information regarding the fractional ownership concept will be provided at the meeting, explained development president Titos Tylians.

A previous plan gearing the development toward seniors has been abandoned, he added. Tylians said what is currently being proposed is a

lower density development that fits in better with its existing surroundings.

He said the plan will be developed over five to six years.

"We don't want to put up too much product," he said, referring to the units. "We want to control the rate of development and we think this is going to be great for the community."

Tylians said the project already has the proper zoning and will be going through the site plan approval process with the municipality. He said the response from neighbours and the business community has been positive.

"We've had very good support so far. People in the community have been very positive about it. Neighbours

have already spoken to me and we've shown them the drawings of what we are doing and I haven't received any opposition," said Tylians. "The business people in town are certainly pleased to see something happening, especially with fractional ownership. What this does is it means that we have people there year-round. That is a big plus for small businesses," he concluded.

Fractional ownership means multiple owners will own each unit. The owners will each have the right to enjoy the unit for a certain amount of time per year. In addition, time must also be made available to the travelling public in order to comply with tourist commercial zoning requirements.