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A golf course in the front yard

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Downsizing doesn't have to be drastic. At least, that's one of the guiding principle being employed by Jawl Development Corp. at its new Sayward Hill residential community in Victoria.

The project, to include 202 separate residences, will have units starting at 1,833 sq. ft., in part to appeal to retirees looking to transfer from single-family homes and high-maintenance properties to easier to care for condominiums without compromising an active lifestyle and personal living space.

"The size of these units is an anomaly in today's market," says Karen Jawl. "Our typical buyers are living in family homes after their kids have moved out and are looking for the simplicity of condominium living without having to go through a drastic downsizing."

The oversized suites were designed by Kimberly Williams Interiors, an award-winning Vancouver Island design firm. They have spa-inspired bathrooms, including marble countertops, walk-in showers and nine-foot MAAX soaker tubs, as well as gourmet kitchens with maple or cherry wood cabinetry, Kitchen Aid appliances and a Delta waterfall faucet. The buildings are designed by de Hoog and Kierulf Architects.

Entertainment-sized balconies overlook the Cordova Bay Golf Course, Pacific Ocean and Mount Baker. "Sayward Hill offers a very appealing lifestyle with two golf courses (including Cordova Bay which was named one of the 'Five Great Golf Destinations' by Golf Canada Magazine and acts as Sayward Hill's front yard), walking and biking trails, sandy beaches and boutique shopping right at your doorstep," Ms. Jawl says.

SAYWARD HILL

Developer: Jawl Development Corp.

Price: \$720,000 to \$1,500,000 **Square footage:** 1,833 to 2,563

Sales centre: 5331 Cordova Bay Road, Victoria, BC. Open Monday to Friday nine until four and

by appointment only on weekends.

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