

Around Town: Quarry Park blends amenities

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Cody Clayton, president of Remington Development Corporation.

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When Randy Remington first shared his vision of developing the huge tract of wasteland and aggregate wash ponds that divided the residential communities of Douglas Glen and Riverbend, I admit it was hard for me to picture just what Remington Development had in mind. Today the company chairman's dream has been largely achieved and Quarry Park is an excellent example of how residential, commercial and retail amenities can be planned to blend together in what has become one of this city's most desirable work, live, play communities along the Bow River, which offers 82 acres of natural reserve for the use of residents and employees.

But Remington president Cody Clayton says the surround of river and residences has been marred by a tract of land being used by Inland Cement between Quarry Park and Douglas Glen alongside 24th Street S.E. which presented a bit of an industrial eyesore to the new development.

Now he is happy to report that by the end of this year Remington will have completed the purchase of the 25 acres that will be added to the present 360 acres of Quarry Park lands to provide more quality suburban office space.

The location is ideal for office development as it is adjacent to the future southeast leg of the LRT and immediately south of the proposed Quarry Park indoor recreation centre and sports fields, as well as being close to the existing amenities of restaurants, grocery, shops and services that form the Market at Quarry Park.

Immediately to the west of the new lands, steel is up for a new Quarry Central building - designed by Riddell Kurczaba Architects - which will offer an additional 144,000 square feet of office space to the 1.2 million square feet already constructed in the park.

Clayton says leasing interest is high and negotiations are nearing completion for a major tenant in what will be the largest contiguous block of office space available in the city until the end of 2013.

Remington is also currently building 30,000 square feet of industrial bays in Quarry Station to the north of Quarry Park which will also make use of the new LRT line.

Remington Development has been responsible for some of the finest developments in this city, including Westwinds Business Campus, Railway Street Corporate Campus and Deerfoot Business Park, but it has also been busy in Edmonton, currently completing an 118,000-squarefoot office park in the northwest sector of the city. And it is working on an area structure plan to develop Discovery Park on 585 acres in the county of Leduc just to the north of the international airport between the QEII and Highway 2 to Devon.

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Mark Bell is going to be busy in his new position as general manager of the 84room Sunshine Mountain Lodge boutique hotel as he prepares it for the scheduled mid-November opening of the popular ski and snowboard resort.

Bell developed his love for skiing during some of his high school years in Calgary but his first posting in the hotel industry was in the 1980s at the Empress Hotel in Victoria.

Since then he has managed properties in Perth, Australia, and returned to the Banff area in 1993 as part of the team that opened the Rimrock Hotel.

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