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## EDGEMONT PUTS EMPHASIS ON LOCATION, COMMUNITY

**Boffo Properties project a landscaper's dream in North Vancouver**  
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Homes at Edgemont Walk have three bedrooms, as well as flex rooms.



Stylish and sizable bathrooms are also included with the master suites.

Tarcisio Boffo founded Boffo Properties, a landscaping and construction business, more than 50 years ago and the company is now run by his children Daniel and Flavia.

Although Tarcisio is officially retired, he is still involved when it comes to the landscaping of the company's residential developments and picks all the plants — his lifelong passion.

Boffo Properties' latest project is Edgemont Walk, a collection of 24 row townhomes on the corner of Edgemont Boulevard and Ridgewood Drive in North Vancouver.

And with Tarcisio's oversight, it's no surprise that plenty of attention has gone into the landscaping.

Edgemont Walk includes a carefully landscaped courtyard and two plazas, the first of which faces Edgemont Boulevard and features a public art installation called Shattered Sphere by West Vancouver artist Brent Comber.



Master suites include walk-in closets, large en-suite bathrooms and private decks.

The sphere will light up at night and is made from the trees on the site of the new development.

The second private plaza within the development will include another sculpture that doubles as a children's climbing structure.

"Because they have their own construction company and are building this project themselves, they have full control over the quality of the build from start to finish," said Greg Lowe, director



Kitchens have quartz countertops, gas cooktops and chimneystyle hood fans.



Interiors at all Edgemont Walk townhomes are the work of Occupy Design.

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Boffo Properties founder Tarcisio Boffo, although officially retired, is still involved in the landscaping of the company's residential developments and it shows with Edgemont Walk, a 24-unit development on Ridgewood Drive in North Vancouver.

of sales at rareEarth Project Marketing, which is marketing the project on behalf of Boffo Properties.

"It's the type of old-world craftsmanship you don't often see anymore.

"The exteriors are finished with real granite, as opposed to cultured stone, and there is real cedar shingle cladding," Lowe added.

"Edgemont Walk is also an exceptionally energy-efficient development with all homes having triple-glazed windows and ondemand hot water systems."

Apart from the quality of the homes themselves, Lowe says what makes Edgemont Walk so special is Edgemont Village itself.



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“There are other multifamily developments in the Edgemont area, but Edgemont Walk provides an opportunity to actually live in the heart of the village,” Lowe said. “It’s walking distance to everything. There will be a new grocery store right across the street and then you walk down Edgemont Boulevard and you’ve got everything you need — banks, coffee shops, restaurants, bakeries and medical services are all right there.”

Stores and amenities in Edgemont Village include Windsor Meat Co., Giftworks Boutique, Columbus Farm Market, Trims, Village Physio, Canyon Restaurant, Bjorn Bar Bakery and a new Thrifty Foods store coming later this year.

“There’s a lifestyle component to the appeal of Edgemont Walk for sure,” Lowe added. “Living right in the village where you’re likely to meet your neighbours and people you know all the time gives you a real sense of community. That walkability will be appealing to down-sizers.”

The opening of the Edgemont Walk sales centre at 1133 Ridgewood Dr. is scheduled for April 14 and the homes will be completed this summer.

“It’s an extremely authentic experience because there are local people running the businesses,” he said. “There are some (retail) chains, of course, but mainly it’s local people and that really makes a difference. So, for example, when you go to the flower store, you get your flowers from a longtime resident of the neighbourhood. You get this small-town or village feel, but you are right on the doorstep of the big city and also right next to the mountains and the incredible natural beauty that everybody loves about living on the North Shore.”

The homes at Edgemont Walk have three bedrooms plus flex rooms or dens and range in size from 1,835 to 2,161 square feet. Prices start at approximately \$1.569 million.

Kitchens feature full-sized appliances by Wolf, Sub-Zero and Bosch, which are integrated with modern kitchen cabinetry. There are quartz countertops, gas cooktops for gourmet-level cooking, kitchen islands or L-shaped countertop designs, chimney-style hood fans and pantry storage spaces.

All homes have engineered hardwood flooring, powder rooms on the main floors and full laundry centres with added storage. There are downstairs flex spaces on the lower levels leading to private, two-car garages that let residents walk into their homes.

“There’s definitely a pentup demand for townhomes in Edgemont,” Lowe said. “It’s the premier neighbourhood in North Vancouver and when you combine that location with the quality of the homes and the finishing inside them, it’s definitely going to be very popular with buyers.”

All homes at Edgemont Walk have a front patio next to the main entrance and a south-facing main patio, usually accessible from the kitchen. They also have a level at the top of the home that is dedicated entirely to the master suite. These include large ensuite bathrooms, walk-in closets and private decks.



Triple-glazed windows improve the energy efficiency of the units.

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Edgemont Walk is a 24-townhome project from Boffo Properties in North Vancouver. Sizes range from 1,835 to 2,161 square feet, and prices start at under \$1.6 million.