

CAMPFIRE TO CLUBHOUSE

Silver Beach creates new scene in cottage country

As Ontario races to cottage country for the short summer season, one forward-thinking local resident is inviting city slickers to stay year round. Silver Beach, a lake-side gated community in the Haliburton Highlands, is the realization of local cottager Gerry Kowalski's 15-year-old dream.

Kowalski, 51, fell in love with the site when it was a trailer park coming up with friends. As the only development of its kind in the area, Kowalski's vision was to create a new type of community on Lake Kashagawigamog that combines the rustic appeal of Haliburton's natural setting with the lush comforts of a permanent home.

Geared for the purchaser who has grown tired of big city lights and 24/7 traffic, Silver Beach cleverly combines the rugged Canadian Shield landscape with the cottage experience urbanites crave. Designed by award-winning architect Ian Malcolm, Silver Beach Phase II offers 12 townhomes and 28 upscale detached bungalows with cathedral ceilings, loft areas and state-of-the-art energy efficient heating and cooling systems.

"I've worked with many developers over the years and Silver Beach is the only project in the area with lake access, state-of-the-art construction and energy-efficient standards," says local Reeve, Murray Fearrey. "The vibrant community Gerry is developing is a practical design that will serve the future."

Staying true to the cottage social scene, Silver Beach boasts a private clubhouse with elevated deck, kitchen, bar and barbecue space overlooking the lake. "We used to end the day at Silver Beach around the campfire," Kowalski says. "Now at Silver Beach we will have a clubhouse that will be the social gathering spot year round." Inside, the clubhouse's Grand Hall offers a spacious area complete with a fireplace and an entertainment centre, exercise room and sauna.

Silver Beach's natural landscape includes a pathway with direct access to the Pinestone Resort and 18-hole championship golf course, Nordic and alpine skiing, hiking trails, ponds and spectacular freshwater fishing.



1. Gerry Kowalski, president of Silver Beach about to head out for a quick boat ride into Haliburton's charming village 2. Offering detached bungalows with cathedral ceilings, loft areas and state-of-the-art energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, Silver Beach combines the rugged Canadian Shield landscape with the modern cottage experience urbanites crave

The Kashagawigamog lake front features a beach with a 200-ft. walk-out sandbar and 30 boat slips for a quick ride into Haliburton. Also a five-minute drive, the town hosts an array of cultural amenities including theatre, shopping, local culinary scene and arts courses offered at the world renowned Fleming College: Haliburton School of the Arts. The area also proudly claims a new state-of-the-art hospital, and health and wellness facility.

Taking cottage country further into the 21st century, Kowalski has been recognized by Natural Resources Canada as the first in Ontario to offer an energy-efficient hydronic heating and cooling system with zone comfort controls. This revolutionary zoned heating and cooling system allows purchasers to control different areas of the home with various temperature levels and save over 30 per cent on electricity costs during the cooling season.

As the signature development on Haliburton's five-lake chain, Silver Beach is changing the perception of the area from a brief summer stop-over to a modern year-round club community.

Silver Beach Phase II offers bungalows and townhomes ranging from 1,150 to 2,500 sq. ft. and starting at \$299,000. The presentation centre is located at 1827 Wigamog Rd. in Haliburton and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information call 1.877.451.1429 or visit silverbeachdevelopments.com.

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