

Save on travel living at the Gates in Quarry Park

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What a difference a well-connected, central location makes.



Diana Radcliffe, with her dog Max, bought a condo at the Gates, by Remington Development in Quarry Park.

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Diana Radcliffe remembers how frustrating it was to be stuck in traffic on Deerfoot Trail. That changed after she moved to her new place in Quarry Park.

“I never sit in traffic. I love it,” says Radcliffe, 34. Earlier this year, she bought a condo at The Gates by Remington Development Corp., which is now 70 per cent sold.

The boutique 32-unit development has both one and two bedroom floor plans. The current starting price on one bedroom condos, including a den, is \$315,000. In the two bedroom variety, they’re from \$369,000. Both prices are before tax.

The remaining floor plans range from 770 to 1,100 square feet, including opportunities on the main and third floors, where the ceiling heights are 10 feet and 11 feet, respectively.

Quarry Park, also developed by Remington, is a master-planned community next to the Bow River in southeast Calgary.

“I love the area,” says Radcliffe, who works as an instructor at a competitive dance studio.

From her new condo, it takes no more than 15 minutes to get to work.

“Honestly, it’s 15 minutes to most places you have to go,” says Radcliffe says. “It’s accessible to all the main roads.” She points out the quick proximity to both Deerfoot Trail and Glenmore Trail.

“It’s beautiful,” she adds. “I don’t need to leave the area to get what we need. Everything is right within the Quarry Park area.”

She’s made use of The Market at Quarry Park, a commercial hub featuring businesses such as a Co-op grocery store, Starbucks and Original Joe’s.

There’s also the Remington YMCA in Quarry Park, which opened earlier this summer.

Remington residential sales manager Julie Seidel says the new rec centre has resonated with potential buyers. Specifically, the appeal of being walking distance from its wide assortment of uses.

The facility boasts a fitness centre, running track, gym, swimming pool, leisure pool, hot tubs, multi-purpose rooms library, and child care. “What a great compliment to the community,” Seidel says.

Another consideration for Radcliffe was a community and living arrangement that made sense for Max, her Havanese chihuahua mix.

She picked a condo on the first floor, making outings quick and easy. Radcliffe also liked the pathways and greenery that create a scenic backdrop for walks with her four-legged friend. Among the green space is Quarry Park’s 36 hectare nature reserve.

The community has an office component, as well. At lunch time, many of those employees are out enjoying the pathways, says Radcliffe. “People are riding their bikes, running, going for walks,” Radcliffe says. “Everybody is out on the trail. It really comes alive ... which is cool.”

In choosing her condo, Radcliffe wanted heated underground parking. She likes that she'll be able to skip frosty mornings pushing an ice scraper across her windshield.

A two bedroom and two bathroom format and spacious walk-in closet were also essential. She does the administrative part of her job from home and the additional bedroom has allowed her to setup a home office.

"It checked all the boxes," says Radcliffe.

Earlier this month, the Gates unveiled two new show suites. Both have two bedrooms and one is fully-furnished.

"It's generated renewed interest," Seidel says.

The furnished suite is a corner unit overlooking the traffic circle in Quarry Park's green belt. Displaying a middle unit was important, too, because it gives potential buyers a look at the over-sized windows. Along with the condo's towering ceilings, "it just bring in all that extra light," says Seidel.

The Gates is one of two active condo developments by Remington in Quarry Park. The other is Champagne, which is 95 per cent and 70 per cent sold, respectively, on its two remaining buildings.

One bedroom condos at Champagne start at \$385,000 and the two bedrooms start at \$509,000. Both prices are before tax.

But there's a lot more in the works for Remington in Quarry Park. The developer confirms it has three upcoming projects in the next two years. The earliest is expected to be announced in spring 2017.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT: The Gates.

BUILDER/DEVELOPER: Remington Development Corp.

AREA: Quarry Park is a community in southeast Calgary.

PRICES: One bedroom condos start at \$315,000, before tax.

HOURS: The presentation gallery is open noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

INFORMATION: remingtoncorp.com