

The Orchard

No back yard? No problem. If you want to live in a condo and grow fresh fruit right outside your door, a new development named “**The Orchard**” could be right for you.



Just northeast of Stampede Park, sustainable food-lovers can live in one of two, 31-storey condo buildings soon to be constructed, complete with 66 apple trees nestled in one acre between them. This fully-functioning apple orchard features three species of apple trees, which will bear about 100,000 apples per year, available for anyone to enjoy and consume.

“Parks and green spaces are vital to any urban area,” says Brad Lamb, President of Lamb Development. “For a private developer to create a community space for anyone to enjoy is unique. The idea is that we should be thinking bigger about why we live where we live.”

A survey commissioned by Lamb Development Corp. showed that 93 per cent of Canadians want green space downtown, and 90 per cent of Canadians support the idea of growing food in the inner city. In the same survey, when shown an image of the building and orchard design, only seven per cent of Canadian respondents speculated that The Orchard



would be built in Calgary. Vancouver and Toronto were the top guesses.



“Now is the time to start reinventing the way we envision downtown communities, especially the integration of shared green space,” says Lamb.

“We’re excited to bring our fresh, sort-of fun and sassy design and architecture to a city that is embracing it. We want to deliver many buildings here and help shape the future of Calgary’s skyline in a positive way. We also want to influence young developers to get excited about getting into this industry and helping repopulate Calgary with some great new buildings.”

Construction of The Orchard begins around late summer or early fall of 2016, with estimated completion in 2019.

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