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Island Hall demolition begins this week

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Demolition probably isn't the right word for what has begun at the 88-year-old Island Hall beachfront resort - deconstruction actually fits it much better

Demxx Deconstruction Ltd. began taking apart pieces of the beachfront resort yesterday, beginning right behind the Sandbar Pub

"Yes, we have started, and we actually have started on the old beer and wine store," explains Demxx co-owner Alan Parkin .

While they are anticipating it will be a smooth process, Parkin says it will take them between six and eight weeks to finish because of the company's focus on salvage

"We recycle pretty much everything that we can recycle, and we take it down by hand," says Parkin .

Developer Brad McAdams of Sandcastle Holdings Ltd. says he expects demolition to be complete by the end of August.

All of the material salvaged will then be taken to their yard on Alberni Highway - and be up for sale. Therefore, if there are pieces of the resort buildings that people would like to own themselves, they can buy it through Demxx.

Sandcastle Holdings Ltd. says construction of the Beach Club's new buildings should be complete by June 2007. In late July, 70 per cent of the new units were sold in one day- before a building permit for the resort has even been issued.

Illustration:

• *Photo: Cheryl Waugh, Oceanside Star / One of the newer additions to the Island Hall, the pool area and beer and wine store, have been cleaned out by Demxx Deconstruction in preparation for demolishing.*