



February Point includes residential lots that are up to a half hectare in size. Courtesy, Launch Pad

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JACK: 'Priceless luxury of peace'

Overlooking inlets, coves and beaches on Elizabeth Harbor, February Point Resort Estates is an upscale gated community of private custom villas and fractional ownership units being developed on 32 hectares of private peninsula.

Matter of fact, seeing how the island is something like 60 kilometres long and a dozen kilometres wide at its widest point, February Point is close to everything.

"But our residents are far enough away from all that is happening that they can enjoy the priceless luxury of peace and quiet," says Moody.

Since marketing began this past summer, plenty of deposits on reservations have been taken, he says, adding that these people are visiting the property to get an update and progress on the community.

To date, more than 40 estate homes have been built, along with a couple of larger signature homes that are being used as fractional ownership properties.

Prospective purchasers have a choice of fractional ownership in the Tangerine — where a 1/12th ownership is priced at \$425,000 US — or in Reverie House, where fractions are priced from \$650,000 for a 1/12th share up to \$1.75 million for quarter ownership.

The Tangerine residence has four bedrooms, four baths and a private infinity edge pool near the private beach.

The Reverie House has four bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, a gourmet kitchen, infinity edge pool, oceanfront dock and gazebo. It also has wraparound verandas on all three levels.

Residential lots that measure up to nearly a half-hectare in size are priced from \$975,000 to more than \$4 million.

The luxury villas on the property are de-

signed with a Caribbean flavour and have pastel exteriors, spacious verandas, high ceilings and windows — and open-concept living rooms, dining rooms and kitchen areas to let the warm breezes drift through.

"Besides the fact it is in the Caribbean, Exuma has grown in appeal — and (sales of the project) almost exploded from the interest," he says.

"This is not a flash-in-the-pan development. We've been building infrastructure and, on average, four to five homes a year there for the past 10 years, so it is definitely a growing project."

Moody says February Point has become an "exclusive destination for those looking for serenity and sunshine" in a relaxing environment — but with all the creature comforts of home.

If you don't want to lay on the beach all day, how about some golf, snorkelling or cruising the waters to see what's up?

February Point has a full-service marina that can accommodate 50 boats, with a larger yacht marina being planned.

Each oceanfront villa comes with a private dock and gazebo.

For those going the fractional route, those villas come with a fully rigged 26-foot twin-engine powerboat, plus a four-seat golf cart for touring.

Speaking of golf, the concierge team at February Point can arrange a round at the nearby Greg Norman-designed course at the Four Seasons Resort at Emerald Bay.

There are also opportunities to do some sea kayaking, windsurfing and scuba diving, and tennis — and for those into personal training, there is a fitness centre and spa.

Arhhh, matey, a little something for everyone.

Creating privacy goal of luxury development

Woodland Hills on the Ridge in Kelowna, B.C.

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Few developers fulfil the entire process of transforming raw land into luxury homes, complete with incredible landscaping.

Most sell their land to builders, who then create homes based on the interests of individual buyers.

Kelowna, B.C. developer Geby Wager is determined to do things differently. He is creating a luxury community where each part of the process contributes to an improved whole.

Not only are the \$2.5-million homes impressive, but each is being built with privacy from neighbours as the No. 1 goal.

No aspects of development or building process exist independently at Woodland Hills on the Ridge.

"Our goal is that no one should be able to see or hear anyone else," says Wager, who wants Woodland Hills on the Ridge to become "the premier development in the city."

Within this luxury development, one show home gives potential buyers a glimpse at what the realization of hard work and dreams looks like.

The show home at 1025 Westpoint Dr. will stun most anyone with its attention to detail and splurges on life's luxuries — most notably within what is being called its "manspace."

The manspace is an area where the man of the house can bask in his accomplishments and simply enjoy, well, manly man stuff.

Wager explains the overall look of the space.

"There are polished floors with three-foot checkers. There is a bar, a poker table, ledges for trophies and trinkets; it's a place where guys can go and drink beer or wine and still be a part of their 'stuff.' It's like a new style of family room."

There is also a ventilated cigar lounge, private vehicle showroom and even a display area for motorcycles. It represents the realization of dreams and achievement.

But Wager hasn't forgotten the woman in all this.

For a vacation home that anticipates the primal needs of man, it includes women's desires too. In a quiet area — overlooking a pond with views of the lake — is a timber-framed spa.

"The walls disappear and there is exercise equipment, massage tables; it's a place where she can pamper herself," says Wager.

The house caters to people with treasures that have been collected throughout a lifetime.

It provides nooks, ledges and areas where potential buyers can have their things surrounding them, where they can cocoon and enjoy spending time within their own home.

"These people might have finely restored cars, and here they can have them within their home rather than stored off in some garage," says Wager.

Entertaining takes on a whole new meaning at this show home.

The waters of an infinity pool appear to fall into the oblivion of trees and lake water.

Within its watery borders is a swim-up bar complete with a commercial fridge and thatch roof. Blue pool tiles amplify the feeling of water.

The home's exterior is New England-style tan shingled with multiple steeply pitched rooflines and gables. The result is a home that has a traditional feel and, while brand new, looks as if it has years of experience.

The total living space of the house is 7,330 square feet, with an additional 3,473-square-foot finished manspace.

Besides all the luxury amenities that buyers can look forward to when purchasing a home of this calibre, Wager has taken the process a step further.

He believes the development's ridgetop location allows it to be truly different than other communities in the Kelowna area.

Ridge-top living, as opposed to hillside living, offers more opportunities for homeowners to be intimately connected to nature, says Wager.

"Usually, you would have to leave the



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Woodland Hills in Kelowna allows homeowners to be more closely connected to nature.

house from a basement or a sun deck," he says.

For Woodland Hills residents and second-homebuyers in general, patios are actually extensions of living rooms, so the inside-outside concept is truly realized.

"Here people are among nature instead of just up against it," says Wager.

His unique position as both developer and builder allows him to ensure stunning, private views for each resident.

This dual role is key in allowing him to create privacy, as well as the building pockets and property lines necessary for this type of project.

"We know where we need privacy since we design each home. We can do certain things on one lot that enhance the property for each resident," says Wager.

For example, in Woodland Hills "no one looks into your pool."

Because of Kelowna's focus on outdoor activities, the site on Lake Okanagan draws energetic people who are connected to their environment.

Lake Okanagan in the summer is all about boating, water-skiing, wakeboarding and endless water-filled fun.

A great place to hide from cold winters, Kelowna still appeals to winter sport enthusiasts with skiing at nearby Big White.

In Woodland Hills, Wager ensures the extension of Kelowna's outdoor living ideal with the planting of trees and the blurring of property lines. Instead of dividing properties with strict, linear fences, Wager is planting trees — many of which are mature and come from the development's own nursery.

The point of all this: the homes seem to be designed from the initial stages until the very last touch of landscaping.

When the development is complete, there will be more than 700 trees and 20,000 shrubs planted amid the year-round and va-



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There is a display area for motorcycles. Connection to neighbours, to the ridge, to the land surrounding it — great attention to detail plays out on these lofty residences.

Woodland Hills on the Ridge encompasses 68 lots, with prices starting at approximately \$2.5 million.

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