

## **| Elk Park Ranch takes ranch life from gritty to outdoor mountain recreational**

British Columbia's only master planned residential ranch community, keep horses, keep mountain bikes, keep western history alive at The Ranches

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(Radium, B.C., Canada) - Life on a working ranch used to be pretty tough – hot and dusty days, livestock to care for, and endless chores. And then came Elk Park Ranch, near Radium, BC, with its 16 prime ranch properties for sale. Life on the ranch now includes access to skiing, golf and nearby amenities sure to please any urban cowboy.

"If you want to have your horses and a few cattle, you can," says Fred Schickedanz of Schickedanz West, developer of Elk Park Ranch. "Or, you could simply build your dream home on it and enjoy the view of the Purcell Mountains, the lake, streams and all the amenities that British Columbia's Columbia Valley offers – fishing, skiing, golf, mountain biking, hiking all only three hours from Calgary."

Elk Park Ranch, just one kilometer from Radium, proposes a 200-acre urban core with single-family residences and condominiums to be built over the next eight years. Next to that lies 600 acres of the historic McKay ranch. And next to that sit The Ranches -- 16 large acreages that can be turned into weekend rural escapes or hobby ranches, ranging from 38 to 480 acres.

"Imagine a piece of ranch land surrounded by mountains, forest and water," says Schickedanz. "The view from each of them is stunning." It could hardly be otherwise, with Kootenay National Park as the eastern boundary of The Ranches. The property has a lake that two ranches share and there are several streams meandering through the community.

The project is all about the romance and lore of the rural west. Owning property here means owning a piece of BC's history. Elk Park Ranch was originally settled by 18-year-old James McKay in 1886, when he bought 15,000 acres of land from the BC government. People who buy there now can revive that history by keeping livestock on the property. Each of The Ranches will be given its own ranch brand.

Services like snowplowing and road maintenance will be provided by a homeowners association. Power and wells are being installed, and a new road is being constructed up to The Ranches, but the properties will still feel like a retreat.

"They are only two kilometers from Radium, but no one will be coming up that road, so it will be very quiet and private," says Schickedanz. "But if you want to enjoy Radium's shops and services, they are minutes away."

Other amenities will be contained in the old but upgraded McKay ranch house, while the urban village at Elk Park Ranch will eventually offer a recreation centre with swimming pool and commercial services such as a general store. Ranch owners will have their own private lodge.

Prices are not set yet for The Ranches, but are expected to range from \$1.1 million to \$4.5 million. The properties will be sold by reservation this fall and the highest-priced property, 160 acres on Baptiste Lake, may be sold by reserve bid auction.

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