

Quarry Park home to Cardel's new digs

After building homes for others for almost 35 years, Cardel Homes is putting up some new digs for themselves, with plans to move in early in 2009.

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The new corporate office, located in Quarry Park, will be 105,000 sq. ft. and will bring Cardel's operations together under one roof, says Damon Ockey, director of marketing.

"We currently have three locations in the city and the new centre will allow us to consolidate everything in one location," says Ockey.

It is space Cardel has needed for some time, adds company president, Ryan Ockey.

"We required more space even before the major housing boom of last year," says Ockey.

"To accommodate all the new staff that has come onboard in recent years, we have contracted Remington Development Corporation to construct a new office."

Remington is developing all of Quarry Park, a 314-acre brownfield site, straddling 18 St. S.E., between Riverbend and Douglas Glen Estates.

The community is being designed to be self-sustaining, with commercial, retail and residential components.

The Jacobs Engineering Group was first major tenant and is building a 350,000-sq.-ft. corporate headquarters for the company's 3,500 employees, with a targeted completion date of August next year.

Randy Remington, president of Remington Development Corp., says Cardel is a welcome addition to Quarry Park.

"Having another builder recognize Quarry Park as the place to move their new home, and the design sophistication they will incorporate in their building, are tremendous assets to the overall development of Quarry Park," says Remington.

The new Cardel centre will also serve the general public, says Damon Ockey.

"The main floor area will include a completely unique execution of the now-mainstream design centres that many builders have," says Ockey.

"The first floor will also offer a community theatre and banquet area. With 170 theatre-style seats, lighting, and backstage facilities, Cardel Theatre is sure to be a popular venue for community and arts groups.

"It will be a bigger, bolder version of Cardel's current theatre, which we lend out to arts groups in exchange for food bank donations."

