

NEW-HOME PROJECT PROFILE

Hillside charm in Chilliwack

Twelve-acre Summit Residences community offers panoramic Fraser Valley views



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The Summit Residences show home has an open-concept plan that incorporates plenty of windows to maximize the outlooks.

BY CHRISTINA SYMONS

When many people think of Chilliwack — the fertile heart of the Fraser Valley — they're apt to imagine flat, lush, green fields interspersed with bustling pods of commercial and residential development, replete with the services and amenities of a burgeoning community.

But surrounding all that are the equally lush, quieter hilltop and parkland areas that are attracting those who are seeking homes with easy access to suburban attractions in a more natural context.

The 12-acre Summit Residences property in the Promontory Heights area is situated to provide just that balance. It's nestled on the side of a hill, surrounded by walking, running and cycling trails. Backing on to Mount Thom Park, it also offers panoramic views of the valley.

"We chose this area and property for its long-term value," notes Kevin Chester, owner of builder and developer Domae Homes. "The park surrounds the back and the side of the subdivision and that is never going to change."

Being right on the park's greenbelt, the community will have lasting appeal, he adds. Schools, malls and a deli market are close by, with the bigger malls and other amenities just a five-to-10 minute drive.

The rancher and two-storey detached Summit Residences homes — there will eventually be 52 — come in five different Craftsman-type styles, and range in size from 1,750 to 2,335 square feet (plus unfinished, walkout basements).

The neighbourhood has controlled and registered building design covenant guidelines to help protect the original feeling of the development and the homeowners' future investment.

The Sunmeadow rancher features a master bedroom on the main floor, as well as an expansive great room for entertaining, with two additional bedrooms and a bath in the basement, plus extra unfinished space. Westmount and Glenwood three-bedroom homes are two-storey residences on sloped lots, while Brockvale and Lakecrest are three-bedroom uphill lot homes.

"We plan all of our homes to be individual and distinct," says Chester. "The goal is for the streetscape to flow and each home to complement the other, but you don't want them all the same."

Each lot has a view, and each home is adjusted to take advantage of its hillside aspect and panoramic outlooks, ensuring that even homes of the same model will have individual exterior character.

Large windows capture the views, while open layouts and stone fireplaces offer a cosy atmosphere.



Five types of homes are available in the community, including the Sunmeadow rancher (left) and the two-storey Westmount.

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The show home's master bedroom will allow its eventual occupants to wake up to big valley views. The ensuite is fitted with a soaker tub, walk-in shower and ceramic tile flooring.

Domae Homes also offers buyers the option of personalizing as-yet-to-be-built homes by adjusting the layout, design and finishing to suit individual preferences. "Because we're more of a hands-on company and I, as owner, am on the site in a supervisory capacity, we have the ability to customize for people as we go," Chester says. "We are very capable of doing that effectively and our clients really

appreciate this because we make the homes work for them." Along with design for views and a keen sense of place, quality control of construction is paramount. "We create homes that we would be proud to live in ourselves," Chester says. Chester walks that talk — literally. He lives in a Summit Residences home and has built many more homes in Chilliwack.

As such he often runs into his clients and homeowners on the nearby walking trails. "For me, it means that I have complete confidence in what we're doing as I can walk down the street and say hi to all my neighbours," Chester says. "The quality and lifestyle means I can enjoy living here." *Special to The Sun*

The Summit Residences

Project Location: Chilliwack
Project Size: 52 detached homes (ranchers and two-storey)
Residence Size: 1,750 sq. ft — 2,335 sq. ft (plus unfinished basement areas)
Price: \$429,900 – \$584,000 (HST included)
Developer: Domae Homes

Sales Centre: 47073 MacFarlane Place, Chilliwack
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