

Millennium Water

Green Community, World Address

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There's simply no mistaking the enthusiasm that crackles through the air at Millennium Water's presentation center in Southeast False Creek. Vancouver's last true waterfront community, this collection of outstanding condominium residences has already captured the hearts of thousands. By design, it will become a model of sustainability and visionary outlook, a new evolution in residential communities. And in 2010, Millennium Water will be home to more than 3,000 athletes and officials who come from around the globe for the international event known as The Olympic Games.

But now comes the best part. If you missed out on the first offering of homes at Millennium Water, get ready because the Phase Two Marina Homes are about to commence sales. A stellar collection of 185 suites ranging from studio to three-bedroom and den, the Marina Homes are designed by Merrick Architecture and offer features that make the word "upscale" sound flat and boring.

Eggersmann of Germany vertical-grain cabinetry is sleek, sophisticated, utter 21st Century. Miele appliances as well as a Sub-Zero refrigerator and wine cooler, Dornbracht polished chrome faucets give a spectacular angular simplicity to kitchens and bathrooms — a subtle yet distinct statement of refined taste for the best in life. Even flooring is beyond what you'd expect — limestone, Forest Stewardship Council-certified solid hardwood, plus luxurious deep wool carpeting in bedrooms.

A Model for Sustainable Living

Make no mistake, though, Millennium Water is far more than a luxurious, elegant home. It is the first residential development in Canada to be specifically designed as a LEED™ Gold Community and the first condominium community in BC built to SAFERhome™



The central courtyard of Millennium Water's marina homes will be a lush, green urban oasis.

Certification standards. It's all about building great looking homes to meet the changing needs of today's lifestyles.

"For example, the community is designed using 'zero lot line' principles giving it a much more European character than we have seen in Vancouver previously," explains Roger Bayley, design manager and a principal of Merrick

Architecture, pointing out the numerous inner courtyards, rooftop decks, and other "hidden" green spaces that replace traditional open public spaces.

Not immediately apparent, but equally innovative, are a host of features like the automated roller blinds on the outside of many balconies — an effective way to prevent heat build-up from direct sunlight — the glassed-in corridors that increase natural light for reduced energy consumption, and a recycled rainwater system that's used to

flush toilets thus reducing strain on the city water supply.

One of Millennium Water's many firsts is its radiant capillary heating/cooling system. Water is pumped through a series of pencil-sized tubes in the ceiling and radiates warmth in winter or cooling in summer. "There are no fans creating noise, the system eliminates the dust that's usually being blown around so it's ideal for allergy sufferers, and it is a far more energy efficient system than conventional forced air," Roger notes.

Embrace the Lifestyle

Previews for Phase Two Marina Homes run from April 5th to April 16th with extended hours from noon to 8:00 pm daily except Fridays. Public sales begin April 19th. The 10,000-square-foot Millennium Water presentation centre and display suites are located at 212 West First Avenue (at Cook Street) in Vancouver and are now open.

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