



## New residences inserted into century-old warehouse

540 Beatty is a new-home, old-building undertaking and one of six Metroliving projects in downtown Vancouver from Townline Homes.

Erected in 1911 — yes, at 540 Beatty — the Crane Building was originally a warehouse, showroom and office for the Crane Co., the steam, mill and plumbing equipment supplier. Today, however, it's something else: a multi-residence building comprised of eight studios, 28 one-bedroom apartments, 12 two-bedroom units and nine penthouses. The homes will retain numerous historic features — they include original brick feature-walls and exposed

concrete ceiling, original refurbished wood sash windows and exposed heritage columns — as well as contemporary touches. Floors are polished concrete throughout, and the modern kitchens and bathrooms feature high-gloss cabinetry. Appliances are from Liebherr, Jennair and Bosch. The homes, reports Townline's Katie Wilkinson, represent "unique, one-of-a-kind loft living." Of the 57 homes, products of architect Howard Bingham Hill, 21 are still available. Most of the remaining homes are open one-bedroom plans — they range from 670 to 770

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