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Traditions in Milton

Coming "Home At Last" to a refreshing change



Next year, Richard and Michelle Desmarais and their two children, Theo (6) and Sophie (nearly 4), will move from their compact condominium garden home in Toronto to the 3,200-sq.-ft., four-bedroom Bronte detached home they purchased at Heathwood Homes' Traditions in Milton.

"We had looked around Toronto," says Richard, "but how far can your money go in the city? We found ourselves drawn to Milton for many reasons, including price and design. We'll have two-and-a-half times the space we have now. I grew up on a farm, so living in Milton will be nice for me. Michelle has lived in Toronto most of her life, so this will be a refreshing change for her."

"It was love at first sight when we saw Traditions," says Michelle. "I like the fact that the Niagara Escarpment is so close, and that we'll be able to walk to downtown Milton, which has great shopping. This will be a nice place to put down roots and raise our children."

"We didn't want to go totally rural," says Richard, "and we appreciate Heathwood's community design. We'll have a woodlot close by, and a park and village square. We'll enjoy the walking trails and bike paths, and even the coach lamp street lighting. Everything is a little bit nicer here."

As for the home they chose, the Bronte satisfied their needs in many ways. "Having a home office on the main floor was a big selling feature for me," says Michelle. "I work for a health management company, and I hope to work from home in the future. I'm glad we won't have to use one of the bedrooms as an office." Richard works downtown as director of service operations for a communications firm, and will take the GO train to commute.

The couple also loves many other aspects of the home. "In our current house, we all share one bathroom," says Michelle. "In the new home, we'll have the master ensuite, which has a handy separate shower, and each of the kids will have a bathroom. Our current kitchen is so small, only one person can maneuver in it. In the Bronte, the kitchen is really large and has an island so big that Richard jokes he could sleep on it." As to whether she likes to cook, Michelle says, "I'll like it a lot more in the new house!"

Richard and Michelle say that the homes at Traditions include a lot of standard features that are upgrades with other builders, and feel the Bronte has future livability for them as well, with a basement they can finish in the future. They are also happy with their Heathwood buying experience. "From day one, there was a personal touch that we really appreciated," says Michelle. "The sales representative spent a lot of time with us, and we never felt rushed."

"At our Décor Store colour selection appointment," adds Richard, "Heathwood was totally up-front about everything. The Southwind model home has the colour palette we love, which made our selection easier, and the staff was very helpful." The four models at Traditions were appointed by Bryon Patton of Bryon Patton and Associates to reflect the variety of purchasers here. Richard adds that he and Michelle were impressed with the Heathwood Homeowner Directory they received, which is a binder full of information about their home-buying process. "We're very confident and happy about our decision."

Choices at Traditions include townhomes from 1,241 to 2,094 sq. ft. starting from \$299,900; semi-detached designs from 1,644 to 2,206 sq. ft. from \$348,900; detached homes on 36-ft. lots from 1,689 to 2,534 sq. ft. from \$409,900; 43-ft. lots from 2,295 to 3,279 sq. ft. from \$492,900; and 49-ft. lots from 2,572 to 3,285 sq. ft. from \$580,900. Ask about a limited selection of 60-ft. and 70-ft. lots priced from \$710,900. Every home at Traditions is ENERGY STAR qualified.

The Traditions sales centre is on Main Street, west of Bronte Street. Hours are Monday to Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m.; Friday from noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 905-876-3140 or visit www.heathwood.com.

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