

New development will be a model for sustainable community design in the Sea to Sky corridor

University Heights launches one of Canada's newest premier communities



University Heights will afford homeowners breathtaking views, forest habitat and recreational opportunities. PHOTO CREDIT: District of Squamish

With close to 1200 people already registered to purchase what will only be a handful of homes coming onstream at a time, local Squamish developer Douglas R. Day does not have to make much of a sales pitch for the upscale University Heights development in Squamish.

"When you enter University Heights, you know you have arrived at a special place," he says simply. "I believe it will be finest residential community ever to be built in Squamish."

University Heights is the first market housing development within the development area of Quest University, a new undergraduate liberal arts and sciences university. The 47-acre project, being developed by University Heights Development Corp, will serve as a pioneering model for sustainable community design in the Sea to Sky corridor.

"University Heights will strive to preserve and enhance existing natural features, promote efficient use of resources and provide a range of housing types that reflect varying incomes, lifestyles and ages," says Day.

The University Heights community will adhere to a number of environmentally sound principles. The entire development will utilize geothermal ground source systems for heating and cooling, providing a more cost effective and

environmentally friendly alternative to gas or electricity. Neighbourhoods will be 'Fire Smart' (all homes are sprinklered, adequately buffered from forested areas and will be constructed with fire-resistant materials) and will feature pedestrian and cyclist friendly streets and path networks.

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Alternative storm water management features have also been incorporated, such as paving stones that allow water to seep through the ground rather than down gutters and sewers, and rainwater collection systems that allow it to be reused for watering lawns and gardens.

Such features don't come at the expense of the homes themselves. Ranging from 1,500 to 3,000 square feet, the craftsman-style houses come with every convenience and luxurious features you would expect in a high-end residence, says Day. "All homes are traditional looking from the exterior yet very contemporary inside, with open plans, beautiful moldings, extensive use of granite, and hardwood flooring." And in an effort to recapture that neighborhood feel that so many of us remember from our youths, University

Heights has reintroduced the concept of lanes and garages and has purposely brought the houses closer to the street.

"There's nothing sillier than a big front lawn," says Day. "If you bring a house out closer to the street, all of a sudden, you have people sitting out on their front verandas and this helps to make a neighbourhood more friendly."

At University Heights, homeowners will be closer to the amenities that have made the Sea to Sky corridor famous - breathtaking views, forest habitat and recreational opportunities - and will be living 'close to nature' while minimizing development impacts. In addition, the development is adjacent to some newer amenities of Quest that are available to University Heights residents, including a gymnasium, soccer field, tennis courts, squash courts and a health club.

For more information on University Heights visit: www.universityheights.ca.

SQUAMISH BOASTS THE 2ND LARGEST ARTISTIC POPULATION IN A COMMUNITY OF 50,000 OR LESS IN ALL OF CANADA

SQUAMISH CULTURAL CALENDAR

JULY

• July 1

SUMMERFEST Music affair at the Pavilion downtown. Squamish Valley Artists Society VISUALS ART WALK, Art in the Park.

• July 4

FOYER GALLERY, Squamish Public Library Sheena Lott - Watercolours. Mary Walker - Quilling.

• July 16

BC MUSEUM OF MINING, KIDSWORLD 2006, Kidsworld visits the BC Mining Museum for a highly entertaining/ educational day.

• July 23

SUMMERFEST Music at the Pavilion. Squamish Valley Artists Society VISUALS ART WALK, Art in the Park.

AUGUST

• August 8

FOYER GALLERY, Squamish Public Library Milenko Grar - Alternative Photography. Waldorf School - Mixed Media Show.

• August 13

SUMMERFEST Music at the Pavilion. Squamish Valley Artists Society VISUALS ART WALK, Art in the Park.

BC MUSEUM OF MINING COPPER AND FIRE, Raku/Copper potter demo show, kids play area, rockhounds, live entertainment, refreshment garden.

SEPTEMBER

• September 2

SUMMERFEST Music affair at the Pavilion. Squamish Valley Artists Society VISUALS ART WALK, Art in the Park.

• September 5

FOYER GALLERY, Squamish Public Library Suzanne Glick - Felt Art.

• September 8

HOWE SOUND PERFRMING ARTS ASSOC. Bruce Henczel in concert.

• September 16

HOWE SOUND PERFRMING ARTS ASSOC. in conjunction with FESTIVAL VANCOUVER, MUSICAL INTIMA.

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