



Cliffstone Rowhomes

EFFORTLESS LIVING

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As always, the first thing I notice when I drive through the Kanaka Creek neighbourhood is just how fresh the air is here. The second is how this community has become a dynamic, welcoming place where neighbours know each other and lifelong friendships are formed as families put down roots.

AMAZING VALUE

Even better, today I'm getting a tour of an exciting new homeownership option — freehold rowhomes. "Cliffstone offers the only non-strata rowhomes in Maple Ridge," says Diane Zarola, Foxridge's sales and marketing manager. "These homes already offer a price advantage over comparably-sized single-family houses, but when you add in the fact you're saving \$150 to \$200 monthly maintenance fees, it makes a huge difference to the amount of home you can get."

"Initially, my husband and I were looking at townhomes in Burquitlam," says one buyer. "But when we realized that for \$200,000 less we could actually get a bigger home here, it was a no

brainer. The value you get in Maple Ridge and especially at the Cliffstone Rowhomes is incredible."

WELCOME HOME

And what homes they are. Fenced front yards are already filled with colourful plants, and Diane points out the Clematis plants that will soon wrap the pergolas above each entry gate in a fragrant, purple cloud of blossom.

We step through the front door of the showhome and I experience a definite OWM — "oh wow moment."

To my right is a comfy looking flex-room that's been decked out as a his'n'ers office but could just as easily be a library, studio or music room. Still, I'm

immediately drawn toward the sunny kitchen/great room I see just ahead. In a word, it's awesome. I feel myself relax as if I've just left the rest of the world behind — although I confess that after work I'd have a hard time deciding whether to cozy down with my book and a glass of wine in front of the fireplace or on the extra-wide window box seat.

The dining table is set for six, but there's so much space, I'd have no hesitation inviting 10 or even 12 people for a full, sit-down dinner — especially when I take a closer look at the kitchen.

Now while I'm a very social person and love chatting with my guests, selfishly I prefer to keep my cooking area to myself. This intelligently designed beauty lets me do exactly that. I open the door to what I assume is a pantry and discover a convenient backdoor closet — smart. "It's over there," Diane says as if reading my mind. Sure enough, tucked neatly below the stairs — space that's typically wasted — is a huge pantry with shelving.

Upstairs, I find four bedrooms including a master with an ensuite that truly deserves the descriptor "spa-like." Hint: massive soaker tub, spacious glass shower, elegant tiling, and plenty of natural light.

And just like at the Cliffstone single-family homes just around the corner, buyers at the Cliffstone Rowhomes will have full access to Foxridge's famous Design Centre where they can choose from a dazzling selection of finishes and fittings to truly personalize their home.

Now just to be clear, if you're thinking it's a choice between three colour schemes, think again. During my last visit here, I estimated there were over three dozen possibilities for the porcelain tile, at least half a dozen different fireplace surrounds, five mirror frames, and 10 counter materials including quartz and granite.

The stack of flooring options was so tall I couldn't begin to guess how many, but I did notice one of my personal favourites — a high-end laminate that not only looks just like a hand-scraped exotic hardwood, it feels like it too.



Before I regretfully take my leave, Diane and I pause for a moment to enjoy the warmth of the sunshine on the back patio. The size of the backyard is perfect — lawn for lounging in a chaise longue, space for a casual dining table for four, plus an inviting outdoor sofa and coffee table grouping. "In this showhome we also extended the patio with paving stones and put in an outdoor fire pit just to show people some fun ideas they could add when they move in," Diane says.

DON'T MISS OUT

Only 26 ownership opportunities exist at the Cliffstone Rowhomes so why not check them out for yourself. Three- and four-bedroom designs available. Showhome open noon to 5:00 daily at 23915 – 111A Avenue in Maple Ridge. For more information visit foxridgehomes.ca or call 604.380.0045.