

KARIN FINLEY

General Manager of Qualico Communities Calgary Qualico Developments West Ltd.

Born and raised in Calgary, Karin has a passion for the City, particularly through her current role where she remains involved and interested in the growth opportunities in Calgary and surrounding areas.

Karin achieved a double degree in Civil Engineering (B.Sc.) and Philosophy (B.A.) at the University of Calgary. After graduating, Karin was eager to apply her learning to building the city: addressing the fundamentals required to build cities and the components required to sustain prosperous centres.

Karin started at Qualico thirteen years ago as “the field guy” and now is the General Manager for the Communities Business Unit. She has been involved in the development of several Calgary and area communities including Mountain Park in McKenzie, Monterey Park North, Coventry Hills, Crestmont, Evanston, Taradale, Ravenswood, Redstone and Royal Oak.

Karin is leading a team of fourteen people and currently has 6 master planned communities under development with 2 other major land holdings in the MD of Rockyview. Under Karin’s direction, her team has developed a program, eQwell (environment, Qualico, wellness), which acts as an internal check to ensure that the communities they develop meet certain environmental and healthful living criteria.

Karin currently sits on the Boards of the Urban Development Institutes of Calgary and Alberta. She had previously been active on the Technical Committee and Urban Landscape Committee at UDI addressing issues surrounding good development, including environmental challenges and policies as well as negotiating standards with local government.