

Recreation centre becomes reality

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An artist's rendering of the Quarry Park recreation facility. To be operated by the YMCA, the project is expected to open in 2015 (click on the photo for our three-picture gallery).

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Potential homebuyers just got another reason to turn to the amenity-rich community of Quarry Park.

The master-planned development, which features a major commercial hub and pathway system, will now include a \$63-million recreation centre.

Shovels recently started on the planned facility, to be about 100,000 square feet, which will be operated by YMCA Calgary. It's expected to open in late 2015.

Quarry Park is in southeast Calgary next to the Bow River and it has a 36-hectare nature reserve.

The recreation centre is an important feature for residents of Quarry Park, says Julie Seidel, residential sales manager for Remington Development Corp.

"It's the idea that they can be within their own community and not have to drive around the city to be active as well," says Seidel.

Remington is the developer of Quarry Park and the builder behind two of its condo projects — Champagne and The Gates.

“In Quarry Park, itself, it bodes well to the philosophy of ‘live, work and play,’ ” says Seidel. “It’s the play part.”

The facility will include a running track, gymnasium, fitness centre and multi-purpose rooms, along with a leisure and lap pool. It will also house a branch of the Calgary Public Library.

“With our weather as nasty as it’s been (recently), it’s nice to have a place to go for a run or go for a bike or a swim,” says Seidel, adding that for most of residential parts of Quarry Park, the facility is between a five- and 10-minute walk. “They don’t have to use their car to go to the gym, which is another huge quality, I think.”

While many homebuyers have heard about the potential for a recreation centre for some time, the start of construction assures people it’s happening, says Seidel.

“Now that it’s underway, there’s a lot more buzz in our show home — and for the people who actually want to live in the community, they believe it now,” she says. “It’s definitely a selling feature for Quarry Park.”

Along with Remington’s project, Birchwood Properties has two multi-family developments in Quarry Park: Boulevard Townes and Bristol Townhomes.

“With our homebuyers, we’re looking at it as the final touch on a community that has literally every possible amenity now within walking distance,” says Adele Kerr, sales and marketing manager for Birchwood Properties.

“The reason that people have purchased down in Quarry is the close proximity to being able to walk along the river and walk to the Starbucks, or walk out for dinner. Everything is down there.

“I don’t think there are too many communities in Calgary that can offer all of that.”

Along with the two multi-family builders, single-family homes are offered by Cardel Homes.

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Remington Development Corp. is a Calgary-based firm founded in 1994.

Its projects include residential, office, retail, manufacturing, industrial and commercial developments.

These range from Quarry Park to the South Central Business Park, the Westwinds Business Park, Parkside and Heritage Towne Centre.

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