

Dave Ryley makes his Tiny House legit !

Interview with: *Dave Ryley, Tiny House Designer Builder*

I started working on my Tiny House in April 2015, and chipped away on it over the weekends during the last year. While the construction industry has always been a part of me, I really needed to get in touch with my creative side again, and the idea of being your own architect, designer, and builder really appealed to me.

The Tiny House represented all of the challenges and complexities of a larger building but necessitates much more awareness around your lifestyle, needs versus wants, and of course multi functional design. One of my design criteria was a full kitchen and the ability to host a four person dinner party. It was also important to me to make my tiny house to feel spacious.

Using a contemporary modern style for the exterior and roof allowed me to maximize the interior width of the trailer. My Tiny House is 20' long and 8.5' wide (max width allowable on the road without a permit) and weighs in at 7000lbs.



Dave Ryley standing in front of his tiny house with his dad

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Key design aspects to make the space feel larger than it really is include:

- bead board ceiling running the length of the trailer
- the kitchen is orientated to be the full width of the trailer instead of an “L” shape allowing you to feel the full width of the space when you walk in
- the overhang of the loft, use of different colours and materials play with your eye and depth perception

Up next for the spring time will be construction of a cedar picnic table and planters, and hopefully a solar system allowing for a complete off-grid setup.

I am also looking forward to consulting with others to help them design small spaces, as well as pursue Tiny House Village design and larger developments that are energy positive, low maintenance and sustainable.

Dec. 11 visit my Tiny house at the “Potluck Jamboree” - Maple Ridge Farm: 11885 264 Street.

David Ryley is a Project Manager, Estimator, and Carpenter Apprentice looking into designing and building unique long lasting, low maintenance, energy positive structures that contribute to a resilient community.



Dave Ryley's tiny house—the kitchen

Tiny Homes: A Possibility for Sustainable and Affordable Housing in Metro Vancouver

News Article by: *Miranda Fatur, BCIT Journalist*

A tiny home is a small-scale house that is built on a utility trailer, generally 260-320 square feet, but contains every amenity you would see in a typical house. The concept is gaining popularity in Vancouver. Lisa Chessari created a movement called **“Park your Tiny House: Make it Legit!”** and is planning a **Tiny House Festival** in Vancouver- www.theTinyHouseFestival.com

The festival is planned for July 2017 and will bring together a parade of tiny home owners and supporters to raise awareness and normalization of tiny homes. The goal is to collaborate people of all talents that are committed to building their tiny home and living on a communal property—legally.

Currently there is no existing permit in BC that allows a property to host a tiny home. Once Chessari gathers a large enough group wanting permits, she will bring the issue to various municipalities in hopes of creating a Tiny Home permit.



Lisa Chessari, Founder of The Tiny House Festival

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A Maple Ridge farmer has agreed to start a tiny house village on his 16-acre property, should permits be facilitated. Homeowners will be offered the opportunity to work on the farm.

A student and tiny home member, D Conway, explains the benefits of tiny homes, “Some people just want to be free. Some people want to own their own home. They want somewhere to relax and settle down, without having to spend \$600,000 they don’t have on a house.”

While tiny housing promotes sustainable and minimalist living, it’s a big decision.

Chessari says, “For me it’s a lifestyle. I lived minimal for many years and ended up appreciating it. I love this, it’s stress free--I can pack up my life and go.”

For more information, Chessari is hosting a meetup on December 15th at 6:00pm in the BCIT Library Coffee Pod.



Make it Legit! From the Tiny House Festival website

A Maple Ridge Farm starts a Tiny House Village and launches a Vertical Farming Project !

Vincent Liu will be submitting a proposal to start a Tiny House Village in his 16-acre farm in Maple Ridge! He is open to facilitate permits with the municipality of Maple Ridge for anyone interested in parking a Tiny House in his farm where he is launching his "Vertical Farm" Project.

Vincent, who designed and patented a solar photovoltaic mobile power module, will be hosting a workshop about "Vertical Farming" at the "**Potluck Jamboree for the Tiny House Village**" at the Maple Ridge Farm - Address: 11885 264 Street. Come and learn!

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by the "**Park your Tiny House: Make it Legit!**" movement, which supports Tiny House owners who want to apply for a permit to legally park their tiny houses.

Download the Permit Template here: www.theTinyHouseFestival.com



Vincent Liu and Lisa Chessari at the Maple Ridge Farm starting a Tiny House Village

Natasha launches an “eco-tourism network” with Maples Ridge farmers offering parking spots for Tiny House owners !

Natasha is building an off-grid container house in her farm in Maple Ridge. She heard about her neighbour Vincent starting a Tiny House Village in his 16-acre farm and wants to join forces!!

She is launching an “**eco-tourism network**” with other farmers in Maple Ridge willing to offer parking spots to Tiny House owners !

Natasha will be hosting a workshop about the eco-tourism network at the “**Potluck Jamboree for the Tiny House Village**” at the Maple Ridge Farm - Address: 11885 264 Street. **If you have a farm, join the network!**

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Vincent Liu and Lisa Chessari at the Maple Ridge Farm starting a Tiny House Village

Tiny Home SketchUP Artist offers a workshop on Sunday Dec 11 at the Maple Ridge Jamboree !

On Sunday December 11 Dave Conway, a Tiny House SketchUP artist, will be hosting a workshop at the “**Potluck Jamboree for the Tiny House Village**” at the Maple Ridge Farm - Address: 11885 264 Street.

The session will provide an overview on how to build a Tiny House with a free 3D modeling software called SketchUp. Bring your laptop and charger for this hands-on session: you will design your own Tiny house using SketchUp and Dave’s help!

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D. Conway's sketch up drawing of tiny house