

# First Place Program Community Liaison Update

December 2015

## FIRST PLACE PROGRAM:

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As we approach the holiday season, here is an end-of-year update from the First Place Program implementation team at the City of Edmonton.

### Construction and sales activity

First Place homes continue to sell quickly. The Caernarvon, Tawa and Casselman sites are sold out. New home sales are continuing at the Kernohan site and have begun in Bears paw.



Exterior of Caernarvon First Place development



Exterior of Casselman First Place development

The City and Landmark Communities hosted a Caernarvon barbecue in October, complete with food truck and family activities, to introduce new residents to each other and to existing residents who participated in the design of these new homes.



Caernarvon community barbecue



Food truck fare at Caernarvon

We welcomed many new First Place families at the Bears paw sales event in southwest Edmonton on July 25. New home construction is underway, and as of this month, approximately 50 percent of available new homes have been sold to new homebuyers.

Check out some of their personal stories [here](#).



*New homebuyers at the presales event for Bears paw*



*Bears paw site under construction*

### Community design complete

The design engagement process with community residents has been completed in Kirkness, Larkspur and Haddow. The City and builder worked with volunteer residents from each community to complete the design of the new townhomes specific to each community. The builder received development permit approval for the Larkspur site in Spring 2015, and completed site servicing and interior roadways before winter arrived.

The City, Rohit Communities and residents from Haddow completed the design engagement process in May. The development permit approval was secured in the fall, and site servicing will begin in Spring 2016.

The City is in the process of subdividing the land for the Kirkness site, with application for a development permit to follow in 2016.

### 2016 implementation schedule

On December 14, 2015, Council approved the City's rezoning application for Blue Quill.

Community design engagement activities will occur in Belle Rive, Blue Quill and Sifton Park in 2016, depending on availability of community residents and builder staff. Additional design dates are still being finalized, and the updated schedule will be posted [here](#) in January. In 2016, the City will also conduct soil test on sites in Dunluce and Twin Brooks, where design engagements are planned in 2017.



*Rendering of design for Haddow development*

### Role of Liaisons

If you are receiving this e-mail it is because you have volunteered to be a liaison for First Place sites, which means you are asked to help us share information with your neighbours. If you have questions about being a liaison or wish to be removed from our mailing lists, please e-mail [firstplace@edmonton.ca](mailto:firstplace@edmonton.ca).

### More information

City Council approved the First Place program in November 2006 to allow homes for first-time buyers to be built on 20 vacant school sites, addressing a recognized need for more entry-level housing in Edmonton. More information on the program and eligibility is available on the City website under [First Place Program](#).