

MONTANE

NEIGHBOURHOOD STRUCTURE

Neighbourhood streets and greenways are oriented to the stunning views across the Elk River Valley to Cedar Valley, the Lizard Range, Fernie Mountain Park and the iconic peaks of the Three Sisters and Mt. Hosmer.

Individual neighbourhoods relate to the defining landforms and environmental features within MONTANE, and include:

The Creek Valley Commons

The expansive Coal Creek and Brewery Creek valley bottom is home to the Community Barn and Creek Valley Commons, an informal and extensive open space envisioned as a City-wide, pedestrian-oriented meeting place defined by a community farm, outdoor recreational staging areas and special events programming.

The Terraces (phase one)

Situated on the subtly elevated benches south of the Creek Valley Commons, the Terraces neighbourhood includes a collection of single family homes and cottages and is home to the Brewery Creek Greenway and Terrace Green.

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

The Design Vision for MONTANE is guided by the following set of key principles, intended to inspire the design and development of all neighbourhood improvements:

Fernie First

The vision for neighbourhood design and programming stems from a recognition and respect for the role MONTANE plays as part of the larger Fernie community. The development of the MONTANE masterplan vision was guided by the site's physical and recreational connections to Fernie's historic core... and a deep commitment to direct economic, social and environmental investment in and for the community.

Good Living in the Great Outdoors

The character of MONTANE is reflective of its natural setting and deliberate connections made between outdoor recreation, community and wellbeing. Within individual neighbourhoods, clusters of homes frame smaller pocket parks and greenways and the MONTANE trail plan provides direct pedestrian/bike connections within 100m of every home. It is this visible articulation of "nature at your door" that defines the generosity and expansiveness of the MONTANE neighbourhood.

Big Views & Sun

Neighbourhood streets and greenways are designed in a scenographic fashion, capitalizing on the signature views of Mt. Hosmer, the Three Sisters and the Cedar Valley. Individual homesites will be designed to optimize views of the spectacular panoramic mountain scenery. Home designs will maximize opportunities presented by the site's extended sun exposure.

Individual Character & Collective Spirit

Buildings exhibit a diverse range of expressions within a contemporary palette of forms, materials, and colours. Creativity is encouraged. Physical siting and design prioritizes the quality of public spaces: streets and sidewalks tour between pocket neighbourhoods; homes frame community greens oriented to views; a range of amenities – from trails to gardens – invite opportunities for community interaction.

Diversity of Homes & Habitats

A spectrum of housing choices are presented within a range of pocket neighbourhoods, connected by a common thread of outdoor living and recreational opportunities. A variety of ground-oriented home types supports mixed-age neighbourhoods and socio-economic diversity.

Connected to Place

Neighbourhood design and home siting responds to variations in landform, paying special attention to prominent views, landmarks and natural features. "Dark Sky" lighting guidelines will retain the magic of the night sky. Materials and colours at MONTANE will be inspired by and complementary of the local landscape. Natural and durable materials will be utilized in buildings and landscape features at MONTANE.

