



PREVIEW

NEIGHBOURHOOD GEM

Eight contemporary townhomes planned for Old Ottawa East

BY MICHELE OBEROI

A newcomer is joining the “human-scaled” neighbourhood of Old Ottawa East next fall. Veteran developer Stanley Levine has designed a tony grouping of townhomes for Main Street in the historic community that was once a village before being annexed by the city.

Evelyn on the Main will feature eight contemporary townhomes, says the owner of Sherbrooke Urban Developments. “People don’t realize what kind of gem (Old Ottawa East) is,” says Levine. “It’s a very human-scaled community.”

The sleek townhomes will combine substantial helpings of glass, stone and brick, plus detailed landscaping so the mini-community will fit neatly into the neighbourhood. “Our houses will appeal to someone who wants something very clean and crisp.”

Buyers will also be near many of Ottawa’s well-known landmarks, including the Rideau Canal, Elgin Street, the Glebe, the two universities and several hospitals. “The location is very strategic,” says Levine. “People who are downsizing want the benefit of a convenient, interesting location.”

Evelyn on the Main will appeal equally to the active 50-plus group and young professionals, says the developer. Two large, private bedrooms, plus a garage and driveway also make the homes an attractive option for roommates.

Small urban gardens in the rear and landscaping in the front mean minimal care for homeowners.

“A lot of people want a minimal amount of work.”



This eight-unit townhouse project on Evelyn Avenue near Main Street is intended to complement the human-scale community of Old Ottawa East.

For those with a green thumb, the generous, south-facing balconies at the front of the townhomes will provide plenty of sunny spaces for potted plants.

The large windows on the three-storey townhomes also invite the sun, and the high ceilings and open-concept floor plans contribute to the brightness.

Sherbrooke Urban Developments is an award-winning company known for attractive infill projects, including townhomes overlooking the Rideau River. In business for more than 35 years, Levine says the company pays attention to detail and quality.

“I tend to refer to ourselves as niche builders,” he says. “We do things on a smaller scale as opposed to a larger scale.”

Building of the units is due to begin in late winter, with occupancy planned for fall 2006.

There are seven townhomes re-

maining at Evelyn on the Main; the only remaining end unit is the 1,794-square-foot home at 55 Evelyn Ave.

Wedge-shaped with a spacious front balcony and plenty of windows, 55 Evelyn Ave. is roomy and bright. The ground floor has a family room with a private walkout to the backyard, in addition to a closet and powder room.

The second floor has a large kitchen at the front, with numerous windows and access to the first balcony, as well as a long central island and raised eating bar, hardwood flooring, and maple or birch cabinetry.

Beside the kitchen, the formal dining room has space for an eight-seat table and cabinet.

At the back of the house, the living room is deep and bright with a fireplace and three windows.

Two large bedrooms, two full baths and plenty of closets occupy the third floor. It’s priced from \$459,900.

Townhomes located at 43 to 53 Evelyn Ave. share a 1,821-square-foot floor plan that includes a sunken entrance leading to the ground-floor family room with walkout at the back of the house.

The second floor has no dividing walls between rooms, and includes a 13-foot by six-foot balcony off the oversized living room. A spacious kitchen complete with pantry and central island with a cosy raised eating bar is located at the back of the floor.

On the third floor, the larger of the two bedrooms has an ensuite bathroom and plenty of windows.

The townhomes from 43 to 53 Evelyn Ave. are priced from \$439,900.

For more information, contact Sherbrooke Urban Developments at (613) 820-1040, or visit the company website at www.thesherbrookepeople.com.

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ONE STEP AT A TIME

BY YVONNE JEFFERY

If you’ve ever wrestled with a conventional extension ladder, you might want to consider the Metaltech Telescopic Ladder.

WHAT IT IS

The Metaltech Telescopic Ladder is an 11-kilogram (25-pound) aluminum ladder that’s 76 centimetres high (2.5 feet) when it’s in storage mode, but extends up to 3.8 metres (12.5-feet) high, thus providing a reach of 4.8 metres (16 feet).

CLAIM TO FAME

Thanks to the tubular design of its side supports, each one-foot rung segment slides into the one below it, allowing the ladder to be stored in a closet, under a bed, or in a vehicle’s trunk or back seat. The company that distributes the ladder, Canadian-based Metaltech-Omega Inc., says this product is much more practical than extension ladders.

UPSIDE

It was easier than expected to extend the ladder out to its full height — the rungs pull up without much effort, and they click into place automatically.

DOWNSIDE

At \$259.99 plus GST, this ladder is more expensive than a conventional extension ladder, and it doesn’t extend as far as many of them do.

BOTTOM LINE

This is an excellent solution for those who need more than a stepladder around the home. For more information, you can go to metaltechladder.com.

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