

NEW ON THE STREET MAPLE CREEK ESTATES

Simply sumptuous

Filled with \$360,000 of plush upgrades, the Voysey is a new take on country living

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Down a rolling country road outside of Manotick is an estate home that celebrates nature and is named after an accomplished English architect, furniture and textile designer known for his Arts and Crafts styling.

The Voysey is a grand gesture for Uniform Developments, a company known for Arts and Crafts homes inside the Greenbelt, red brick townhomes in the Kanata community of Beaverbrook and modern, stone homes in Rockcliffe Park.

Uniform has also built appealing homes across from the 18-hole golf course in Stonebridge, but John MacDougall and Peter Stenger are now upping the ante, going big in their new Manotick community of Maple Creek Estates.

The Voysey is Uniform's poster child for comfortable, country living.

At a grand 3,661 square feet, the stone and cedar Arts and Crafts home sits on a half-acre lot and features a triple-car garage to stash all of the family toys.

The sprawling home is the largest in a series of nine plans for two-storey homes and bungalows. The smallest is the Richardson, a 2,481-square-foot bungalow with a heavy emphasis on glass, and a starting price of \$770,000. The two-storey cedar and brick Voysey is the largest, starting at \$835,000, plus \$360,000 in sumptuous upgrades.

All of the homes were designed by one of Ottawa's leading architects, Barry Hobin, yet inspired by a star chamber of international architects and designers.

For example the Voysey, a more traditional home, is named after Charles Francis Annesley Voysey (1857-1941), an English architect, furniture and textile designer, who was known in his early years for designing wallpapers, fabrics and furnishings. He is also known for his simple and original country homes.

Maple Creek, which when finished will have 60 estate homes, also features a plan inspired by Francis Conroy Sullivan, a Kingston-born architect with ties to homes in Ottawa and the only Canadian apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright.

The model, which is a stone's throw from the new CHEO Dream of a Lifetime Lottery home, opened last month with a release of 28 lots. Three have sold.

The Voysey rivals the lottery home in many ways, thanks in part to the design smarts of Danielle Hannah and Ernst Hupel from 2H Design.

The pair is behind the Voysey's wow factor, with chic furnishings, sophisticated light fixtures and finishing details that include vibrant wallpaper with wainscoting in the main-floor powder room.

The Maple Creek homes will appeal to those wanting to take their design expectations to another level, says Uniform's marketing co-ordinator Emily Meyers. "We



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The kitchen and family room of the Voysey at Maple Creek Estates is open and airy. The study on the main floor has dark wood cabinetry, while the side entry and mudroom is a study in practical living, thanks to storage nooks, convenient hooks and attractive beadboard detailing.

have a great standards for the homes, but we know purchasers (of) these estate homes really want to customize their homes," says Meyers. "We displayed a lot of optional design features."

And how. The \$360,000 worth of extras brings the value close to \$1.2 million. Many of the upgrades can in fact be heard but not seen, including the Control 4 home integration system that channels Norah Jones' soothing

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voice into every room. The technology also makes it possible to control any appliance or device — lights, locks, TVs or drapes — from any location.

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Designers also added a generous screened-in cedar porch off the kitchen, where family members can enjoy a summer evening free of pesky bugs.

The main entrance to the four-bedroom, 3.5-bathroom

home includes an oversized front door and covered porch, while the side entry is equipped with a practical mudroom with beadboard detailing and storage nooks by Deslaurier Custom Cabinets.

The home is all about open-concept living, with 18-foot-high vaulted ceilings and energy-efficient windows in the family room that offer picture-perfect views of the surrounding maple trees.

This family room is open to the gourmet kitchen with its delicious crème fraiche colour scheme and panel doors that integrate cabinets, the refrigerator and dishwasher.

An oversized granite island separates the living and cooking area, while a tumbled stone backsplash ties it all together.

There is a dining and living room nearby for more formal entertaining.

Upstairs, standard detailing in the master bedroom includes coffered ceilings and his and hers walk-in closets.

The master ensuite is stylish, with an oversized glass shower, soaker tub and double sink vanity with Grohe chrome fittings.

The basement adds an extra 1,455 square feet of luxe living, including a glass-enclosed gym, a bar and games room, and a comfy lounge with a fireplace to keep warm, and a sectional couch and flat-screen television for relaxing.

"We went the extra mile in the basement," says Meyers.

Maple Creek Estates will appeal to empty-nesters who are attracted to bungalows and young families, who may already be living in the Manotick area, but want to move on up to their "forever home."

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Maple Creek Estates in Manotick

What: The Voysey
Cost: Starting at \$835,000 for a 3,361-square-foot home. The model features \$360,000 in upgrades. The smallest home in the series is the Richardson, featuring 2,481 square feet and a starting price of \$770,000.
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