

urban and combines appeal

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Moments from downtown Canmore, framed by two trickling creeks and set against the spectacular backdrop of the Rocky Mountains, Spring Creek Mountain Village is a one-of-a-kind development that combines the best of urban living with the rustic appeal of the mountains.

It's a convergence of generations, says Frank Kernick, the area's developer.

This is a piece of land that's been in his family for decades and what's been a dairy farm, a campsite and a trailer park now has its sights firmly set on greatness.

"I work hard on everything I do, but this is the project that I want to make sure is done exactly right," he says.

"My granddad was proud of his dairy, my dad and uncle were proud of the campground and mobile home community, now it's my turn to make sure it goes the right way."

And while developing a community is no easy feat, Kernick is working from an impressive starting point.

First, there are the views — 360-degree, panoramic vistas of the mountains, the rolling landscape and the creeks are stunning outside every home's windows.

Residents can take in the mature trees, native greenery and wildlife as they walk along the communities' winding trails, or wander from Spring Creek to the lively hub of Canmore.

"We are part of downtown Canmore, we're part of the community of Canmore and that's how I think we're a little different," Kernick says.

"We want an urban feel, we want peo-

ple walking around, going for coffee, seeing their neighbours and chatting — we want there to be more of a connection and a continuation of downtown Canmore drawn into Spring Creek."

That connection can also be seen in the classic, rustic architecture that comprises each of Spring Creek's buildings.

Rundle stone (from a local quarry, no less), timber frame construction and earthy colours juxtapose with geothermal heating and cooling, Built Green designations and the amenities that today's residents crave.

Rundle Cliffs Mountain Lodge, with its 56 full-ownership residences, boasts open-concept floorplans, rock fireplaces and balconies and vacation rental opportunities, while the 40-plus Moraine Ridge development features heated, underground parking, an elevator and suites that range in size from 700 to 1,700 sq. ft.

Most recently released is Cambrian Mountain Lodge, Kernick adds, which offers streamside luxury living with a selection of townhomes and apartment condos to choose from.

"The Cambrian Mountain Lodge and Cambrian Streamside Village will be comprised of 24 townhomes with 12 being right on the creek and 12 backing onto the courtyard, and there will also

be 54 luxury apartment units with great views," he says.

"That's just been launched and we plan to start construction this September."

And rounding out the list of available real estate are eight, one-third-acre single-family lots on which purchasers can build their dream home.

"They're spectacular," Kendrick says.

"They're large and they back onto the creek and they're the only single-family lots that are going to be available in Spring Creek."

But whatever lifestyle residents require, whether it's a single-family home, a one-bedroom apartment condo or a work/live townhome, Spring Creek has a choice for all.

The community, with a proposed build-out of 10 years, endeavours to be everything to everyone — and this is one neighbourhood that just may be able to do it.

"If you've spent any time in Canmore, you know the streets, the shops and the restaurants are amazing and Spring Creek is right there," Kernick says.

"It's the preferred neighbourhood — when you come up for the weekend from Calgary, you can walk everywhere.

"We're a block from everything Canmore has to offer, we have the trails, the spectacular views, the beautifully built homes.

"You can really see how wonderful it is and all it has to offer."

DEVELOPER/BUILDER: Spring Creek Mountain Village Inc.

AREA: Canmore

PRICE: Homes range from the \$400,000s to \$1 million-plus.

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