

## Developments keep Ollenberger busy

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I have been asked a number of times if I knew what Chris Ollenberger was doing since he left his position as president and CEO of the Calgary Municipal Land Authority (CMLC).

He was front and centre of that organization and under his guidance East Village re-development finally got on track.

I'm glad to report he is using his experience and knowledge of the industry with his own company - QuantumPlace Developments. He is so busy it has been hard to pin him down.

Previous to his leadership role at CMLC, Ollenberger was president and CEO of the Three Sisters Mountain Village development where he oversaw the planning, building and opening of Stewart Creek (my favourite golf course), the first phases of the residential properties and an affordable housing complex in downtown Canmore.

Before branching out on his own he helped Opus Corp. with the planning of its Britannia Crossing five-storey, mixed use development on Elbow Drive at 50th Avenue S.W. as well as other projects in the northwest development of Royal Vista and others in Airdrie and Chestermere.

One of his first QuantumPlace clients is Arlington Street Investments. Owner Frank Lonardelli has contracted Ollenberger as his owner's representative to look after the design, planning, construction, leasing and marketing of Britannia Block. Located on the east side of Elbow Drive at 50th Avenue S.W., it is being designed by Norr Architecture as a 130,000 square foot retail/residential building.

Arlington has also secured ownership of the impressive two-storey former bank building, perhaps best known as the home of American Apparel, on the southeast corner of the busy intersection of 17th Avenue and 14th Street S.W. On behalf of the owner, QuantumPlace is discussing with the city a redevelopment of the structure - keeping the historic facade - for a restaurant use that could include a rooftop patio.



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Chris Ollenberger has several projects on the go in Calgary with QuantumPlace Developments.

Ollenberger has also been driving back to Three Sisters frequently helping a developer shepherd the planned Paintbrush Ridge project that has been approved as a 72-townhome complex - with some of the highest and best views available at Three Sisters.

I caught up with Ollenberger at the offices of Landstar Communities where he is a busy consultant to George Mylonas on two large projects; a 110,000 square foot new development on 16th Avenue N.E. and the site around its office at the corner of 16th Avenue and 10th Street N.W.

Ollenberger has hired Jessica Karpas as his senior planner and Phil Wareham as principal and project manager at QuantumPlace, a company he says he intends to specialize in the redevelopment of existing inner city properties; difficult brownfield properties, but an interesting sector not well served today.