

Gilmore Place homes 'a one-stop shop'

SkyTrain cuts right through Burnaby development for 20-minute ride to downtown Vancouver

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Some 75,000 square feet of amenity space will include, among other things, swimming pools, a fitness centre, bocce court, bowling alley, movie theatre and karaoke room.



Gilmore Place will be integrated with the SkyTrain station of the same name, as shown in this artist's rendering.

The Onni Group's Gilmore Place is the third of a trio of master-planned communities launched over the last three years as part of Burnaby's ambitious plan to foster residential development along the backbone of the SkyTrain Millennium line running through its Brentwood and Lougheed town centres.

around the SkyTrain station of the same name, will join Concord Pacific's Brentwood community and Shape Properties' massive City of Lougheed further down the Millennium line, creating homes in the sky for several thousand residents.

The first phase of Gilmore Place, Onni's largest project in B.C. to date, calls for more than 1,550 suites in three highrise concrete towers of 43, 51 and 64 storeys.

The development will ultimately have 10 highrises with homes for more than 3,000 residents, and supply more than 500,000 square feet of retail space and one million square feet of office space on the site.

Nick Belmar, Onni Group's vice-president of sales, said it will be a "live, work and play community" that will provide all the residents' needs on site and putting them within 20 minutes of downtown Vancouver on SkyTrain.

"You're not finding many projects in Metro Vancouver where the station cuts right through the site," he said. "It's a one-stop shop," he said. "You get home and you don't have to worry about the car. In fact, you don't even need a car because you have got everything at your doorstep."

The three towers will be connected via a sixth-floor podium that will serve as a base for 75,000 square feet of amenities, he added. Those include swimming pools, a fitness centre, bocce court, bowling alley, karaoke room, children's outdoor play area, barbecue facilities, a movie theatre and guest suites.

The first three buildings will feature double-height lobbies and 24-hour concierge services in each. The homes have outdoor balconies or terraces, expansive windows and ninefoot-high ceilings.

Contemporary wide-plank laminate flooring runs throughout the kitchen, living and dining room areas, while a premium wool blend carpet is used in bedrooms and walk-in closets.

In the one-bedroom and junior two-bedroom homes, Onni features a 24-inch Blomberg panelled refrigerator with bottom-mount freezer, a 24-inch Fulgor Milano stainless steel fourburner gas cooktop, a 24-inch Fulgor Milano convection wall oven, a 24-inch slim profile Faber pullout hood fan, a Blomberg Energy Star rated dishwasher and an under-counter 1.2 cubic foot microwave. Kitchens come equipped with three-centimetre thick composite stone countertops and matching waterfall gable ends and multi-functional islands. The larger two bedroom and three bedroom homes feature larger 30-inch versions of the same brand name appliances.

Most of the homes have a

built-in nook with composite stone countertop that can be used as a functional desk or computer space. All have a built-in pantry with adjustable interior shelving, and premium marble or limestone tile used for the backsplash.

The bathrooms feature premium marble or limestone flooring and heated floors in the master or primary bathroom. All bathrooms come with a medicine cabinet, soaker tubs and frameless glass enclosed shower with a recessed niche in the shower wall.



The first phase of Gilmore Place will comprise more than 1,550 homes in three towers enveloping the Gilmore SkyTrain Station.

Gilmore Place, which is being built