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Castlebrook Homes' President Jay Rickard pays more than homage to the adage that a man's home is his castle.

"To me, 'castle' presents an image of strength, of security," says Rickard, who formed the K-W company in 1983 and holds a proud record of achievement in the building community.

There is nothing medieval about Castlebrook's custom home designs, which reflect to perfection modern spacial tastes that call for large, open rooms with plenty of kitchen, barrel-chested master bedrooms with oversize ensuites and deep relaxing tubs, with oversize windows sprinkled liberally throughout all living areas of the home.

Getting under the skin of a Castlebrook home further intensifies your initial impressions of strength and quality. Subfloors, for instance, are constructed of 5/8-inch plywood, properly screwed to 2x10 joists.

The home is double wrapped with insulation under a clay brick exterior, with R-20 rated walls, R-40 attic and R-12 basement. The foundation is covered in a waterproof exterior blanket. The plywood roof sheathing has a steel drip edge to prolong its life. Doors and windows are foam sealed and are all highly energy efficient, along with the furnace and Water Heater.

There's added security also in the choice of dead bolts for the front, side and garage doors and French doors with security steel and other forced-entry resistant hardware to protect your home.

But Castlebrook's main draw is the integrity and elegance of the interior. You can view all these features at the company's model home at 620 Clipper Drive in Waterloo, a 3,000-square-foot, four-bedroom beauty that embraces many years of experience and the art of contemporary home design.

Popular today is the art of balancing energy in an environment. It is reflected in the flowing open-concept design of the home, allowing air and natural light to filter from room to room, free of boundaries and clutter.

Half walls and columns are used to delineate spaces. A

box ceiling design is all that separates the family room from the dining area, giving multiple furniture placement options. The family room is spectacular. It features a natural gas fireplace with an oak mantle, complete within an entertainment surround unit. Double French Doors invite you to a finished deck overlooking a generous back yard.

A 10.6- by 13-foot den at the front of the house adjacent to the foyer can be open or private, accessed through a pair of French doors. This office is smart wired, as is the rest of the house and will add to your electronic accessibility.

An extra wide oak stairway faces the family room and is not visible from the foyer – It creates privacy space for the family with a bonus of easy access to the basement from the garage and a true mud room adjacent the kitchen.

Similarly, the kitchen and dinette form a great room unencumbered by interior walls, delineated by such treatments as the cathedral ceiling which extends gently above the dinette, leaving room for transom windows above the French doors that form the patio walk-out.

This 22- by 16-foot kitchen area incorporates cupboards and cabinets of rich Cherry wood to complement the deep gloss of hardwood floors. The large wedge-shaped kitchen island offers loads of additional cupboard space and is equipped with a double sink, handily located between the range and refrigerator.

Solid surface counters highlight the kitchen and ensuites areas.

The four-bedroom upstairs is dominated by a 17 by 16 master bedroom, plus lounge area and ensuite. A soaker tub, glass-enclosed shower and double vanity complete this master suite spa.

Laundry is also located upstairs and it is well-equipped with a washer, dryer /clothes care unit and built in laundry tub. Upper cabinetry gives lots of out of the way storage. Several linen closets are provided on the second floor. The basement is unfinished. It features high ceilings, oversized windows and large open spaces perfect for recreation, entertaining and additional bedroom and storage space.

Castlebrook Homes's next K-W project begins early January in Deer Ridge Estates off old Highway 8, with a selection of custom homes planned over the next two years. The model home is currently for sale. All furniture and appliances, fixtures and window coverings are included in the \$525,000 price.

How to get there:

For an appointment to view the model home at 620 Clipper Drive, Waterloo, call Castlebrook Homes at 746-6866. To get to the model, take Bridge Street west and turn right on Chesapeake Drive, then left on Morning Post Lane and left on Clipper Drive.



About the Builder:

When the Taing family moved into their new home in north Waterloo 15 months ago there were no unpleasant surprises.

"It was a very different experience from the first time I bought a new home," she recalls.

In a thank you letter they wrote, "We recognize that because you hold very high standards in your staff and in the workmanship of your homes, the homebuyers truly benefit. You shared many ideas and listened to many of ours, and that combination made our home one of a kind. You and your staff have shown a tremendous amount of empathy which has made us feel you genuinely cared about our happiness as homebuyers. Thank you Jay, and the employees at Castlebrook Homes for building our dream home."

Another satisfied family, John, Trudy and young Joshua offer... "You possess an impressive talent for choosing outstanding employees like Charlene and quality-minded tradesman (especially Ken). You understand that the value of your reputation lies within the hands (literally) of these people and you have made some wise decisions in choosing these people. Thank you for accurately boasting the quality of your homes when we initially met to discuss the advantages of building with Castlebrook Homes. You were true to your word and we would like to express our gratitude for a wonderful new home."

Testimonials like these please Jay Rickard, the founder of Castlebrook Homes, as he encourages client involvement through all facets of the construction. Rickard is a registered Design professional and enjoys working closely with buyers to "bring their ideas to life."

He has also maintained a close relationship with his tradespeople, using many of the same crews for over 20 years on the 20 or so homes he builds each year. They share his philosophy that the building process should hold no mystery; clients are encouraged to scrutinize each step of the process.

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