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## The lure of a perfect location

Parklane Residences will offer upscale townhomes overlooking gardens on Mississauga's waterfront

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Flowers make good neighbours. Just ask retirees Garry and Ann Scisizzi, whose home of 50 years overlooks Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens, a pebble's toss from Port Credit on Mississauga's waterfront.

"It's beautiful. It's a nice area, very quiet," Garry says.

They enjoy the park's "lovely walking trails," adds Ann, noting that "people with (urban) poles, bikes and baby carriages" are a common sight.

The seven-hectare green space bordering Lake Ontario boasts not only the largest collection of rhodies in the province but kaleidoscopic displays of roses, peonies, hydrangeas, hostas and wildflowers.

It was the "serene beauty" of the location that inspired developer Tong Hahn to create Parklane Residences, 18 luxury townhomes that will be built up the lane from the Scisizzis.

But just as important as that idyllic backdrop for the modern, four-storey units, says Hahn, is the "village charm" of historic Port Credit, where everything you need is just a short jaunt away.

There are shops, services, cafés, restaurants, entertainment, recreation, fitness facilities, the Waterfront Trail and a GO station. And if water activities are your thing, there's the marina and canoe and rowing clubs.

The neighbourhood, with its "very rare, pastoral-like setting," deserves an upscale project, says Hahn, founder of development company KobenHavn. Parklane's three- and four-bedroom townhomes, with a starting price of \$900,000, were designed so that access is from a laneway at the back, and the fronts and terraces overlook the Gardens.

"That view will never go away," he says. "This is it. It's the last development that will go in there because the city will never sell the park."

Tucked into a tree-lined enclave off Lake-



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Tong Hahn, founder of Parklane Residence's builder KobenHavn, and Sue MacKay, of 52 Pick-up Inc., at Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens.

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shore Rd. W., west of Mississauga Rd., the cultured stone and brick conjoined houses will be easy to miss — "which is a good thing," says Hahn.

"It's an awesome little niche location," observes Sue MacKay of 52 Pick-up Inc., a strategic design and communications firm.

"Location as amenity is key for this project."

Resident Monica McArthur calls the area's "walkability" its best feature, com-

paring it to Toronto's Beach neighbourhood where her family lived before moving west two years ago.

"We love living here," says the teacher and mother of a 2- and 4-year-old whose home flanks the Parklane site. "Everyone's so proud to live in this little community."

That's the kind of endorsement developers welcome for residential projects that take full advantage of everything a neighbourhood has to offer.

Brian Brown, one of the principals behind The Code Condos at St. Clair and Parkwood Aves. in Forest Hill, says his firm did a walkability search of the site for the development — just like prospective purchasers do.

"People go and see the exact location and they walk the streets around it," says Brown, vice-president of Lifetime Developments.

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