

Emerald Park Homes: Superlative home-building, superlative service

When Sarah and Jarrett Kozusko, living in Alberta, began to plan their move to Saskatchewan a couple of years ago, they turned, as so many potential home buyers do, to the Internet. They were searching for a builder who could interpret their visions of the perfect family home, and by a stroke of luck, they found Emerald Park Homes.





Located at 64 Great Plains Rd., Emerald Park Homes is a true custom home builder; meaning the customers choose the plan that works for their family and budget: if they have special needs due to physical challenges, environmental allergies, or age-related issues, or request the use of energy efficient or green products—all of this can be addressed in the planning stages to meet the family's needs. The customers choose from a wide range of products and meet with the sub-trades to choose their customized cabinets, vanities, and many other major components, including flooring and light fixtures.

The slogan on their website says it all: "No Salesmen—No passing the buck—Deal with the owner, Garry Sawchyn."

Garry is on-site almost daily to keep things moving, meeting the customers to discuss any concerns or questions and is available by phone and email almost everyday.

Garry and Lorena Sawchyn, started their first business, Apex Construction Ltd., in 1980, doing primarily concrete flatwork. This evolved





into general construction, including concrete, framing, cabinet installation, basement foundations, commercial-grade beams and, finally, general contracting projects from start to finish. Having worked as a sub-trade in both the commercial and residential market for years, Garry decided that it was time to try his hand at home building.

Their first home was built on St. Andrews Bay in Emerald Park. The bungalow featured vaulted ceilings and large windows overlooking the golf course. Architectural guidelines dictated certain brick on the exterior, as well as clay tile roofs.

Emerald Park Homes is a family business, employing Garry, his wife Lorena, and all three of their grown sons. In part, their commitment to home building and to superlative customer service is a facet of their strong family ties, as well as their enthusiasm for the community where their business is located and

where they reside. This company has been growing steadily for the past seventeen years as its reputation to build quality, unique homes grows.

The builder specializes in helping his customers choose their lot, putting their ideas and pictures from magazines together into final construction plans and new home specifications to a finished project of their own design. Customers are given the chance to make changes during construction when possible, but there are trade-offs. Depending upon the work involved and the availability of products, the possession date may have to be moved ahead. But to most, it is worth it to get what they want in their new home.

During the past year the community of White City has been booming, with new homes and new businesses popping up all over. Lots in the new Bower West subdivision are filling up fast with new

families. Emerald Park Homes has purchased several types of lots in that area to provide choices of bay lots, walk-out lots, and some that back onto green space.

White City and Emerald Park offer unlimited amenities, all within an easy commute to Regina. Residents enjoy parks with lighted walkways, an elementary school and a well-designed golf course and club. Other sports facilities include a soccer field, baseball diamonds and a skating rink. The subdivision is patrolled by the RCMP and provides a local fire hall, a community centre, doctor's office, pharmacy, Credit Union, SGI licence issuer, a regional library, and many retail stores.

The attractions of the community were obvious to Sarah and Jarrett Kozusko, and one of the lots offered by Emerald Park Homes presented the perfect setting for the family home they envisioned. A haven for two busy professional people, a showplace where they could entertain friends as they enjoy doing, and a safe and happy place for their children; Sarah had clear pictures in her mind of many details and individual rooms. A designer helped pull together a cohesive package that fulfilled her vision. Thanks to Emerald Park Homes' craftsmanship and commitment to homebuilding, the dwelling is everything she and husband Jarrett hoped for.

Essential to the vision the Kozuskos conceived was an element of livability. Their children must be comfortable in all the rooms, with surfaces and materials sturdy and easy to maintain, while projecting a refined elegance. For instance, Sarah planned a mudroom that was paramount to the organization of their every-day schedule and lifestyle; a place for everything, everything in its place, all done with style and sophistication.

The kitchen and living space reflect the same ambience, thanks to the workmanship that makes Emerald Park Homes a trusted name in Saskatchewan home building. Each tradesperson used by the company is carefully chosen for skill and workmanship. The team works very hard together to ensure





that their homes fulfill the buyer's unique requirements. They hold conferences at various stages of the home's construction. These meetings are informative; clients are also invited to visit their new home on a regular basis during construction.

The Kozukos project didn't progress rapidly, but they consider the wait well worth it. "This is our Forever House," Sarah declared. "There's nothing I would change."

"It's the perfect home for our family," her husband Jarrett agreed. Thanks to Emerald Park Homes, they have a dream house in an excellent location, where they and their two children can enjoy all the rewards that life might offer.

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"Just a little something for you! Your time in the office with all the extra work you did for us is very much appreciated! We love our home and all the extras that required extra time are appreciated and all the little details were soooo! worth it! Thanks again,

Bill, Corrie, Kyle and Reese Krzysik



The level of personal attention that every trade paid to our house was one of the most impressive showcases of customer service we have ever experienced. Lorena was always ready to offer advice and recommend the right people to talk to, and Garry was at the house almost daily, usually in work clothes. He knew exactly what was going on every step of the way—I think that's what impressed us the most. They know the answers or have the people who do, and more than that, they know the questions that we need to be asking. The finished home is exactly what we wanted, in every way. We have recommended Emerald Park Homes with confidence to every person who asks about the house.
Loran & Rina Schalk



Emerald Park Homes has built two homes for our family. Both times it has been a pleasant experience working with Gary and Lorena Sawchyn.

Gary was open to our many different ideas and options and we appreciated not being bound by cookie-cutter house plans. When you are building an Emerald Park home you are working directly with the owner every step of the way rather than an employee of a larger company. Gary's good sense of humor and easy going manner made it very easy to work with him.

We had complete access to the house as it was being built and Gary was always available to answer questions and accommodate the changes we wanted to make as the house progressed. Gary cares about the results of his homes and his attention to detail shows in the finished product.

We have received many compliments about our beautiful home and we would not hesitate to recommend Emerald Park Homes to anyone.

Guy and Linda Roy Fall 2009

