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Doug Kelly

Doug Kelly has been involved in the land development industry for over 36 years, primarily working in Alberta.

Doug was born in Claresholm, Alberta on May 17, 1945. He lived in Calgary prior to moving to Edmonton in 1994 to become Vice-President with Carma Developers. His employers have included Melcor Developments in Edmonton and Calgary from 1972 until 1976, Markborough Properties Limited in Calgary and Toronto from 1976 to 1989, Stovan Development in Toronto in1990, UMA Group of Calgary

from 1991 until 1994, and Carma Developers of Edmonton from 1994 until 2007. As Vice-President at Carma Developers, Doug was responsible for the development of many Edmonton neighbourhoods such as Whitemud Hills, Twin Brooks, Terwillegar Towne, Parkland, and Summerside. He was also responsible for Heritage Lakes in St. Albert.

With extensive experience in land acquisition, the approval process, land planning, engineering, construction, and marketing, Doug was responsible for the development of over 20 neighbourhoods in Calgary and Edmonton, resulting in the production and sale of approximately 10,000 building sites for single and multi-family dwellings. Doug was also responsible for the production and sale of over 400 acres of serviced industrial sites and several hundred-thousand square feet of retail commercial development.

Projects throughout Doug's career that he is most proud of include Parkland due to the preservation of the natural area and for having a broad housing mix throughout the community, Terwillegar Towne for being the first successful neo-traditional community in Edmonton, and Summerside for being the first fresh water recreational community in Edmonton.

In 2008, Doug wrote a book on the history of the land development industry in Alberta entitled *\$100,000 an Acre*, featuring stories of industry entrepreneurs. Doug is currently working as a land development consultant and is involved in several infill housing projects. He has always played an active role in the Urban Development Institute where he has been Chair of the Calgary Chapter, Chair of the Edmonton Chapter, and President of the Alberta Division. Doug received the Urban Development Institute Honourary Life Membership in 2010.

Doug and his wife, Lindsay, currently reside in Edmonton. They have four children and two grandchildren.

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