

# Reid Manor

## Experience the Kitsilano Lifestyle

by Susan M Boyce

It's the old adage: location, location, location. And let's face it, a whole lot of people share my sentiment that when it comes to location, Kitsilano is one tough neighbourhood to beat. Restaurants and cafés, boutique shopping, outstanding eateries, oceanside walks along Kits Point, art galleries, and specialty wine stores. Did I mention the restaurants? Oh, right, I did.

So you can bet I'm delighted when Alisa Aragon, sales and marketing manager with Hollyburn Properties, suggests a tour of Reid Manor — especially when she tells me this Kitsilano apartment building is undergoing a top-to-toe renovation. One thing I've come to expect is that when Hollyburn undertakes a renovation, they do it right. The minute Alisa and resident manager Sonja Bozalo open the door to an almost complete one-bedroom, I know Reid Manor is no exception.

### Space for Your Lifestyle

Flooring is original hardwood refinished to a rich, warm glow that we all agree creates a warmth and character you simply don't see every day. "The hardwood and mirrored closet doors in the hallways are definitely two of the things people fall in love with right away," Sonja says.

Another winner, she says is the full-height kitchen pantry I'd love to have in my own place. Mind you, I wouldn't mind the oodles of kitchen counter space and classy antique white cabinetry either — especially with the Christmas entertaining season fast approaching.

"And take a look at the bathroom," Sonja says. "We're totally re-piping the building, so everything in here is new — right down to the tiles, tub, and fixtures." She's right too — there's a crisp, modernistic look that's right in fitting with a busy urban lifestyle.



"Because we've got it all — studio suites, one-bedrooms, and a large two-bedroom — available for both December 1st and January 1st, it means people have plenty of time to check out all our new finishes and fill out their application ahead of time," Alisa says. "One less thing to rush through over the holidays. And you should see the view of

Burrard Inlet from the 300-square-foot deck on the penthouse that's available for January 1st." Festival of Lights, here I come.

### Building Community

As we head back to the lobby, Sonja pauses to chat amiably with one of residents along the way. "Curtis and Lindsay have lived here for almost a year," she says by way of introduction. Clearly, Curtis is a fan.

"I loved Kits from the day I moved to Vancouver," he tells me. "We were specifically looking for a bigger space with hardwood

floors, so we liked the apartment right away, and now with all the renovations it's even better. But it's the people — our resident managers Sonja and Milan — who really make the difference. And it's such a quiet building."

Plus here's another cool bonus — Hollyburn's Added Value Partnerships.

"We've partnered with some large retail and service providers so our residents have access to some very significant savings from places like Costco, Shaw, Co-operative Auto Network, and ING Insurance," Alisa explains. "After all, it's not just about people renting an apartment, it's about building a sense of community. This is one way we follow through with that commitment."

Reid Manor is located at 1875 West 7th Avenue in Kitsilano. For more information call 604-738-2590, or you can visit on the web anytime at [www.rentersguide.com](http://www.rentersguide.com). **nh**

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