

Green community raising the bar

Phase II of Oxford subdivision sets higher environmental standards

Homebuyers have the opportunity to find their dream home while reducing their environmental impact — and utility bills — with the City of Edmonton's latest Oxford development.

A public draw will allocate 40 lots in Oxford Phase II, where homebuilders are required to meet even higher eco-friendly guidelines for conservation and efficiency than the first phase, introduced in 2012.



"This latest phase of Oxford will continue to demonstrate the City's commitment to sustainable design and environmentally-sensitive building practices," says Edmonton City Councillor Bev Esslinger. "The development's variety of housing types, including duplexes, single family homes and homes built with secondary suites and BuiltGreen standards, will contribute to environmental leadership, attainable housing and moving toward a more compact, sustainable city."

All homes built in Phase II of Oxford must achieve a minimum EnerGuide rating of 80 or be certified to Built Green Gold standards or equivalent. EnerGuide is Canada's energy-consumption rating program. Currently, new homes built to Alberta Building Code standards meet an EnerGuide rating of between 65 and 72. All homes built in this phase must also be constructed "solar ready" for future installation of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels. There will also be a draw for a Solar PV system valued at up to \$10,000 offered by the City's Environmental Strategies.

Forty lots will be sold by public draw on Monday, May 12, 2014. The City will accept a maximum of 200 registrants for the Oxford lot draw at the registration event on May 8th. The public lot draw for Phase I was held in November 2012, and all 43 lots sold out immediately.

The City of Edmonton is offering grants up to \$20,000 through the Cornerstones I and II programs for homes built with secondary suites.

The City is also offering grants from \$3,000 to \$7,000 for homeowners who want to push the sustainability envelope in Oxford and build their homes above the EnerGuide 80 standard.

Interested homebuyers can also purchase and build their dream home on one of the remaining lots in Phase II with four selected Built Green-certified homebuilders. These builders were chosen to partner with the City after being selected through a request for proposal process. Their lots include options for secondary suites, single family homes and duplexes.

Members of the public and the homebuilding industry are invited to learn more about the City's green initiatives and Oxford's sustainability requirements at an information session on May 5, 2014 at Central Lions Senior Centre and by visiting edmonton.ca/oxfordlandsales.

For more information:

Oxford Development:
edmonton.ca/oxfordlandsales

Cornerstones Secondary Suite grants
edmonton.ca/for_residents/programs/secondary-suite-grants.aspx

'Legacy Pointe' Built Green Secondary Suites pilot in La Perle
edmonton.ca/business_economy/land_sales/legacy-pointe-in-la-perle.aspx

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