



# Arbutus sparks conversation with “*The Ford*”

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With every show home they build, Arbutus Properties gets people talking.

“When we plan our show homes, we want to spark conversations,” says Jody Minakakis, sales manager with Arbutus Properties in Saskatoon.

“People find our show homes quite inspirational. A lot of customers that we build custom homes for select the same colours and finishes that we use in our show homes,” says Minakakis.

Arbutus Properties’ new “Ford” model home definitely has people buzzing. Located at 622 Meadows Boulevard, the inviting 2,133 square foot two-storey home stands out in many ways – including its colossal four-car tandem garage!

Minakakis says that the home’s West Coast Craftsman exterior, with its graceful front veranda and “bulked-out” pillars covered with large stone, has generated a lot of positive reviews.

The home’s interior melds classic Craftsman charm with industrial chic. Arbutus designer Jen Lapsiuk opted for a palette of crisp white tones, with warm

touches of wood, rich stone and the dazzle of blended metals.

In the living room, the natural gas fireplace is dressed with a tumbled white marble tile surround. “I really like this tile because it offers the look of painted brick. It can go either way – vintage Craftsman or a more modern look – depending on the style of your furnishings,” says Lapsiuk.

While white kitchens are still on trend, Lapsiuk says it’s important to add flair and personality to the space. She injected excitement into this white kitchen with contrasting black door pulls and door handles, a bevelled subway tile backsplash




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is a luxuriously appointed ensuite, with a glass-enclosed custom tile shower, soaker tub with a tile surround, a quartz-topped double-sink vanity and tile floors with a stunning marble mosaic motif. The walk-in closet is finished with custom shelving.

The two children's bedrooms are adjacent to another family-sized bathroom, featuring a built-in linen closet. The upstairs laundry room is central to all three bedrooms.

The Arbutus team doesn't just get people talking, they pay attention. The decision to integrate a four-car garage into the Ford's design was in direct response to comments from numerous Saskatonians who expressed interest in having larger-sized garages. "That became the inspiration for the design of our new Ford model," says Minakakis.

The Ford is affordably priced at \$599,000, including all taxes. To check out viewing hours, or to make an appointment to tour the home, visit Arbutus Properties' website at [www.meadowsliving.ca](http://www.meadowsliving.ca).

"We're anticipating an exciting spring with a new release of homes in The Meadows, including our popular Brady design, as well as the introduction of a brand new plan – The Clark," adds Minakakis. Stay tuned for more exciting announcements! 

and white quartz countertops. The island, which is almost nine feet long, is painted in a contrasting shade of grey with a decorative finish.

Mismatched industrial-style light fixtures illuminate the island and adjacent dining area. "Light fixtures are more interesting if they don't match. You don't have to select a family of light fixtures," says Lapsiuk.

Lifestyle also greatly influenced the home's design. "The Ford is the latest in our collection of single-family homes. It's geared towards family. All of the materials and finishes that Jen selects for our homes are carefully researched, whether it's the cabinetry, laminate flooring or quartz countertops. We're not just going for esthetics; we're also going for longevity and durability," says Minakakis.

Arbutus selected Torlys wide plank laminate flooring in a clear oak finish for the great room. "It's super durable and easy

to maintain. I opted for a lighter colour, which people really seem to like. It's more of a natural finish," says Lapsiuk.

Storage space is a priority for families and Arbutus' Ford plan satisfies that need. The front entrance has a large coat closet. The rear entrance is a mudroom, with a double coat closet, lockers and bench seating. The adjacent powder room is an added convenience.

The home's second storey is unique in its layout. A bifurcated staircase leads upstairs, then splits into two smaller flights – dividing the space into two distinct living quarters.

On one side is a huge flex room occupying the bonus space over the four-car garage. "It's a wonderful family space for watching TV and playing games," says Minakakis.

On the opposite side of the stairs are the home's three bedrooms.

The large master bedroom is an inviting sanctuary. Behind a stylish white barn door