

born to build

A job well done
is its own reward

Nathan Hallman's fire engine red Nissan truck bears the license plate "born2bild". But then, he comes by it honestly, as he is the fourth generation in his family to choose a career in homebuilding. Like his father, Jim, his grandfather Lyle and his great-grandfather, Anson, Nathan loves the building business.

"To me every day is an adventure and I can hardly wait to get to work in the morning," says Nathan while scanning the plans for a community of townhomes he is currently building at The Enclave at Riverwood in Kitchener's east end. "I love the sounds of hammers and saws and have since I was a kid."

Back then, Nathan often accompanied his dad, the founder of Aberdeen Homes, onto the job site where he spent many a summer during his school years framing homes. "If there's one thing I learned from my dad," Nathan says, "it is that any job worth doing is worth doing well. It's what I live by."



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But to Nathan building a home is more than just a job well done; it's a commitment to his purchasers that the home they buy will be finished to the industry's highest standards. "It's important to me and has always been to my family that people get their money's worth," Nathan says. "So I make it a point to personally walk through each and every house we build to make sure it's finished properly before the purchaser takes possession."

Over the years Nathan worked with Jim, first as an employee of Aberdeen Homes, then as a partner and now president of the company, following his purchase of his father's interest three years ago.

For Nathan the future is exciting in that a number of projects are slated to open within the next twelve months. Aberdeen Homes is currently

negotiating approvals for a 60+ unit multi-family development in Cambridge and will be proceeding with a 50-suite seniors' low-rise building located adjacent to the Natchez Woods conservation area.

Of course the company is currently enjoying brisk sales at Riverwood, where Aberdeen is building 150+ fully detached two-storey homes on 30' lots, as well as 66 townhomes.

"I get a kick driving around Waterloo Region and seeing homes that I've helped build," Nathan says. "There's something deeply satisfying in seeing something as long-lasting and permanent as a family home." ■

Bottom Left: A beautiful custom home built by Aberdeen Homes.

Bottom Right: Catalina townhomes in Waterloo.

