

Second-Generation Owner Specializes in Oceanfront Dream Homes

Clarkston Construction One of Sooke's Most Sought-After Custom Home Builders



According to Clarkston, Montague Estates may be the best waterfront lot in Sooke

SOOKIE - Paul Clarkston is in the business of making dream homes a reality.

Clarkston Construction is a custom home building company serving the Sooke region for over 35 years.

Paul is the second-generation owner of the company, one of Sooke's most sought-after residential construction firms, building custom west coast homes from Metchosin to Port Renfrew, and specializes in rural and oceanfront houses.

Paul's father, Randy Clarkston started the company several decades ago, after working as a bricklayer in the Sooke area. Throughout his career, he built hundreds of homes in the region before moving into the planning and design industry.

Paul has been a residential framer since his early 20s, framing houses for local contractors, including his father.

"I watched and learned as my dad managed the projects, and as I transitioned from carpenter to general contractor, he was transitioning from general contracting to full-time design work," explains Clarkston.

Paul took over the company in 2004, completing dozens of homes in the Sooke area, including nearly 30 oceanfront projects.

"Raw land development is a big part of what we do," he says. "Since we often work in a spectacular rural setting, a very careful approach with regards to land stewardship is required."

Many of these projects are designed by his father Randy's, company, West Coast Design.

Paul has earned a reputation for building high-quality homes, thanks in part to his reliable group of long term employees and sub-contractors.

"They are an excellent team and our long history together ensures workmanship, accountability, fair value and dependability," Clarkston says. "It makes it easy when all trades and employees work together and keep a watchful eye over the end goal of a good build."

Thanks to his crew of reliable tradesmen, Paul is able to run his operation with minimal levels of management.

In a given year he may have as many as eight homes of varying levels of complexity, averaging

10 or more months to complete.

Over the years, the custom home building industry has changed, and technology has allowed Paul to stay on top of several projects at the same time.

"When my father managed construction in the 1990s, he'd have to make a few hours of phone calls every night to coordinate the tradesmen for the following days," he says. "Things seemed to be built a lot faster then, but the communication was tougher and more infrequent. You really had to coordinate your moves ahead of time."

"Today with all the tech, communication and productivity, speed seems to increase daily."

In addition to the technological changes, Paul has noticed a societal change that has taken place since his father's time in the business.

Homeowners have much more choice, they are better informed, and everyone seeks a certain level of extravagance.

For Paul, this means a shift toward more complex construction projects, as clients think about every detail of their dream home.

With so much experience in



This was the Clarkston's first house to incorporate trees as a focal point, heated polished concrete floors, concrete counters, heavy timber construction, elaborate kitchen design, metal siding, whale bones, and many other unique features



The Fisher Residence in Port Renfrew features a stunning ocean view from the master bedroom

residential construction, he has come to realize the gravity of building these projects.

A dream home is often the biggest purchase in a person's life, so Clarkston Construction endeavours to "make it the best product available for its dollar value."

According to Paul, "this is not the easiest task in a world of rising costs."

As the industry continues to move forward, Paul is constantly in-demand, sometimes with more work than he can handle.

Last summer, Paul Clarkston faced one of the greatest challenges of his life as he was diagnosed with cancer in late 2016.

In spite of this adversity, Paul continued to complete several projects while undergoing lengthy treatment for the disease.

"Because I was the only person on the management side of the business, I had to run through and finish these projects in the midst of some pretty intense treatment," he



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Many of Clarkston's projects feature unique rooms and custom finishing

says. "When reflecting on the last year I feel a great sense of gratitude, first, for the faith and understanding of clients, and second, for the support of friends, colleagues and especially a loving family."

During this time Paul volunteered his time and resources to manage the construction of a new multi-sport field for his community.

"With donations from local municipalities, dedicated volunteers, and generous suppliers we were able to build a state of the art field for about half of

its estimated value," he says. "With my entire family being avid soccer players, I was honoured for both the opportunity and responsibility to create this much needed asset for Sooke."

While finishing the turf field, Paul was also engaged in two large oceanfront projects, one of which now has multiple nominations at this year's **Victoria Builders Association CARE** awards.

"When I think about last year's challenges, having a busy schedule and its required focus can offer a reprieve from such worries," he reflects.

For the past year, his cancer tests have come back clear, and today, he can confidently say he is cancer-free.

Moving forward, the industry remains lively and opportunities abound.

"I do plan to do some low cost housing on some development land I have in Sooke," he continues. "I have done \$500 per square foot homes, and I feel I could work just as hard in the



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opposite direction to build a \$130 per square foot project, which is much needed these days."

Paul has also recently become a Built Green member, and plans to incorporate some of this energy efficiency into a low cost architectural product.

"When it comes to growing the business, I'm in no rush to get any bigger," reflects Paul. "I want to continue working close to home, and really focus on taking hold of and enjoying my time."

Paul has three daughters, some of whom show interest in the construction industry. Perhaps Clarkston Construction will one day pass on to a third generation. www.clarkstonconstruction.ca



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Paul has been a residential framer since he was 21 years old, and took over the company nearly 15 years ago

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