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Showcase home exudes superior craftsmanship

Newly-constructed home impeccably designed to meet function and lifestyle needs of homebuyer

Foundations



Debra Wells-Hopey

Halifax-based and owned Grande Coastal Homes has earned their reputation for providing quality, custom homes that exude superior craftsmanship. This year's R-2000 Showcase of Home's entry from Grande Coastal proves to be no exception.

Located on lot 217 on Milsom Street in Halifax's Fairmount subdivision, this newly-constructed home is impeccably designed to meet the function and lifestyle needs of the homebuyer while maintaining a style and form that sets the house apart.

Grande Coastal Homes knows that building a home is one of the most important financial decisions people will make in their lifetime. Incorporating the R-2000 standards into the building process has allowed them to make sure this home will be highly energy efficient and easy to maintain over the years.

This particular model, dubbed The Barrington, features an attractive stone tile exterior and beautiful roof lines with the interior consisting of rich details that reflect warmth and beauty. The result is 2,830 sq. ft. of living space that is airy while feeling cosy, open yet intimate.

With four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms and a double attached garage, the home is perfect for the growing family. The garage leads directly to the main area of the kitchen/family room — perfect for carrying groceries in on rainy days or having the kids strip their snowsuits off in the garage before coming in from the snow.

Although we are currently experiencing warm temperatures we know the cold weather is inevitable. The home has a highly efficient heat pump with an electrical thermal storage heating system to keep the home toasty warm without bills that go through the roof.

The gourmet kitchen is open to the family room — perfect for entertaining — and features a breakfast bar, eat-in nook and a custom granite kitchen island with built-in wine storage and shelves. The exquisitely-designed cabinetry with neutral tones, lend warmth, beauty, and



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The main foyer is open and inviting with a designer-inspired entry way. The warm Brazilian hardwood floors give the home an established, substantial feel, while the living room features a tray ceiling with rope lighting. The oversized windows with transoms allow in an abundance of natural light.

Nine-foot main floor ceilings and Palazzo series interior doors add a touch of elegance, as do the lever handles and wide vintage crown mouldings and trim. Mood lighting controls and an advanced audio system are the type of details that make the home unique and luxurious.

Double doors open to reveal the spacious master bedroom with a huge walk-in closet that provides more than your average space. The sumptuous master ensuite contains a Whirlpool tub, custom walk-in shower with massage body sprays and a unique double vanity.

As part of the R-2000 Showcase of Homes, this offering from Coastal is a can't-miss!

For more information on the R-2000 Showcase of Homes visit the Nova Scotia Home Builders' Association website at www.nshba.ns.ca or phone 450-5554.



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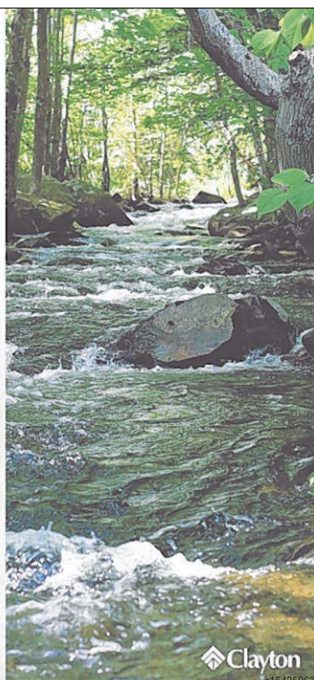


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