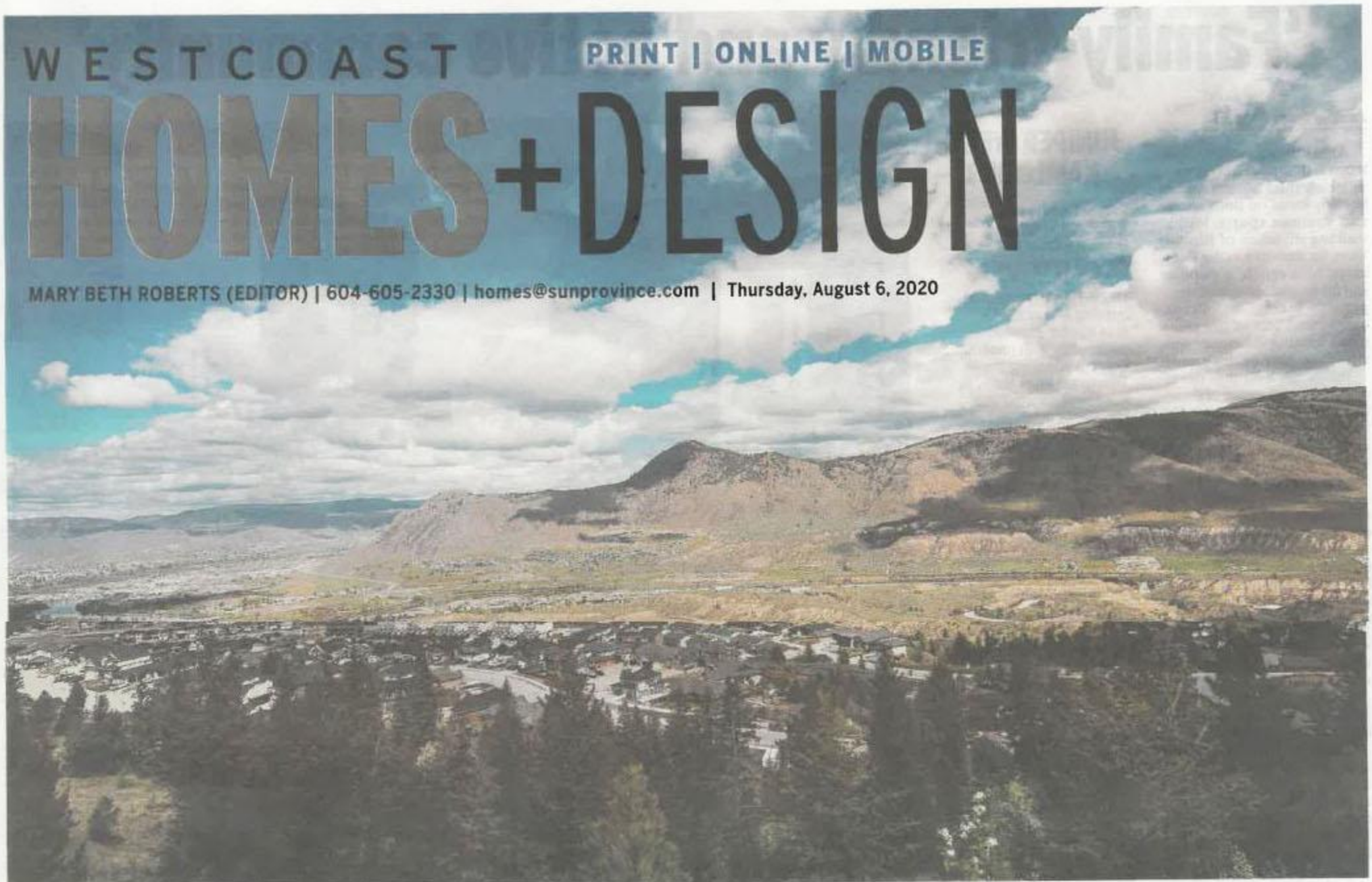


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Pictured is 250 acres of Juniper West land that is currently under development overlooking Kamloops.

## A master-planned community in Kamloops

Juniper West offers easy access to outdoor recreation with panoramic views



The 50-unit Ridge development by Juniper West in Kamloops is a collection of three-level townhomes.

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While COVID-19 has caused many real estate markets in British Columbia to drop like a yo-yo, there is one Interior city where home prices have held steady this year. The city of Kamloops, a long-established centre for forestry, mining, health care and tourism, has experienced consistent growth over the last five years.

That is a comforting fact for Doug MacKenzie, whose company's sprawling 250-acre master-planned community is on the quiet outskirts of this city of 100,000

located four hours by car northeast of Vancouver.

Juniper West's masterplan — adopted by the city in 2007 — calls for a total of 675 multi-family units and single-family homes with panoramic views of the Thompson River Valley.

So far, about 476 homes and homesites have been developed by Juniper West and its construction arm, Juniper Builders, said MacKenzie, Juniper West's general manager.

"It's a fairly steady real estate market. We are starting to see a lot of growth with families moving to our com-

munity from the Lower Mainland and a lot of local families and families from Alberta. There is still a lot of good value relative to other areas of the province."

At Juniper West, first-time buyers can get into the real estate game with a 1,700-square-foot, three-level townhouse in Juniper's 50-unit Ridge development for just less than \$400,000.

A single-family home, ranging between 2,500 and 3,000 square feet and with complete landscaping, can be bought for \$668,000 and up.

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