

VANCOUVER ISLAND PROJECT

Frugal adventurers seek out cottages

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The following are some other developments in the Vancouver Island area:

Wild Coast Cottages

The folks at Three Point Properties like a challenge.

The B.C. developer is a partner in the internationally recognized, sustainable and environmentally designed Docksider Green project on Victoria's waterfront.

It is also continuing with plans to redevelop a former cement plant site in Bamberton on Vancouver Island into a residential bluffside area.

While it continues work on a couple of other Vancouver Island projects, Three Point Properties has turned some of its attention to the fishing village of Port Renfrew.

The village is on the west side of the island northwest of Saanich a two-hour drive from Victoria, with plans for an affordable cottage development.

Three Point is creating affordable housing with access to recreation and adventure amenities.

Called Wild Coast Cottages, the project is targeted to adventurers who love the outdoors and want their own relaxed cottage experience, but within their family's budget.

Wild Coast Cottages is a collection of 30 fully serviced lots, most with ocean views priced from \$99,000.

Purchasers can then choose from a selection of home plans for a two-, three- and four-bedroom cottage ranging from 1,180 to 1,900 square feet.

Citta Group Construction is the preferred builder of the Wild Coast Cottages and will either construct one of the provided home plans, or work with buyers to create their own cottage plan.

The smallest cottage plan, when combined in a home and lot package, will be available for under \$299,000.

"Part of our concept for the first phase of development in Port Renfrew was to create a product that was not prohibitively expensive," says project manager Ben Mycroft.

"The demand for recreation properties in B.C. is forecast to keep rising, and we've already seen great demand for these cottage lots, so we're excited about bringing them to the wider market," says Three Point Properties sales manager Graham Bavington. "Local residents have been very welcoming and we're excited about the future."

The project is "very family-oriented," says Mycroft, "both from the affordability perspective and also in terms of accessibility."

Visit www.wildcoastcottages.com.

Crystal Terraces

Qualicum Beach town council approved the building permit for this luxury condominium development in mid-September

that will allow construction to get underway on one of the last pieces of oceanfront property left in the town.

Stepped up from the shoreline, Crystal Terraces' architectural concept emerges from the tradition of European hillside building.

This modern project uses the sloped site to provide a commanding view of the waterfront at Qualicum Bay.

The architecture springs both from the site requirements and from a classic tradition of stepped hillside housing.

Each of the five terraced structures has only two suites per floor. The result is that each suite will enjoy privacy very much like a single-family house, with its own private outdoor space.

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This Qualicum Beach site along the old Island Highway provides an opportunity to take advantage of this unique setting for a residential project.

The form of the buildings reflects and reinforces the quality and drama of the surrounding landscape and oceanfront.

The resulting stepped-floor levels form large terraces on each building and for each individual suite.

Each suite will enjoy a virtually unobstructed 180-degree view of the waters of Qualicum Bay, the Strait of Georgia and mountains beyond through large windows that make up most of the facade along the terraces of each unit.

Visit www.crystalterraces.com.

Eaglewood at Qualicum Beach

There are less than 20 homes left of the 51 making up this trendy development — and the level of construction and finishes has much to do with its success.



Courtesy, Tartan Group

An artist's rendering of the Wild Coast Cottages development near Port Renfrew on Vancouver Island.

The Craftsman-style detached homes at Eaglewood are designed perfectly for the setting, with natural rock and handcrafted timber entrances with solid fir doors.

Inside, there is extensive use of slate and hardwood on the floors, silestone countertops and custom-milled cabinets.

The landscaping is detailed and contoured specifically for each home — and every home is different, with one- and two-storey plans throughout the site.

The overall effect is an exclusive, warm and inviting, almost village-like feel.

For those who enjoy walking, the beach is five minutes away.

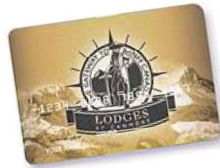
If you love golf, or simply relish a vista of mature trees and green space, then you'll appreciate the two adjacent fairways with views of Mount Arrowsmith in the distance.



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A golfer takes to the links at one of two courses at Qualicum Beach.

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