



George Cantalini Founder and CEO, Beaverbrook Group of Companies

Education

HBBA Wilfred Laurier University, 1984

The Beaverbrook Group of Companies

InHouse by Beaverbrook

CEO/Founder, 2014

Dolce Vita Homes

CEO/Founder, 2008

Beaverbrook Communities

CEO/ Founder, 1997

Cantalini bought Beaverbrook in the late 1990s when Alberta's economy went south and took the startup company to a multimillion dollar real estate company focused on home building, condominiums, land development, infill housing and mixed use development.

When George thinks about his childhood community, it's the after-school street hockey games that he remembers most. He and his friends never had to leave the neighbourhood for amusement, there were always interesting places to explore, and they always felt comfortable and safe. For George, this is what characterizes a great community: a place that provides its residents with amenities and attractions required for everyday living, and a place that people are proud to call home.

Leveraging his insightful nature, George sets strategic vision for Beaverbrook, identifies new development opportunities, and devises the financial strategies needed to make them happen. George's charisma and strong financial background (as a chartered accountant) are what contribute to the great successes of the company. A natural mentor with a knack for seeing past the impossible, George inspires his team in a collaborative effort to deliver great projects. Actively involved in his industry for 20 years, George lends his expertise to the Urban Development Institute executive committee as treasurer and board member, as well as to the Sanitary Sewer Strategies Fund Operational Committee. He also contributes to several community organizations across the region including the CASA capital campaign and Valour Place.

Notable Achievements:

- Instrumental in the start-up of Dolce Vita Homes, one of the top home builders in the region.
- Involved in the transformation of Edmonton's northwest creating Skyview, Carlton, Oxford and Hudson communities.
- Initiated planning and development of the Windermere area well before others could see the potential for housing in that part of Edmonton.
- The launch of InHouse, a Beaverbrook Infill Initiative, in 2015 whose projects include West Block and CX.
- West Block is the former Glenora Skyline Project which sat partially completed for years. The 3½-acre site is about to become home to West Block, three residential towers alongside a mix of town homes and commercial and retail space.