

Fairborne Building Surrey Communities

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Rendering of Eton

Their homes are found in some of Metro Vancouver’s most charming, unique, and forward-thinking neighbourhoods. With more than 17 years experience, their accolades are many — including a prestigious Urban Development Institute Award of Excellence.

Yet the close-knit team of professionals at Fairborne have never lost sight of their prime motivation: create vibrant, living neighbourhoods filled with real homes built for real people. And it shows.

VALUE BEHIND THE WALLS

“Nothing feels quite as comfortable, quite as right as a Fairborne home,” says development manager Chris Bardon. “You might not know exactly why, you just know it does.”

The secret, he explains, is in the details — the meticulous planning that goes into every design. “Each community we build is unique, so the architecture is driven by the lay of the land, view lines, natural landscaping like greenbelts or surrounding forests, as well as the character of the surrounding neighbourhood. These are definitely not cookie-cutter homes.”

Then there’s Fairborne’s commitment to above-and-beyond quality “behind the walls” — even in areas the average homeowner will never see. Subfloors that are nailed, screwed, as well as glued to reduce squeaks and creaks, a dedicated quality control supervisor at every site, 2x6 construction, the list goes on. “Yes, it costs us extra,” Chris says. “But we believe in the value of doing things right. That’s why a

Fairborne home will stand the test of time.”

And right now Fairborne is showcasing their history with three dramatically different communities in Surrey, a municipality that’s attracting an ever more diverse array of savvy homebuyers. Here’s a sneak peek.

ASHBURY HILL

With a name inspired by San Francisco’s iconic “painted ladies” — the colourful Victorian and Edwardian homes often found overlooking California’s famous San Francisco Bay — Ashbury Hill is located along the gentle rise of 148th St. on 61st Ave. (just south of 64th Ave.) in Surrey.

“There aren’t a lot of true hillside properties in Surrey,” Chris says. “We’ve been able to create a very lively, articulated streetscape where these homes appear to cascade down the slope. It was more expensive and complicated to build this way, but the result is visually interesting and the varying window heights create additional privacy.”

Even more delightful — and unusual —



Ashbury Hill is situated adjacent to a protected, 3.3-acre riparian greenbelt. “It means the people who purchase here will have their green outlook protected in perpetuity — which is tough to beat,” Chris says.

The Ashbury Hill sales centre and three display homes are open noon to 5 p.m. daily except Fridays at 100 – 14833 – 61st Ave. Priced from \$284,900 for a two-bedroom home or \$329,900 for a three-bedroom.

ETON

Located on the opposite side of the riparian greenbelt, Eton could be considered Ashbury Hills’ sister community. But like most sisters, this collection of 55 Georgian-inspired townhomes has its own, unique personality.

The distinctive cream-on-cream exterior colour palette is accented with metallic black window frames and trim — a style that would be right at home in Vancouver’s Westside or UBC neighbourhoods. “It’s a very fresh, very confident look — like something you’d expect to find in London or Europe where you get a blend of proud history and forward thinking vision,” Chris explains.

Eton’s sales centre is open noon to 5 p.m. daily except Fridays at 3 – 14888 – 62nd Ave. in Surrey. Priced from the low \$300,000s.

SILVERWOOD

Located in the heart of Surrey’s ever-popular Fleetwood neighbourhood, Silverwood takes the warmth and allure of Craftsman architecture, then spices it up with a dash of the natural environmental harmony made famous by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Brick, cedar shingles, and metal accents give the façade a rich, texturally layered effect. Inside you’ll find easy living details like kitchens with massive centre islands topped by double-thick granite, master ensuites with his’n’her vanity sinks and frameless glass showers, oversized decks for summer barbecuing and entertaining, plus nine-ft. ceilings and laminate wood flooring throughout the main living level.

“So many people who’ve grown up and raised their families



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in this neighbourhood simply don’t want to leave Fleetwood,” says development manager Jennifer Randall. “It’s established, it’s quiet, yet you’re so connected to everything: SkyTrain to downtown Vancouver is a direct, 10-minute bus ride away, the Surrey Sport & Leisure Centre is just down the road, plus you’re walking distance to Starbucks, a bank, and the Two EEs Farm Market.

Silverwood offers 72 townhomes priced from the low \$300,000s. Sales centre and three furnished display homes open noon to 5 p.m. daily except Fridays at 15 – 8355 – 164th St. in Surrey.

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