

The SUMMIT RESIDENCES

No-compromise lifestyle

— by Susan M Boyce —

Okay, first things first. There are views, and then there are Big Views. And make no mistake, The Summit Residences in Chilliwack come with the latter — panoramic, breathtaking, utterly astonishing Big Views. I'd been told to expect them, but nothing beats the reality of standing in the crisp, fresh air and seeing for myself.

A man and his dog jog past. I watch as they disappear along a wooded trail I know will ultimately take them to the top of Mount Thom — just one access point to the protected parkland and trail system adjacent to The Summit Residences. Talk about a backyard.

QUALITY YOU SENSE

At the showhome, I meet up with sales representative Deanna Campbell and soon discover these single-family residences are also meticulously designed for luxury and comfort. This floor plan defines individual areas with subtle visual cues rather than walls — an elegant archway with art niche separating foyer and great room, coved ceiling in the living room, a notched out section adding extra space in the dining room.

The kitchen immediately has me longing for time to delve into my two latest cookbook acquisitions. Both the counter and centre island use a richly textured, eye-catching faux granite I think looks even better than the real stuff and requires virtually no maintenance.

We chat about the nine-ft. ceilings on the main, agree the laminate flooring really does look just like hand-scraped wood, and pause to admire the stone fireplace — always one of my favourite features. Mind you, in this home, I'd have trouble choosing between the fireplace and the huge windows that frame views across the city and Fraser Valley floor. Decisions, decisions.

Upstairs I discover two bedrooms plus a master that successfully combines tranquility with pure pizzazz. The ensuite boasts an astonishing amount of storage, a soaker tub with window and a mosaic tile accent stripe echoing the patterned foyer flooring I'd noticed earlier. There's also yet another Big View — but then you guessed that already, right?

Before I leave, Campbell has one final treat — a sneak preview



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of the Sunmeadow plan. Equally impressive but with a totally different feel, this is true great room design — open gourmet kitchen plus the convenience of a master-on-the-main. Need lots of closet space? No problem. This master has a mega-sized walk-in with window and soaring 11-ft. ceiling — honest, 11 feet of headroom in the closet.

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