

# STORYTELLING BY DESIGN

**Sandgate's show suites relate the possibilities of living in this Mahogany Lake condo**

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Every home has a story, and in the case of Hopewell Residential's Sandgate condo show suites in Mahogany, their tale begins right at the doorstep of each stunningly designed room.

Signature inspiration boards created by Hopewell's design team capture the essence and style ideas for the four show suites of this lakeside condo. These boards explain to visitors what images, or colours, or snippets of life, fired up the imagination of their in-house design team to come up with these stylishly realistic vignettes of life here.

English sophistication, trendy urban vibe or relaxing lake home comfort; these are but some samplings of the life that can be made to enjoy in Sandgate as illustrated throughout their show suites.

Certified designers Diane Chrusciel and Carrie Sauvie are part of the team at Hopewell Residential that does all the design work for the single- and multi-family show homes by the renowned land developer and homebuilder. They also help out buyers make their selections for finishings for their homes.

Building the vision for show homes is an art in itself. "The first step is to envision the buyer for a particular home and what we think would appeal to their lifestyle," Diane says. "You can look at it as each suite telling the story of those who live there."

With a buyer profile in mind, they then formulate the look of the living space.

"The finishings we choose are historically what our customers at Hopewell like," Carrie adds. "The goal though is to design a home that people can see themselves living in," Diane says.

The two-bedroom and one-bedroom show suites at Sandgate do just that. All the possibilities of and opportunities for style to fit its lakeside life can be found in these show suites. "Hopewell does a great job in providing the floor plans and finishes that work well with a wide range of lifestyles, and we just do our best to design these spaces that make them memorable to the visitor," Diane points out. >>

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Mahogany may be in suburban south Calgary, but that doesn't mean you can't style your home to look like a modern urban loft. Just check out Sandgate's 664/2.1 show suite. The faux white brick feature wall gives it a rough-around-the-edges look with an industrial urban flair, inspired by a New York loft, Diane says. The show suite has quartz countertops in the kitchen and stainless steel appliances that add to its glamorous look.

The 957/2.2 show suite is a majestic retelling of a downsizer's story. The inspiration board in front calls it Rustic Romantic, and it shows. "It has a relaxed and charming atmosphere with a vintage element and a neutral palette that makes anyone feel at ease and at home immediately," Carrie says. The wide-plank laminate hardwood flooring adds to the impression of spaciousness, further elevated by the standard oversized windows and nine-foot, knockdown ceilings. "It comes together as an appreciation of traditional and transitional allure and warmth."



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The 601/1.1 design is playful and fun. Taking inspiration from London Street Style, this model's style is quirky and eclectic. This show suite features a mixture of eye-catching bold colours and feminine details to create a welcoming space to gather and entertain. Laminate flooring is pulled into the bedroom which creates a seamless flow from space to space of this home. This model is perfect for any young professional who may be purchasing for the first time. They are attracted to the functionality of the floorplan and maintenance free living when they are off travelling for work or pleasure.



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"The 664/2.1 has an environment that's part metropolitan sleek – smokey greys, off whites and chocolate browns, set against a stylish backdrop of exposed white brick, leather, tweeds and wools," Diane says. The ingenious use of the second bedroom with a bunk bed (not shown) illustrates just how flexible its design can be. "It's for a young professional, who was drawn to Sandgate for the ease of maintenance and proximity to work. This homeowner is travelling often with work and likes their space to be organized and functional. The secondary bedroom is a perfect place for their child to stay, equipped with bunk beds so there is an opportunity to host sleepovers with friends."



The impeccably meticulous design of the 957/2.2 has made it a clear favourite among downsizers. The soft touch of colour along with the lighter palette gives it a sunny outlook that those looking to scale down from their single-family homes find inviting. "The top concern for those looking to downsize is that they imagine that condo life would be too confining for them, this show suite shows them that they can still have a lot of space to entertain and don't have to compromise on how they live," Diane says. "They have family and grandkids in Calgary, and appreciate the amenities and restaurants of Mahogany, as it offers everything they need just a short walk away."

Sandgate is selling in Building Three (of four) with homes starting in the \$190,000s. Visit Sandgate's show suites at #114, 10 Mahogany Mews S.E. **CL**