

Rare development set for Salt Spring

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BISHOPS WALK

Developer: Three Point Properties

Price: Starting at \$275,000 (lot only)

Size: One-third hectare estate lots

Sales centre: By appointment only

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Three Point Properties considers Bishops Walk to be the last opportunity for prospective home buyers on Salt Spring Island. While most of the available property on Salt Spring is protected under agricultural land preservation laws, Bishops Walk provides 29 estate lots just steps from Ganges village.

"As developers, we are very aware that this property presents an opportunity to do something rare and unique," says Jack Julseth, co-founder and chairman of Three Point Properties.

"There is virtually no growth on Salt Spring in terms of new land becoming available, so the opportunity to create a new neighbourhood is very exciting."

Mr. Julseth says Bishops Walk will offer purchasers the chance to build their dream home, recreational cottage or retirement dwelling.

"Buyers at Bishops Walk have a great deal of flexibility when it comes to the type of home they can build. While aesthetic guidelines will keep homes to a rural West Coast flavour, homes can range from smaller cottage-styled homes to spacious family-sized homes," he says.

"Most developments go to market with an existing product, but Bishops Walk lets buyers customize their dream home by deciding what sort of home and features they want," adds

Graham Bavington, the project's sales manager.

The fully serviced view lots have been designed to maintain a Gulf Island sense of tranquillity and natural beauty. "We worked closely with the island's trust, the governing body that regulates land development on the island, to create a plan that worked with the natural surroundings," Mr. Julseth says.

"We've retained most of the site's natural topography and mature trees."

The project also plans to provide purchasers with a Gulf Island brand of urbanism that promotes a walkable and transit-oriented lifestyle.

Bishops Walk lots connect to Ganges via a communal pathway that winds through forest and meadow into the village core, which offers a marina, sea plane terminals, schools, hospital, restaurants, cafés, galleries, shops and more.

The aim is to give buyers the option to enjoy urban charms without having to take a ferry to Vancouver or Victoria. The development will include public trails and green space.

Bishops Walk lies adjacent to another Three Point Properties offering called Bishops Green, a series of custom-finished homes with availability starting at \$599,000.

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