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# Building Dreams in Tobiano British Columbia





# An Interview with Nathan Doubroff of Cressman Homes Ltd.

## History

Cressman Homes Ltd. began operation 30 years ago in Saskatchewan and eventually moved to British Columbia, where it has now been for many years. Founded by Duane Cressman, the company is currently owned by his son-in-law Nathan Doubroff who has headed the company for the past year and a half. Nathan is maintaining and continuing the solid foundation of integrity, workmanship, and reputable home building set forth by Duane and is propelling the company toward a bright future in the Kamloops, B.C. area.



# Continuing the Family Legacy

Duane Cressman came from a farming background and followed a progression from cabinet company owner to doing renovations and owning a plumbing shop to building new homes. He also served on both the provincial and national boards of the Canadian Homebuilders' Association. About 20 years ago, he moved to B.C. with the intention to expand his business. Taken by the beauty of Abbotsford, B.C., he decided it was a great place to continue to build homes and so built homes on the "street of dreams" in the east Abbotsford area of Eagle Mountain. Nathan, who at the time was dating Duane's daughter, was asked to join the Cressman family business.

After much thought, Nathan agreed, and Duane took him under his wing and mentored him from the bottom to the top. From sweeping floors to becoming the new owner of the company, Nathan is continuing the family legacy begun by Duane into the next generation of homebuilders. He is also conscious of the fact that he is raising his successors in that he ensures his three young daughters are exposed to the goings-on of all aspects of the business. One daughter in particular is now showing a keen interest in the Cressman brand.



# Tobiano, British Columbia

Tobiano, a community located about 20 minutes from downtown Kamloops, B.C. is where Cressman Homes Ltd. acquired 42 lots from a large developer named Diverse. The area is a beautiful, picturesque, up-and-coming golf community with Kamloops Lake as its backdrop. As Nathan says, "Kamloops is a large enough city, but it still has somewhat of a small town feel, surrounded by nature and beautiful scenery. With lakes to hike to, it is a desirable area for families." The area showcases the many different home designs for which Cressman Homes Ltd. is known. Houses can still be tweaked in order to suit the individual needs of the client, so in that sense they are considered semi-custom homes.



## Tobiano

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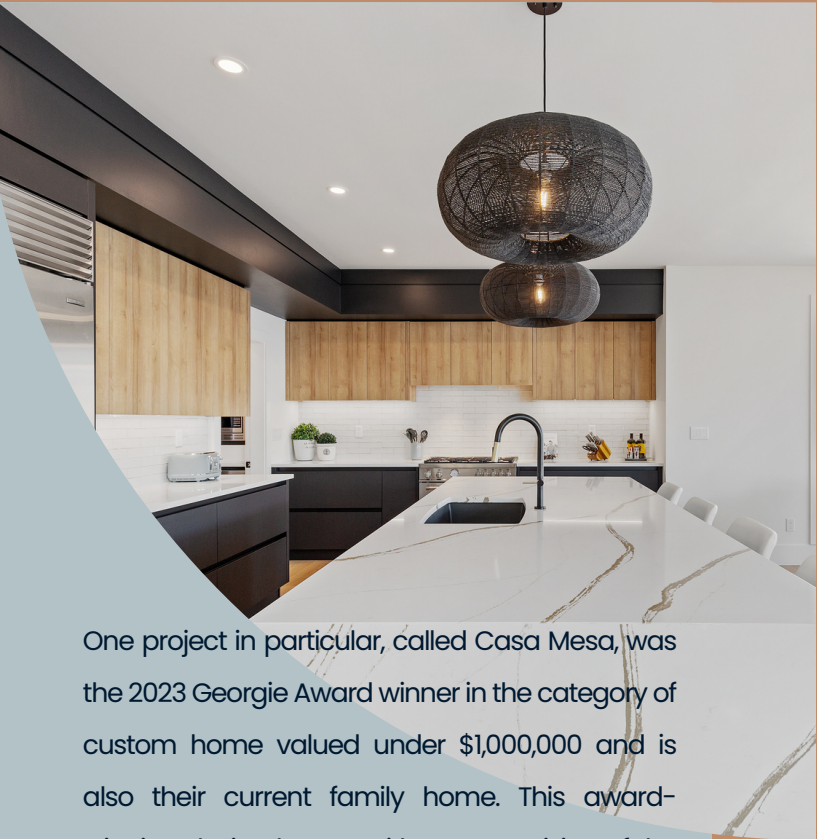
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## Casa Mesa, a Georgie Winner in 2023



One project in particular, called Casa Mesa, was the 2023 Georgie Award winner in the category of custom home valued under \$1,000,000 and is also their current family home. This award-winning design began with Duane's vision of the house along with his wife, Lori, who was responsible for the interior design. The Ranch Lands III phase of Tobiano put Cressman Homes Ltd. on the map as a builder of communities; once they put their stamp on the area, it immediately garnered a high-level of attention. They plan to build a new phase in Tobiano called Latitude in the near future. Beyond the Casa Mesa house, Cressman is currently finishing up two custom homes in Tobiano within the next month and a few other custom projects and spec homes within the next year.



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Cressman Homes Ltd. works closely with Complete Floors for their flooring needs; Top Forty for cabinet design and installation; "the best painter in Kamloops," John Chevrier of Chevrier Painting and his four team members: Blaine Russell, Jeff Kross, Dave Goodman, and Carl Doherty; Kells Masonry, for masonry work; Home Hardware in Kamloops for supplies and materials; Tracer Electric for their electrical work; Bulman Design for architectural plans; Murray Tomchuk Enterprises for custom glass installation; Onyx Countertops and Access Countertops, Atlas Pools, Friesen Construction, and CLP Construction. Working in concert all these companies and their employees help Cressman Homes' award-winning houses come together.

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## Professional Tips

When it comes to staying on budget, Nathan says, “design your house properly. You can overdesign certain homes which can add complications. Have a great relationship with your suppliers. Be conscious of what areas are critical for spending money over other not so critical aspects of the design [...] but in reality, it is hard to find things that are not going up in price these days.”

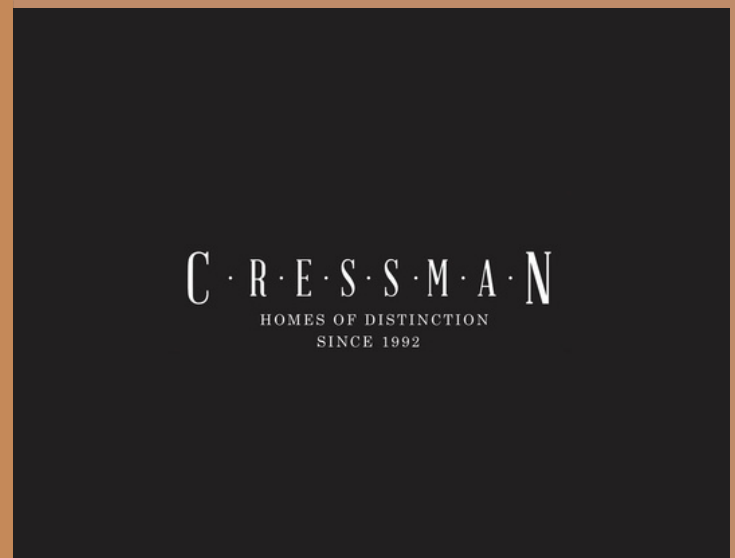


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Nathan’s advice for fellow professionals is to seek out a builder with a reputation and experience. It is essential that it is someone who is personable as it is a team effort. The builder and buyer should both feel comfortable. It is important to be as upfront as possible.

# The Future for Cressman & Tobiano

The future for Cressman Homes Ltd. is bright and full of opportunity. Currently, they are in the process of acquiring property on which to build apartments and townhouses. This gives the company an opportunity to grow alongside the building of custom homes in Tobiano. Nathan is building the business for the future and taking it to new heights.



For more information on Cressman Homes, visit  
<https://cressmanhomes.ca/>

Masonry in BC

# AN INTERVIEW WITH THOMPSON KELL

BY: PAUL HARRISON



**THOMPSON KELL, THE OWNER OF KELLS MASONRY IN CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA, ANSWERS A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WORK HE HAS DONE FOR CRESSMAN HOMES, AND THE NATURE OF HIS WORK IN GENERAL.**

## Introduction

How long has your company been in operation? How did it get started?  
What led you to found/join the company?

**Kells Masonry has been in business for over 22 years. In the early days, I just went out and found my work and built the company from word of mouth.**

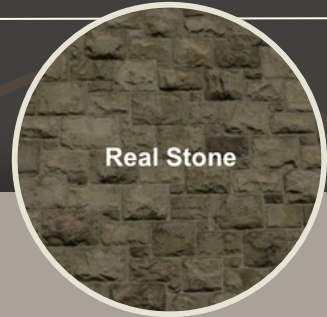


**KELLS MASONRY**

## Masonry in BC

Tell us about what your company does in general?

**We do all types of Masonry: bricks, blocks, stone, etc. Over the past 7-8 years, we've concentrated more on stone work than anything.**



Without giving away any vital information, where do you source some of your materials? I know that with stone, the provenance of the materials is often a point of pride.

**The products that we buy generally come from California or Vancouver Island.**



## Masonry in BC

What is the nature of the work you do for Cressman Homes? Did you work with Cressman on their 2023 Georgie winning project – Casa Mesa Custom?

**For Cressman Homes, we do exterior and interior masonry work. In short, we put stone on the face of the houses and we also do the same for the fireplaces and hearths.**



Do you have any exciting new projects on the horizon, or any others that you might have just wrapped up?

**Currently, we are wrapping up a few more houses in Tobiano and we have another seven or eight on the go.**



# KELLS MASONRY

For more information on Kells Masonry, visit <https://www.kellscontracting.com/>

The **Canadian Construction Journal** has proudly chosen **Yo Bro Yo Girl Youth Initiative** as the **Official 2023 Community Charity Of Choice**. The CCJ will be supporting YBYG via monthly updates in the magazine. Proceeds from our advertising revenue will be donated to this great BC organization. Please stay tuned for interviews, success stories, and community awareness updates.



Greetings to the tradespeople of Kamloops, British Columbia, and Canada,

As an outlaw biker living on the fringes of society, I travelled the world, relishing the dangerous glamour of the Hells Angels' lifestyle. But my life soon spiralled into a world of drugs and debt. Addiction came to rule me. Eventually, frustrated by my recklessness, the Hells Angels stripped me of membership. Lost and desperate, I spent months in destitution, combing back alleys for anything that might help me get my next fix.

Finding myself on the cusp of death, I gained the support of an unlikely ally, Officer Kevin Torvik, a former high-school buddy on a very different path. In time, I not only recovered but thrived and redefined myself as a community youth leader.

Today I am the Co-founder and Executive Director of Yo Bro Yo Girl Youth Initiative (YBYG), an organization grounded in building meaningful and life-changing relationships with our communities' most at-risk youth. Through presentations, after-school activities and one-to-one mentorship, YBYG is keeping youth safe and off the streets in many communities throughout B.C.

I am proud to announce that YBYG is now opening its doors in Kamloops! Having spent much of my youth in Kamloops, I jumped at the opportunity to work with the Municipal and Federal governments to help kids in a community I know so well.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the members of the Kamloops Spotlight for their contributions to YBYG's youth initiatives in their beautiful city. It's one thing to build a house, but it's another thing entirely to build a community!

Thanks to every one of you! And to the Canadian Construction Journal's team, thank you for bringing everyone together in this initiative!

Watch for the next issue to learn more about YBYG's history and initiatives.

Peace, *Joe Cafardo*

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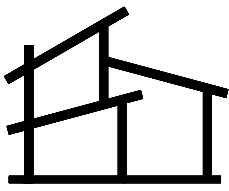
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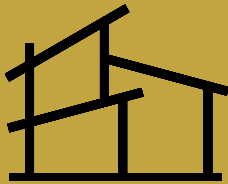


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