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### **Naramata Centre to Reduce its 23-Acre Footprint**

*(Naramata, BC)* – Over the next few years, Naramata Centre will sell a portion of its 23 acres in the heart of Naramata village. The Centre’s Board of Directors arrived at some difficult, but necessary, decisions this spring and presented the plans to Society members this month.

Naramata Centre Society Board Chair, Doug Woollard, says “We believe by creating a smaller footprint we can operate in a way that fits the demand in today’s world. Having fewer acres will require less maintenance, and will better fit our registration requirements as the Centre no longer hosts large conferences.”

The Centre will sell three parcels of land, which are surplus to the Centre’s needs.

Mr. Woollard added “Key sites, including the beach, the Chapel, the labyrinth and the Sacred Garden, will continue to remain focal points in our new plan for the Centre.”

Officially opened in 1948 as a United Church education and retreat centre, Naramata Centre will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. Open to people of all ages, the Centre is an inclusive, welcoming place to connect and deepen in mind, body and spirit.

The Centre has a full slate of programs on offer this summer in the arts, music and singing, health and wellness, and spiritual nurture. [www.naramatacentresociety.org/programs](http://www.naramatacentresociety.org/programs).

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