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Equitas' **Coast 49** brings New England-style **saltbox architecture** to life in a secluded South Surrey community. Homebuyers love the look and the lifestyle these homes inspire; residents are close to the ocean and all local amenities, as well as the U.S. border.



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## B.C. housing starts up in first quarter

Homes sales are **moderating** in the province, says BCREA

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New home construction in B.C. picked up in the first quarter of 2010 as builders responded to increased home ownership demand, reports Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Foundations were poured for 5,337 new homes in the first three months of the year, compared to 2,522 housing starts in the first quarter of 2009.

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"In recent months, the new construction market has become considerably more attractive," says CMHC B.C. regional economist Carol Frketch. "Economic conditions are strengthening and a resurgent resale market will ensure that developers continue to build more homes this year than they did in 2009."

Single-detached construction rebounded with the most strength in urban British Columbia (centres with more than 10,000 people) in the first quarter; 2,164 single-detached homes were started in that time this year, compared to just 628 homes a year earlier.

Multiple-family home starts were also strong in the first three months of the year, increasing by 68 per cent from a

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Designer Sarah Gallop in the kitchen of one of her recent projects. Each homeowner has different tastes, but keeping the main design factors timeless is important, she says. *Bob Hevel photo.*

## Everything old's new again

Home design trends come and go; knowing your own taste is key

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It's something we all hear: fashion and interior design are going retro. What is interesting about reaching back 40, 50, or even 60 years ago is not the revisiting of the horrors of orange and green shag

carpet, but the staying power of post-Second World War design.

In today's world, many people still seem to be in love with the clean, pared-down look of whites and creams and mushroom. Homeowners introduce texture and interest by adding natural materials such as wood and stone. When we go for bright colour, it is usually in items such as cushions and throws, maybe art. Bathrooms are clean and simple in style with luxury in materials such as

granite and marble.

Mid-century modern houses are lusted after, complete with furniture that is stripped down, with clean lines. Think Scandinavian teak, think moulded chairs, and think egg-shaped chairs swinging on a chain. Not very different from what many look for today, with the possible exception of the chair on the chain.

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# East Coast flavour, West Coast homes



## Coast 49: new homes, great setting

Many of us have likely sighed while watching movies based in New England, envious of the saltbox architecture with shiplap or shingle siding.

Plenty of homebuyers drool over the wooden shutters and window boxes bursting with colour against a pale background.

But most of all, homebuyers covet the lifestyle these homes represent; well-built homes in which to raise a family, dinners together around the dining table listening to each other tell tales of the day, and of course, the closeness to the ocean and the ability to stroll along the beach and let the ocean breezes wash away the stresses of the day.

If this is the life local homebuyers are picturing, they should look into Coast 49, a place to call home.

Located in South Surrey five minutes from the White Rock Pier, this community of 64 single-family homes is set in a dream location.

Close enough to amenities such as shopping, the highway and the U.S. border to make travelling easy, it is also a peaceful enclave protected from the hurly burly of everyday life.

A variety of plans are available including traditional and great room layouts.

Home purchasers can choose from three different colour schemes to make each home personal.

Each design features open floorplans with nine-foot ceilings on the main floor; the rest of the rooms are positioned perfectly and generously

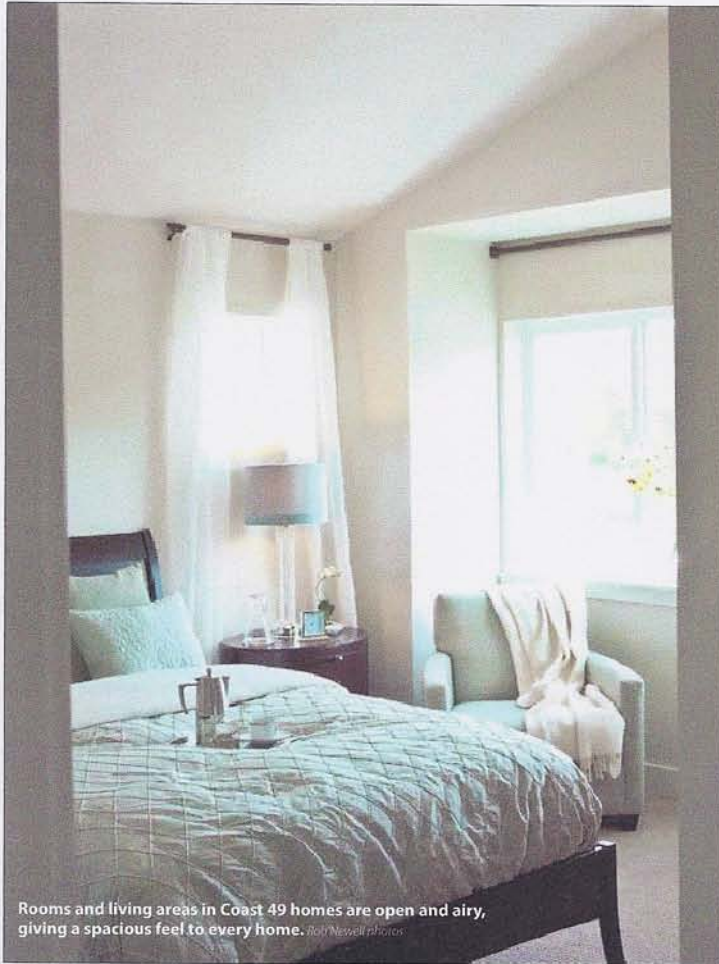


**Coast 49 homes feature clean lines and a fresh look with the saltbox architecture made famous in the New England states and throughout the East Coast of North America. Situated in a secluded South Surrey neighbourhood, the single-family homes are attracting homebuyers of all ages and families of all sizes. The community is close to both the ocean and the U.S. border. Rob Newell photos**



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# A lifestyle you'll love



Rooms and living areas in Coast 49 homes are open and airy, giving a spacious feel to every home. *Rich Newell photos*



## Amenities, beaches, shops nearby

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proportioned. Flooring is a mix of hand-set tile, hardwood laminate and plush carpeting.

Coast 49 marketing manager Gary Marshall says the East Coast-style homes appeal to a wide range of homebuyers.

"For a young family with or without children, this is an ideal location steps away from a future elementary school and close to the ocean where they can go exploring," Marshall says.

"For people who are downsizing and want to be able to just lock up and go with complete confidence their property will be safe - but with enough room to entertain in the style they are used to - this project is perfect."

The open-plan kitchen has plenty of workspace with a granite island and breakfast bar. Classic shaker-style cabinets, in three colour choices, are finished with oil-rubbed bronze hardware. The double stainless sink complements the stainless steel appliances, including Ceran top range, oversized fridge, dishwasher, and combination microwave/hood fan.

The bathrooms include beautiful hand-set ceramic tile flooring, shaker-style, extra-large vanities, laminate



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## Great value at Coast 49

### Homes appeal to all ages, sizes

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countertops and large, beveled-edged mirrors with fluted glass light fixtures and, to help the homeowners relax at the end of the day, an oversized soaker tub or separate glass shower.

Upstairs, there is a convenient, full-sized laundry room.

The heavy exterior construction of these homes includes R-20 insulation in the walls and R-40 in the ceilings to keep the family warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

Argon-filled, double-glazed, sealed, low-e windows ensure a quiet, draft-free and energy-efficient interior. A high-efficiency furnace reduces heating costs and a family sized, 80 US gallon electric hot water tank ensures there will always be hot water.

The price point, Marshall notes, is excellent for a South Surrey neighbourhood.

"The value of the homes at Coast 49 is very high. To live in this South Surrey area close to the ocean, with all the amenities, they are very affordable," he says.

Homes start from \$499,900. Visit [www.coast49.ca](http://www.coast49.ca) for more information.



Master bedroom ensuite bathrooms feature tubs for soaking as well as shower stalls. Rob Newell photo