

# a prairie oasis

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TEN PEAKS CAPITAL GROUP SAYS IT'S BUILT THE BEST ESTATE COMMUNITY IN CALGARY — HERE'S WHY

**O**nly a small amount of people in the world have the ability to make their dreams come true.

If you're one of these people, look no further than Willow Creek, an exclusive estate community in Bearspaw, Alta. It's crafted for those of us who have always imagined living amongst tranquility and pristine architecture in a naturally breathtaking setting.

Rolling hills and the Rockies grace your view amongst reclaimed and enhanced waterscapes and flourishing vegetation. Each home is striking, offering customization to its owner that exemplifies true individuality. But the picturesque is also practical: Willow Creek is only a handful of lights from downtown, less than a half hour from the airport and en route to the mountains. If the mountains are too far, a 3,400-acre provincial park just a couple kilometres away is opening soon along the beautiful Bow River Valley. Willow Creek truly boasts the rare capability to be "Country Quiet. City Convenient."

"It is difficult, if not impossible to find a similar site that is as rich in diversity of landscape and views that is so close to the city," says John Bachynski, vice president, business development for Ten

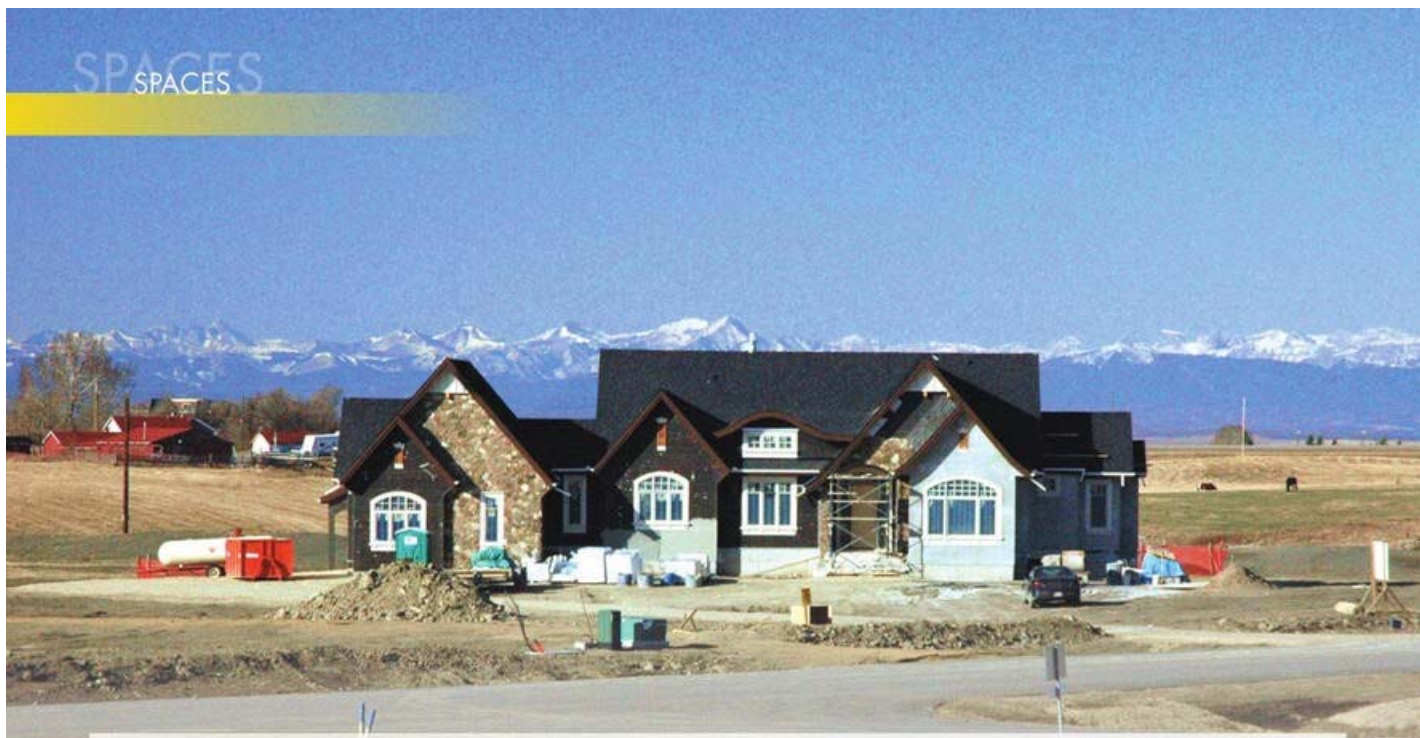
Peaks Capital Group and one of the developers at Willow Creek.

Another great advantage to living in Willow Creek: Home lots are two acres in size — a commodity that is being eliminated in new Alberta developments. There's space to grow and breathe, or have extra room for your belongings or the kids'. Additionally, every lot has unobstructed views of the mountains.

Bachynski puts it into perspective: "There could be as many as eight to 12 homes on two acres in the city."

So, what of the actual homes? They're expressions of each homeowner — within modest guidelines of architectural control to ensure high quality and open views of the area's stunning visuals. For example, fencing can be limited to ensure clear views

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of the mountains, and garage doors face away from the front elevation to make your home look as clean and elegant as it should. Once operating within the guidelines, your vision becomes your reality. You can even build an additional suite on your lot. One really might need a guest house after all your friends see what a marvelous property you've attained — one that exists in harmonious blend with the awe-striking landscape that you wake up to every morning.

"Those who live here are taking the time to craft their homes. Each home will be the expression of somebody's dream — which is very cool," says Bachynski.

The inside of the homes are your playground as well, simply sharing quality craftsmanship and attention to detail. Well, that, and glorious views.

Bachynski describes the Willow Creek community as possessing "a calm, resort-like feel of excellence." The site enjoys permanent tranquility and at night you can count the stars. But the urban beauty of Calgary is only five minutes away.

Within the site, there are also 4.5 km of meandering nature trails,

placing residents steps away from an invigorating jog or walk through the property. Of course, this would all be the visual serenade of ducks, geese or even the occasional moose. For the more adventurous, the rural community of Bearspaw is famous for biking with its miles of luscious hills. The aforementioned, soon-to-be-open Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park is less than a couple of kilometres away, and mountain getaways would take you less than an hour to reach. Bearspaw also has a Lifestyle Centre that is always bustling with recreational and fitness opportunities — it's currently expanding to include an ice surface.

The wonderful outdoors can also be enjoyed from inside. Imagine enjoying a soothing cup of tea on your sofa as you gaze out onto nature's boundless beauty through your large, elegant windows. All the while you're taking satisfaction in this limitlessness actually being your backyard.

It's no mistake that the natural environment around Willow Creek is so vivid. Ten Peaks has a Master Plan that strives to have minimal impact on the land while still creating a vibrant community. They have an environmental

consultant that worked closely with Ducks Unlimited to design their waterscapes thoughtfully, so that they could nourish the local waterfowl.

"We are proud to have created a community that works for both people and the creatures around them," Bachynski says.

You can still become part of the pride. These pieces of harmonious brilliance are available, but running low. Only 32 two-acre lots remain in phase one and eight two-acre lots in phase two. Lot prices start in the mid-\$400,000s and home prices range from \$1.2 to \$4 million.

It takes an exclusive capacity of mind to dream up homes so exquisite and expansive. If you're not the average homebuyer, Willow Creek isn't your average estate community. It's exclusive. It's for you. **LM**

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