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SILVER BEACH HALIBURTON

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Gerry Kowalski is a long-time cottager who understands how the joys of owning one of the older lakeside cottages in the Haliburton Highlands can be diminished by the hassle and expense of maintaining and accessing them.

He says his new development, Silver Beach, will spare owners – including himself – from that experience with the construction of modern, carefree-free cottages within a gated, four-season community on Lake Kashagawigamog, just south of Pinestone Resort, Conference Centre and Golf Course.

“In cottage country, there’s nothing else like it ... that has



the high quality of homes and the luxury features we put in them,” says Mr. Kowalski, who lives in one of the homes in the project’s first phase, along with 15

other owners. “And our location is a total amenity community. We’re one of the very few developments that has direct access to a golf course and direct access to the lake.”

Residents can easily fish and boat in the lake, which is the main part of a five-lake chain, or hike and ski the trails.

“It’s a total package for people who want to escape the city and settle into an active lifestyle in cottage country,” says Mr. Kowalski. “Yet we’re still only a two hour drive to Toronto, so you can still get to the urban areas.”

Within a five minute drive, residents will find a thriving theatre, shops and restaurants in Halibur-

ton, as well as a new hospital and Fleming College’s Haliburton School of the Arts.

“Right from your doorstep here, you can boat in and park in the town and go to dinner or a show,” says Mr. Kowalski.

The community itself will offer resort-like amenities, including a sandy beach, boat slips and a 5,000 square-foot clubhouse with a grand hall for large affairs, a games room, gym, sauna and massage room.

A monthly fee of \$320 will cover the maintenance, landscaping, and snow and garbage removal. Bungalows will be ready in five months, and townhouses done by 2012.