

LOUISE AND DON AT ROYCE

Fairytale beginnings

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Louise is the first person to admit her upcoming move to Royce in White Rock feels a bit like a fairytale come true.

“My husband and I had been away on vacation, and when we came back I stopped in at the presentation centre just because I was curious,” she says. “I had absolutely no thought of buying. But here I was on a beautiful sunny day in a beautiful showhome, and suddenly I had this wonderful feeling that I could actually see myself living here.”

Over the next few days, she brought people she respected to see the display suite — her realtor, close friends, and, of course, her husband, Don. “We’ve lived the same house for 27 years now, and I kept thinking someone would tell me I was out of my mind to consider moving to a condo,” she says with a twinkle in her eye. No one did.

Next, Louise made a book of photos documenting everything she considers special or important about her home — the open living room, generously sized and functional kitchen, laundry room with space for sorting and folding, even her view and patio.

“When I took it in to Sal, the sales manager, I told her ‘this is how we live, these are the things I need to have.’ Sal looked it over and told me ‘yes, we can do all this for you.’ And here we’ll even have a covered deck so I can use it year round — something we can’t do now.”

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Sealing the deal were Royce’s larger than average suites. “Don and I have so many different interests. We each need our own space, so a three-bedroom was a must,” Louise says. “And because we bought early, we were able to make a few changes like changing closet doors to create more wall space and adding a shoe closet at the front entryway. Nothing structural, just little things to make it us.”

Although it will be over a year until Royce is finished, Louise considers the extra time a gift. “I collect things,” she admits. “Downsizing is going to be tough. But the carrot at the end of the stick is that it’s going to be so lovely when we move in. I keep going back and taking measurements.”

She smiles. “My whole life, good things have always happened like just this, in an instant. I believe if you keep open to opportunities, things happen. You know when you’re making the right decision. This was definitely the right decision.”

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