

Escarpment site developed like English village

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After 20 years of planning, Heathwood Homes' Traditions site has been launched in Milton, ensuring that the houses are architecturally beautiful and that the neighbourhood features, such as roads and parks, complement the detached homes and townhouses.

Bob Finnigan, senior vice president of operations for Heathwood says, "We've taken a lot of time to develop some really good designs and features with these homes. The design treatments that are found on the 36-foot lot homes and townhomes will be just as attractive as those found on the 60- and 70-foot wide lot homes."

There will be distinctive entry gates to the Traditions community, which is designed like an old English village and reflects the area's old Ontario heritage.

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Big, inviting front porches and attractive streetscapes will be among the distinctive features of Heathwood Homes' Traditions development.

tent throughout the neighbourhood, along the streets and in the parks. We will offer them to residents for their homes too," he says. "The lots will also be deeper than average. We will also have a woodlot of several acres right on the site, as well as two parks."

The site is located at the end of Main St. and west of Bronte Rd. "Since this community is right up against the Niagara Escarpment, homeowners can see it from their homes. There are many walking and bike trails to enjoy and we'll have bicycle lanes along the roads," he says.

"The underlying feature about this community is that we've spent a lot of time ensuring that the houses and architecture will be special. There's an architectural theme and consistency to this project that will ensure that it is an upscale community," he says.

The homes will have brick, stone and siding exteriors with classic architecture and focal points such as porches and masonry detailing.

The houses will range from 1,200 to 3,800 square feet and will be priced from the \$250,000s. Interior features

will include nine-foot ceiling ceramics, premium kitchen cabinetry and spa-like ensuite

"Eventually there will be about 550 homes here. We will be releasing about 100 homes for the first phase," says Finnigan.

The community is ideal for outdoor enthusiasts. The town has more than 10 rural parks, 10 urban parks and 25 golf courses. The Kelso Conservation Area features 35 hectares of trails and opportunities for swimming, boating and downhill skiing. More than 30 baseball diamonds and 17 soccer fields are available for sports teams.

The Town of Milton also has a master plan for the trail system which provides a vision for trails that unify the neighbourhood and parks. The sales office is at the end of Main Street and open Monday to Thursday 1 to 8 p.m., Friday 1 to 6 p.m. and weekends and holidays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Click on www.heathwood.com