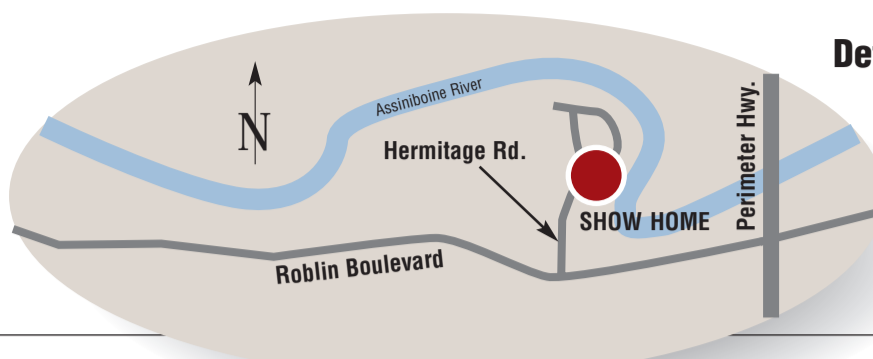


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KDR DESIGN BUILDERS
53 HERMITAGE ROAD



Details

Designers: KDR Design Builders / Mary Anne Rudy
Base price: \$520,029 incl. GST but not land
Show home price: \$664,078 not incl. land
Lots available: Rivercrest, Assiniboine Landing, Royalwood, clients' lots
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Windows 56

KDR stuffs Headingley home with glass to let the outside in

By Gloria Taylor

WITH a design sensitive to its environment, this house by KDR Design Builders is a home to live for. Custom designed for clients, the house has already been sold, although it is an entry into this fall's Parade of Homes ending Oct. 1.

The designers were after a perfect unity of surroundings and interior when they designed this two-storey show home in what is itself an unusual development. Qualico Developments (Winnipeg) Ltd. took an eco-friendly approach to the 52-acre tract when it created the subdivision of Assiniboine Landing in Headingley.

Tall prairie grasses line the roads and stands of natural forest bring the landscape to life as fall colours begin to emerge. KDR lined the walls with panels of vertical windows in every room to take full advantage of the forest leading to the banks of the Assiniboine River, and worked with the company's client to put in a wrap-around deck, a screened sunroom with a hot tub and a vinyl surface second floor balcony facing the tree tops to make the most of the views.

"We wanted to see a lot of the natural habitat coming into the home," says Diego Vassallo, KDR's president. "There's 56 windows, I believe, in this entire house."

And, while he invites people to come and see the home, he makes no bones about the fact that he is not in a hurry to build the same house again. He would prefer to custom design a house to suit your own tastes, needs and site.

An open concept defines the kitchen, dining room and great room. On the upper storey, visitors will find three bedrooms, master bedroom ensuite, bath, sitting room and open balcony.

The lower level has an office or den, fourth bedroom, a wet bar, mechanical room with storage and a unique media room. Unlike closed theatre rooms that have to be dark, this media room is located in an open space with multiple windows in a space normally thought of as a recre-



Windows, windows, windows: KDR Design Builders would have had trouble trying to put in more than the 56 this home has. The effect is rich and airy.

ation room.

A special 80-inch-wide screen is what makes it all possible, explains Vassallo. "This screen can work in daylight," says Vassallo. "What it does is only accept the light from the projector, so it is not like a traditional screen, where you have to have all the lights off and have to have almost blackness in your room to enjoy your screen. With the projector on, those are the only lights and colours that reflect on it, so you get a plasma quality screen."

The house also has some unique finishing such as a see-through, one piece moulded glass sink and counter in an upper floor bath. Two water tanks, HRV, wood structural floor, and high efficiency furnace are some

of the other amenities.

Most of all, it has location. "When I drive out here, it reminds me of watching a movie when people say they are going to their home in upper state New York, with a nice vegetative area, large homes," says Vassallo. "It gets very romantic. It also gives you the best of two worlds, where you're two minutes from the city and have the feel of the wilderness."

