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More “attainable” housing proposed for Regina

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NewRock Developments, the attainable housing builder who unveiled the Eastgate Villas development last week, will be in front of the Regina Planning Committee with a proposal for another low-income housing project Wednesday.

The Eastgate Villas are a brand new 126-unit condominium development that will offer home ownership to a group of citizens that may otherwise never get the opportunity. The newly proposed development, Rosemont Court, offers similar incentives.

NewRock offers homeowners the CCL mortgage assistance program, which uses a series of benefits to help low-income families and individuals work towards owning a home.

“As a company it is one of our mandates to provide attainable housing. We go into markets that are pretty tough, like Regina, where it is hard to get a house and it is really busy and we give back a certain amount of money,” said Cam Ems, president NewRock Developments.

The proposed Rosemont Court development offers the CCL mortgage assistance program. The 78-unit development will be on Grey Street where St. Patrick Elementary School is now located.

If Rosemont Court receives Planning Committee approval it will go in front of city council in early June and shovels could be in the ground as early as this summer, according to Ems.

“There are some guidelines on what can be in the area, you know about how the community is impacted, so that is what we will be presenting,” said Ems. “There is an old school there, it hasn’t been a school for 20 years, but it will have to come down.”

The Eastgate Villa development’s popularity was clear when the waiting list for a home in the development went into the hundreds well before the first units were even completed.

This is due in part to the City of Regina providing a \$10,000 door grant to low- income applicants at Eastgate Villa under its Neighbourhood Building Blocks program. Ems says it is not yet clear if a similar program will be set up for Rosemont Court.