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INDEPENDENT FILM TO BE SHOT AT PARKSIDE VICTORIA RESORT & SPA

*Local Filmmaker Approaches Canada's Newest Urban Resort To Shoot Victoria-based Movie.*

**Victoria, BC, March 4, 2010** – [Parkside Victoria Resort & Spa](#), Canada's newest urban resort hotel, will be one of the filming locations of a local independent film by Director, Writer, Producer and successful Victoria realtor [Mike Hanus](#).

Jackhammer, a production being filmed entirely in Victoria, British Columbia, was conceived in the genre of such slapstick buddy movies as Step Brothers and The Hangover. Says Hanus about the local aspect of the film, "I'm hoping to showcase some of the strong talent Victoria and Vancouver have to offer and give our local actors and film makers some more exposure in the North American film and television industry, which is pretty tough to break into."

The 90-minute comedy feature is about two half brothers who live opposing lifestyles and have not seen each other in years, each having pursued different interests. When the brothers are reunited due to a series of unfortunate incidents, non-stop action and bigger-than-life characters and situations ensue. Although the story pushes the envelope with its many comedic situations, Hanus says the film has an underlying theme about the strong bond of family and love.

Hanus approached the [Pearson](#) family, owners and developers of Parkside Victoria Resort & Spa when filming required a location showcasing a high-end building entrance. The scene featuring Parkside will depict the two brothers attempting to enter a high end building to blackmail a famous New York movie producer by convincing the front doorman that they are elevator repair people in order to sneak up to the producer's room. "The entrance to Parkside Victoria Resort & Spa is really impressive and I think it should be showcased," says Hanus.

Hanus is excited about the Pearsons' willingness to participate in the project. "It's really wonderful when sponsors like [Aviawest](#) support the local independent filmmaking community. It makes a huge difference and shows that they genuinely care and contribute. It's tough for filmmakers to pursue their passions when the industry is so tightly knit and the costs are astronomical. It definitely takes a large amount of community support to produce a local independent film."

Filming at Parkside Victoria Resort & Spa is anticipated later this month. Hanus intends to submit Jackhammer to the Toronto, Vancouver, Whistler, Victoria, Sundance, Berlin and New York film festivals following the wrap of filming in May 2010, just in time for the Toronto film festival deadline in June. Those interested in supporting the production of Jackhammer can contact Mike Hanus at [info@mikehanus.com](mailto:info@mikehanus.com).

Long-term suite rentals can be booked at Parkside for film industry professionals during local filming shoots. Please contact Parkside Victoria Resort & Spa Room Rentals Manager Trina White at [trina.white@aviawest.com](mailto:trina.white@aviawest.com).

Parkside Victoria Resort & Spa is Canada's newest urban resort. This \$60 million sustainable resort hotel targeting [LEED® Platinum Certification](#) features world-class amenities including [AquaTerre Spa](#), a private 29-seat movie theatre, [Penthouse City Club Lounge](#) and a 25-metre indoor pool. Parkside Victoria Resort & Spa offers an exceptional accommodation guest experience and affordable, flexible second home ownership in the heart of downtown Victoria, BC, Canada.

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