

Adult-lifestyle project on Canadian Shield

In the early 1990s, Gerry Kowalski spent some lovely summer weekends with his wife and young daughters at a camping park on Kashagawigamog Lake in the Haliburton Highlands. He never forgot how much he hated to head home.

So when the 18-acre site on the Canadian Shield was put up for sale five years ago, he and fellow camper Ben Kopolovic jumped at the chance to build a permanent, four-seasons community where they could both reside.

Unveiled last month, the adult-lifestyle development – called Silver Beach – will consist of 59 townhouses and bungalows. It is located about a 2½-hour drive northeast of Toronto.

“We’ve had the planners and architect build and design the homes to fit into the existing topography,” Mr. Kowalski explains. “We’re the first to get a project of this nature approved on the lake.”

Most homes will be situated on two plateaus formed by glacial deposits of sand, stone and gravel, which will allow for full basements with walkouts.

“You don’t get a lot of that in cottage country,” Mr. Kowalski says.

Exteriors will feature stone and wood siding, as well as balconies, and properties will include interlocking-stone walkways and patios.

Most plans will have open principal rooms, and a few will have formal eat-in kitchens and dens. Some townhouses will have main-floor master suites, while some bungalow plans have a loft level.

Features will include nine-foot ceilings on the main level, propane fireplaces, and kitchens outfitted with ceramic floors and stainless-steel appliances.

There will be main- or upper-level laundry facilities, energy-efficient heating systems and on-demand, tankless hot



Silver Beach

LOCATION: Haliburton

BUILDER/DEVELOPER: Silver Beach Developments

SIZE: townhouses, 1,400 to 2,800 square feet (including a finished basement); bungalows, 1,500 to 2,300 square feet (including a loft level)

PRICE: townhouses, \$439,000 to \$549,000; bungalows, \$559,000 to \$629,000

SALES CENTRE: 195 Highland St., on the lower level of the Village Barn. Open Wednesday to Friday, noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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water systems. Each home will also have access to high-speed Internet, telephone and satellite TV.

A monthly fee of \$320 will cover, among other things, private water treatment and upkeep of a 5,000-square-foot clubhouse. It will contain a games room, gym and massage-therapy area, as well as a patio and barbecue area. A grand hall on the second floor will have a fireplace, kitchen and bar, and adjoin a wrap-around deck.

Boat slips will be available for privately owned craft, along with a dockage for boats all residents can use.

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