

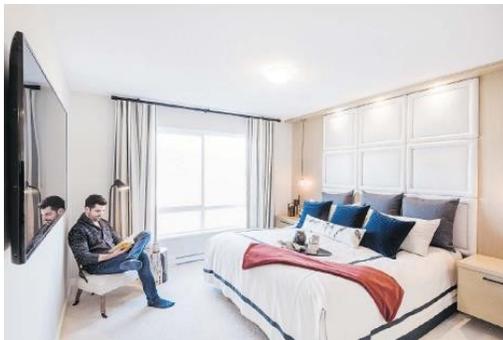
CONNECTIONS KEY AT BRISTOL HEIGHTS

Club West amenities, convenient location a draw in Abbotsford

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Three stylish display homes are open for viewing at Bristol Heights.



Homes at Bristol Heights have two or three bedrooms and range up to a spacious 2,200 square feet.



The 9,000-square-foot clubhouse at Bristol Heights has an outdoor pool, whirlpool spa, fitness centre, barbecue area, and much more.

When you buy a home in a brand new, purpose-built development, it can sometimes take a while for a sense of community to develop — for people to meet the neighbours, to get to know each other and to make new friendships. But at Polygon's new Bristol Heights development in Abbotsford, that com-

munity spirit is already in place.

Bristol Heights, a collection of 195 two- and three-bedroom homes, is the fifth and final townhome development at Polygon's master-planned Westerleigh community. The development is amenity rich, and includes a 9,000-square-foot clubhouse called Club West, which includes an outdoor pool, a whirlpool spa, a fitness centre, a firepit, a barbecue area, an outdoor fireplace, a hockey room, a fireside lounge, a billiard room and a movie-screening room.

"The clubhouse is already up and running," said Goldie Alam, Polygon's senior vice-president of marketing. "When you go there, you'll see people using the pool, the gym and the hockey room and it's an active community. There are people walking their dogs along the pathways in and around the site and you can really get a feel for the whole community. You can already see what it's going to be like when you move in."

For Lindsay Westerink, that sense of community is important. She has bought a three-bedroom townhome at Bristol Heights with her husband and is looking forward to moving in later this year.

"We're renting pretty close by right now, so we know that we already like the area and it also provides super easy access to Fraser Highway and Highway 1," Westerink said. "We love the High Street Shopping Centre and our church is also not far away."

The shopping centre Westerink mentioned features outlets such as Marshalls, H&M, Urban Barn, Sephora, Forever 21, Walmart and London Drugs. Other local amenities include Rick Hansen secondary school, Harry Sayers elementary, a Cineplex Odeon, Fraserglen Golf Course, an ice arena, an indoor pool, squash and badminton courts, and much more in the way of parks, museums, farms and wineries.

Alam said that compared to many offerings in the rest of the Lower Mainland, the townhomes at Bristol Heights are more affordable and buyers are get-

ting more space for their money. Many of those buyers are from Abbotsford, according to Alam, although Polygon has also been getting plenty of interest from residents in places like Langley, Surrey and Delta.



There are three model homes available to view at Bristol Heights from Polygon in Abbotsford, giving potential buyers decorating ideas and a real fee for the home they'll be purchasing.

Bristol Heights

Project location: 30930 Westridge Place, Abbotsford

Project size: 195 townhomes of two and three bedrooms, ranging in size from 1,250 to 2,200 square feet, with prices starting in the mid-\$400,000 range

Developer: Polygon Bristol Heights Homes Ltd.

Architect: Raymond Letkeman Architects, Inc.

Interior designer: Polygon Interior Design Ltd.

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'BIG WINDOWS, OPEN LAYOUT' APPEAL

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Bristol Heights townhomes start in the mid-\$400,000 range.



Homes at Bristol Heights have an airy open-concept plan.

"We have a lot of first-time and move-up buyers," Alam added. "We've had multiple members of families buying different homes so they can all live in the same community. Some have bought in earlier phases and then sisters, brothers, cousins and parents are buying at Bristol Heights to be near each other. It's a really connected place in that sense."



Among the offerings at Club West are a barbecue area and outdoor fireplace.



Club West in Abbotsford's Bristol Heights includes a hockey room, billiard room, movie-screening room, and much more.

As for the homes themselves, there's contemporary farmhouse architecture by Raymond Letkeman Architects, as well as decks, patios and fully fenced yards. All homes have attached, two-car garages and privacy screens between patios and decks.

"We've got three model homes on display," said Alam. "People love being able to spend time around those great decorating ideas and get a real feel for what they're buying."

Polygon looks after its own interior design and at Bristol Heights the kitchens feature flat-panel laminate cabinetry in white gloss and grey cedar with polished chrome pulls. The stainless-steel appliance packages include 18-cubic-foot, auto defrost, top-mounted refrigerators, 24-inch-wide stainless steel dishwashers, 30-inch-wide slide-in four-burner electric ranges and 30-inch-wide two-speed hood fans. There are polished engineered stone countertops and full-height ceramic tile backsplashes, entertainment-sized kitchen islands, rotating corner cupboards and rollout recycling stations.

Bathrooms have full-height vanity

mirrors with engineered stone countertops and dual porcelain sinks. The showers feature glass doors, shower heads with wands and bench seating. Main bathrooms include bathtubs with ceramic tile surrounds, porcelain sinks and vanity light bars. You'll also find porcelain tile flooring and flat-panel cabinetry in white gloss or grey cedar with polished chrome pulls. All bathrooms feature dual-flush toilets.

Custom choices at Bristol Heights include stacking or side-by-side washers and dryers (depending on the plan) and microwaves with designer trim kits. You can also upgrade to a counter-depth Fisher & Paykel stainless steel fridge with bottom-mount freezer.

"We're looking forward to having more space than we have in our current rental and we love the big windows and the open layout of the plan we've bought," Westerink said. "We like the fact that the kitchen is in the middle on the main floor, so if we have people over we'll be able to socialize with them whether they're in the dining room or the living room."

The homes at Bristol Heights range in size from 1,250 to 2,200 square feet and prices start in the mid-\$400,000 range.

"About two years ago, we were looking at another Polygon development," said Westerink. "We were interested then but we weren't quite ready to dive in. But when this new development came out, it was great timing for us."