



# Builder invites you to judge future results by past performances

Emerald Park Homes: a jewel of the Regina home industry

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Everyone wants to live in a home they can be proud of, but they may choose different paths to get there. For instance, if you adore the view from your backyard deck, but now find the outdated siding, draughty windows and peeling paint too distracting, a total facelift may be exactly what you need to get your home back on track.

If, however, you find that the neighbourhood you once loved no longer suits your lifestyle and your current home leaves a lot to be desired, a fresh start

may be the thing for you.

Whether you choose to construct a new home or renovate an existing one, Emerald Park Homes Ltd. is the best place to start your journey toward loving the home you have, or building a home you love.

## Now is the Time to Build

### New

Saskatchewan's current housing market has created a great opportunity for

long-time homeowners to cash in on their equity and invest in the new home they've always wanted. Not only will a new home maintain its value longer than their existing home, it will enable them to spend more time enjoying life and less time on maintenance and repairs.

Of course, not all homeowners are ready to cash in on their equity by selling their home. In this case, renovating is a great way to retain or even increase a home's value, although if the market drops in a few years, homeowners may not be able





steps we need to take to get their desired result and are able to solve any problems that arise along the way."

## A Real-Life Renovation

### Success Story

When Roger and Carie Brandvold first approached Emerald Park Homes last spring, they were intending to build a new home on a large acreage lot they had purchased in the White City area. The couple had spent the past year planting hundreds of trees and shrubs and designing the landscaping for their five-acre parcel. They had reached the stage where they were ready to begin planning their new house and dropped into the Emerald Park Homes office to see what the company had to offer and ask for professional advice.

During the meeting, it became clear that the Brandvold's absolutely loved their neighbourhood and the layout of their existing two-bedroom, two-bathroom bungalow. The home featured an attached triple garage; a fabulously landscaped yard complete with fishpond; and a finished basement with a built-in bar, two additional bedrooms and a large recreation room; all on a quiet bay lot with a spectacular sunset view backing onto Emerald Park's Aspen Links Golf Course.

"We loved our neighbourhood. We loved our yard. It was just that the house needed major changes," Carie said.

Unfortunately, the direction the home faced allowed in too much sunlight during the summer, making it unbearably hot. It also needed interior updates, including new flooring, new painting, new window and door trim, and new granite countertops in the kitchen, bathrooms and basement bar.

Garry visited the Brandvold's home to look for a way to address the home's west exposure and drew up a preliminary plan to add a covered deck along the full width of the home, deflecting the sunshine and giving the Brandvolds outdoor living



to get the same amount that is possible today.

Emerald Park Homes has the technical, business and interpersonal skills needed to successfully manage any home building or renovation project. The company, owned by Garry and Lorena Sawchyn, has

served hundreds of customers in Regina and area over the past thirty years.

"Our experience backs an extensive knowledge of the materials, tools, techniques and trends available in this industry," said Garry. "When homeowners approach us with a project, we know the





space. The plan included an eating area on one side and a cozy sitting area with a fireplace, screened to provide privacy, on the other. The maintenance-free deck would be constructed of stucco walls and a composite decking floor.

With this new proposal, the Brandvold's found themselves with three different options: they could buy another used home in the area, which would also require extensive renovations; start from scratch with a new build; or renovate their existing home.

"Through discussions with [Garry and Lorena], we realized that this is where we wanted to be," said Carie. "We really needed to depend on the builder because we'd never gone through anything like this before. We felt really confident with Garry."

"When the house was finished, it was so much better than we thought it would be," Carie said. "I can't even explain how we felt when it was done. We were just so

impressed that this house could turn into what he did with it."

## Trust Emerald Park Home's Proven Results

When it comes to choosing a homebuilder, the best way to predict future results is by looking at past performance. Emerald Park Homes invites all prospective clients to speak with their past customers about their experiences working with the company. They also encourage clients to contact the Saskatchewan New Home Warranty Program, Regina & Region Homebuilders Association, local building inspectors, and other sources to validate their commitment to customer service.

Finally, Garry and Lorena invite future clients to judge for themselves by meeting with Emerald Park Homes to discuss any potential project. "Our goal during the initial meeting is to get to know the customer and provide them with honest, straightforward information about what

we can do to address their needs," said Garry.

The first meeting also sets the stage for effective communication throughout the project, said Garry. This means explaining the project step by step, discussing any problems that may arise, and working with the client to refine their plans where needed to make sure they get the most desirable, cost-effective results.

The process of completing and obtaining plans, paperwork, and permits can take almost as long as the actual construction. For those considering a renovation or a new build, the sooner they start to put their ideas on paper and the more information they can bring to the table about what they want, the sooner Emerald Park Homes can get the job started.

Remember, in order to start construction in the spring, plans must be in place and permit applications submitted well ahead of time.

"Our customers will tell you that the quality of our work and their overall experience with our company was second to none," said Garry. "If you're looking to renovate your home or build new, why not let us do the same for you?"



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