



CAPSTONE

Complete North Shore living

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You could say it's the final piece of the puzzle, an elegant, six-storey concrete condominium residence that will complete the neighbourhood at West 2nd between Lonsdale and Chesterfield in North Vancouver.

Introducing Capstone. And if you think you know Lower Lonsdale, get set to be wowed.

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"This is the most vibrant location in all of North Vancouver," says Cristy Edmonds, Fairborne's director of sales. "It's established and friendly, it's quiet, and it's also got direct connection to the Quay and SeaBus — literally. You don't even have to cross Esplanade, because right across First St. on the south side of the building, there's the pedestrian overpass that links you directly to the waterfront. For most people, it takes less than four minutes to walk." She laughs. "Unless, of course, you stop to pick up a coffee en route."

Many locals, she adds, have been watching the Capstone site with eager anticipation. "One buyer who sold her home in West Vancouver has been renting just down the street. She knew this was where she wanted to live and was just waiting till it came available."

FANTASTIC HOMES

Inside, Capstone has a distinctly modernist flair, a casual comfort and sense of space that comes from great design. "Now honestly, how often do you get this in a 540-sq.-ft. one-bedroom?" Cristy asks pointing to a floor plan showing a walk-in closet boasting dimensions of at least six-by-six. Answer: not very often. Okay, time to check out the display suite.

Not surprisingly, the kitchen is our first stop. There is a Fisher & Paykel fridge with bottom freezer, KitchenAid dishwasher with stainless steel interior, and an industrial-chic, gas range sure to heat not just the saucepans but the hearts of anyone who loves to cook. Cabinetry is soft-close and genuine wood veneer, but even here there's a surprise. In addition to the corner cabinet's dual lazy-susans, there's a fixed shelf. "You could still store cans or jars in the corners — so you've got all the convenience and not an inch of wasted space," Cristy says.

This one-and-den home also incorporates another great space saver — a cheater ensuite luxuriously appointed with cultured marble backsplash and custom framed mirror with medicine cabinet extension. "Today, it's not about size, it's about efficient layouts," Cristy says. No question, Capstone meets that challenge with ease.

Capstone offers a total of 71 homes priced from \$324,900. Presentation centre and display home open noon to 5 p.m. daily except Fridays at 129 West 2nd in North Vancouver. For more information visit liveatcapstone.com or call 604.929.8870.