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MODERN DESIGN FOR GROWING FAMILIES

Fleetwood Rise offers kid-friendly interiors without sacrificing style

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Fleetwood Rise in Surrey includes 131 townhomes that range from 1,210 to 1,644 square feet.



The 131 townhomes at Fleetwood Rise include three- and four-bedroom floor plans.

Kids race up the stairs with their parents in tow in the three-bedroom show home at Surrey's new townhome community, Fleetwood Rise.

The Star Wars poster that lights up in a preteen's bedroom and the cool bunk beds in another are certainly kid magnets, but it's Anthem Properties' commit-



The main floors in Fleetwood Rise townhomes boast open-concept living and dining areas and floors that are topped with wide-plank laminate.

ment to building better housing for growing families that's the main attraction for parents and young couples.

"We talked to real families with two to four kids to find out exactly what they were looking for because there's a shortage of housing for large families everywhere," says Elva Kim, Anthem's vice-president of sales and marketing.

"What's exciting for us is that people from The Rockwoods, our first townhome development in the Fleetwood neighbourhood in Surrey that caters to small families (and which was nominated for a Georgie Award for Best Townhome Community in 2013) are now looking at the 131 townhomes at Fleetwood Rise. That's because it offers three and four bedrooms to meet the needs and demands of their growing families," Kim explains.

That surge to find affordable family homes in Surrey is reflected in the 2016 Census, which named Surrey as the second-fastest city of the 21 municipalities that make up Metro Vancouver.

The contemporary Fleetwood Rise townhomes, which reflect West Coast style over three levels and range from 1,210 to 1,644 square feet, are designed by Ekistics Architecture. They exude a sense of community, with meandering, landscaped and well-lit paths and green spaces by landscape architect, Durante Kreuk Ltd.

Two Fleetwood clubhouses are on the west and east ends, each with a party lounge, kitchenette and patio to further encourage socializing.

Across the street, the Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex offers Olympic and tot pools, child care services and a selection of fitness classes and skating in the winter.

"Pinterest was actually one of the first platforms we researched for on-trend, kid-friendly interior design for Fleetwood

Rise," says Janine Wilson, designer-owner of The Mill in North Vancouver.



FLEETWOOD RISE TOWNHOMES

Project Location: 103 — 16433 Watson Drive, Surrey

Project size: 131 townhomes: (eight) two-beds, three-beds-plus-den, and four-beds

Prices: \$500,000 to mid-\$600,000 **Unit**

Size: 1,210-1,644 square feet **Developer:**

Anthem Properties **Architect:** Ekistics

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