

Maintenance free, comfortable condo living

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The Stonecroft Group of companies is known for providing premium condo living that combines intelligent design and exemplary construction value into each of its projects. The Auburn Bay project, located in Calgary is its most recent (see ad on front page of this issue).

To get some more information about this project I talked to Fred Thiessen, one of the Principals/owners of Stonecroft. Fred is very enthusiastic about this particular project. Before I get into a description of the main features of this condo complex I would encourage you to visit the website at www.stonecroft.ab.ca. Navigating around the site, you will be treated to video presentations and photo galleries of both the exterior of the buildings and interior of the units.

It is a common conception that location means a great deal when choosing a new home. This complex is located on Seton Boulevard across from the new hospital in Calgary in the Auburn Bay community near Brookfield residential properties. Auburn Bay is a vibrant lake community with a lively residents

association. The association is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the assets of the community and its amenities. The complex is within a couple of blocks of the lake, tennis courts and other recreational facilities.

The condo complex itself is comprised of four buildings containing 200 one or two bedroom units. The units have many features that would be found in quality housing of any kind such as nine foot ceilings, upgraded appliances, choice of custom kitchen cabinets, granite or quartz kitchen counter tops, hardwood laminate and luxury carpet as flooring and many other features too numerous to mention here (see website for details). The sizes of the units vary with a number of floor plans to choose from.

Anyone moving to Calgary to live or relocating within the city interested in maintenance free comfortable condo living would be advised to look closely at Stonecroft's Auburn Bay project. The Sales Center is located on Seton Boulevard and is open six days a week.



Saskatoon Health Region on provincial health care transformation journey

Now is an exciting time to join Saskatoon Health Region as it takes a journey on the road to continuous improvement. Skilled employees, teams and physicians are ready to transform Saskatoon Health Region's care and service from good to great, from excellent to truly exceptional.

In the next few months, the Region is anticipating a number of exciting developments. The provincial health system has adopted a new planning process - called strategy deployment - to establish priorities for the next three to five years. A consultative process called 'catchball' is currently underway with other system leaders.

When that feedback is collected in February 2012, further consultations with staff and physicians throughout Saskatoon Health Region will take place about how to implement the plan. The expected benefits of this planning process include a much clearer focus on a limited number of breakthrough initiatives - those that we must do and cannot fail - and alignment of resources, effort and accountabilities to achieve these high priority improvements.

Ultimately, Saskatoon Health Region wants a health system that better serves the people of Saskatchewan and puts patients and families first, every time. One that:

- provides the right care, at the right time, in the right setting;
- improves processes and experiences for staff and patients;
- eliminates waste such as errors, wait times, transport, handoffs, space and inventory;
- breaks down silos and improve relationships to speak, act and lead with one voice; and
- focuses on the most important strategies to improve the health of our communities.

One of the highest priorities will be the development of a provincial continuous improvement system, based on lean methodology and management. Many of the concerns in health care today are found in large and complex processes, not in its talented health-care providers, so new structures and approaches to quality improvement and patient safety will build on the successes already achieved in Saskatoon Health Region.

To support this enhanced focus on quality and safety, and to help Saskatoon Health Region achieve the established priorities, changes are being made to how services and leadership structures are organized. Virtually all patient, client and resident services and

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