YORK

THE TRADITION OF GOOD LIVING

by Susan M Boyce —





It's been a busy three weeks at York as enthusiastic buyers discover the unique flair and luxurious appointments that captivated my heart from my very first visit.

"From professional couples and young families to active retirees looking to downsize, people love York's timeless architecture and design," says sales manager Sherry Saran. "And because we appeal to such a wide demographic, it's already creating an extremely vibrant, diverse neighbourhood — which is exciting for everyone who will ultimately live here."

DETAILS TO DELIGHT

Right from the front door, there's an underlying sense of quality and meticulous attention to creating a West Coast welcome that's as tangible as if someone were whispering "come in, sit down, relax." These are homes that simply feel good.

"This is definitely one of our hottest plans," Saran says pointing out the display home's nine-ft. ceilings throughout the main living level, the gourmet kitchen with generous storage and counterspace and the cosy fireplace.

Still, it's the dining area I find most captivating. Rather than walls, this 'room' is cleverly defined by exposed-timber ceiling beams. Although Saran tells me this detail is a Phoenix Homes tradition, it's an effect I've never seen before. And it's stunning.

Upstairs, I find three big, sunny bedrooms including a master suite with an adjoining open den that Saran tells me some homeowners have converted into an enclosed office or used to make their master even larger. Closets are extra deep, and you won't find a bi-fold door anywhere — it's all heritage-style swing doors for yet another extra touch of class.

"And wait till you see this plan's attic room." Saran explains, leading the way. Now I'm totally smitten. The space has sloped rooflines, a computer niche with window, and ample space for the queen bed and sectional sofa on display. The result is playful, charming, and once again utterly different. Best of all, Saran tells me the showhome is now for sale — bonus.

What To Do Today

"You just can't beat this location for convenience," Saran says with obvious enthusiasm. "You're kitty-corner to Starbucks and the Farmers Market, steps from the new Langley Events Centre, and just up the road from all the amenities of Langley. Everything from shopping to fine dining, movies to hiking and outdoor recreation is right here. Langley truly is the hub of the Fraser Valley, and York puts you right at the heart of it all."

York's first phase is now selling. Priced from \$354,900 (including HST) for homes ranging between 1,357 and 1,882 sq. ft. with five appliances and all upgrades included. Presentation centre and display home open noon to 5 p.m. daily except Fridays at 7298 – 199A St. in Langley. For more information call 604.568.3385 or visit yorkliving.ca or phoenixhomesbc.ca