

# PIONEERING SPIRIT

The Mckenzie by Vesta is not your little house on the prairie

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IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME for your young family and you want it in a quiet neighbourhood far from the urban hustle and bustle, where you can raise your kids with a healthy respect for nature and Alberta's pioneering heritage, then Williamstown by Vesta is what you're looking for.

This new Airdrie development has been a certified hit for the B.C.-based developer as it launched Phase 2 of the project. Its Trails in Williamstown townhomes have sold out in the first phase, and sales of its single-family homes remain at a healthy clip.

And if the huge opening day crowd of over 1,000 interested people at the launch of the second phase is any indication, then it will be a very busy time ahead for this one of a kind master-planned community.

"We're the exclusive builder and developer in Phase 2, so, we were able to build a complete street of homes to showcase our superior streetscape that comes from our high-end exterior architecture and detailing," says Williamstown sales manager Brian Balson. "For the release of Phase 2, we also built 10 show homes to view, so people can walk through and >>







see the wide range of housing styles we offer at Williamstown.”

The McKenzie is one of the new show homes in Phase 2, and it received a whole lot of positive buzz from the crowds when it was unveiled in late September.

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ty’s social fabric, a spot from which neighbours can get to know each other.

The interior has a nice modern feel to it with its open design main floor. It opens nicely to a spacious foyer with a flex room on the left that makes for a great home office or den. It also has a very well laid out L-shaped kitchen featuring a centre island that en-

hances fluidity of action and economy of movement when preparing dinner. “It comes with plenty of pot lights that gives it a more modern elegance,” Balson says.

The great room provides a cozy space with its gas fireplace and oversized windows and makes for a great

entertaining space. The nine-foot ceilings — which is a standard — gives the whole main floor an air of warmth and style.

It has two full baths upstairs (plus a half-bath on the main floor) and an upstairs laundry for extra convenience. The master suite has a five-piece ensuite and also has a walk-in closet and both are really big features for homes of this size.

The McKenzie starts at \$309,900 and Balson says it is a very competitive price. “For the amount of detailing and quality design we put in these homes, there’s no other in its class that can match the value it offers,” he adds.

There will be a total of 29 laned homes in Phase 2, another 16 with double attached garages, and 12 with walk-out lots backing onto the Nose Creek environmental reserve that is literally Williamstown’s

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ers in mind, the McKenzie packs plenty of design punch and functionality. At 1,435 square-feet (plus a 735-square-foot developed basement in the show home) it really can’t be called a “little house on the prairie,” although that TV show’s sense of unbridled optimism is captured by the whole of Williamstown.

This colonial feel and heritage town look of this exclusive enclave just off Veteran’s Boulevard in Airdrie’s northeast tip is the lynchpin of its allure, giving the entire 162-acre development a feel of olden days and simpler times.

The McKenzie’s covered front porch calls to mind simpler days when the porch played an essential part of the communi-