

## **A Letter to the Future Owners of 40 Holly**

Dear Future Homeowners,

When my wife and I first set our eyes on 40 Holly, we knew immediately that we had found something extraordinary. Nestled on a serene and beautiful street, the property's secluded setting offered a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily life. The house sits well back from the road, and the large backyard provided the perfect canvas for the private oasis we envisioned for our family.

Building our dream home was a labor of love and a testament to our commitment to creating a space that catered to every detail of our lives. Our prior experience living in a spec house, where corners were often cut, informed our approach. We were determined to avoid those pitfalls and build the best house possible. We were fortunate to find an amazing builder from a family of builders—someone trustworthy, reputable, and easy to work with, who stands behind his work. This translated into a very high-quality house, constructed with meticulous care, love and attention to detail.

The journey was long and challenging, taking a little over a year to secure the necessary permits, followed by a year and a half of construction, and another year to perfect the exterior. This three-year endeavor was marked by my wife's incredible dedication, as she poured her heart and soul into every aspect of the project.

Our vision included a space where our children could create lasting memories, and a pool was a key part of that dream. Though it remains unfinished, we envisioned it as a cherished spot for summer fun and family gatherings.

Attention to detail was paramount in every room of the house. Each bathroom in the house has its own unique charm, with custom-picked faucets, shower fixtures, and coordinated tiles, all meticulously selected by my wife. She hand-selected the kitchen countertops, door hardware, chandeliers, and drawer knobs, dedicating countless hours to research, even during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We also prioritized storage, ensuring no space went unused. For example, the area under the stairs was transformed into a spacious closet.

We designed our home to be accommodating for extended family. With this in mind, we installed an elevator and created bedrooms on both the first floor and the basement, ensuring comfortable living spaces for our parents. The house is also equipped with wired Ethernet throughout, along with Ring cameras for enhanced security, both inside and outside.

Our custom-ordered drapes, with fabric sourced from Canada and shades built locally in Morristown, add a touch of elegance to the interiors. Outside, my wife's vision of natural stone retaining walls was realized, providing a beautiful and organic look that blends seamlessly with the landscape. We even installed chandeliers on electronic lifts, making it easy to clean them or change light bulbs.

This home truly represents the culmination of our collective experience, love, and care. It breaks our hearts to leave, but family comes first, and home is ultimately where the family is. While we had hoped to build our lives here, we now look forward to passing this home to someone who will cherish it as much as we have.

We hope you will find as much joy and happiness in this home as we have. It is a place filled with love, and we believe it will be the perfect setting for you to build your family and create lasting memories.

Warmest regards.