

'Forest Hill Lite' full of flavour

Chaplin Estates has appetite for luxury eateries

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Can't justify 6,000 square feet of house but love the area? Head a few streets north to Chaplin Estates, which Councillor Michael Walker dubs "Forest Hill Lite." Here the homes are smaller and have their own charm, with a typical 2,200-sq.-ft., two-storey, 1940s Tudor or Georgian on a 40-ft. lot going for about \$1.1-million and three to five offers, says realtor Jeffrey Wagman.

Among the local residents is Post food columnist Bonnie Stern, who grew up in Forest Hill but moved to Chaplin Estates 25 years ago as a newlywed. She loves living in an area with trees, parks and walking paths while still being close to downtown.

But what's most exciting, she says, is the newfound focus on food. Upscale is where it's at, with the Healthy Butcher and Tony on the Block serving delicious meats and new eatery Le Pain Quotidien boasting homemade bread. It's even rumoured that a Wolfgang Puck takeout is moving in.