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Four-season playground opens in Haliburton Silver Beach Lifestyle Community launches Phase One

Local businesspeople realize a 15-year dream and launch Silver Beach – a unique lakeside community in the Haliburton Highlands that highlights a new trend in retirement living. While retirement lifestyle communities have been popping up across the U.S. for over a decade, they are still new to Canada, and cottage country presents some unique opportunities for boomers who anticipate an active lifestyle.

"Silver Beach is special and there's nothing much else like it in the Highlands," says local cottager and area developer Gerry Kowalski. Situated on Kashagawigamog Lake, the intimate, 59-unit bungalow/townhome development is planned for a vast 18 acres of the Canadian Shield. "We've taken inspiration from the setting, with the rock formations, ponds, trails and panoramic vistas," says partner Ben Kopolovic. "We fell in love with the natural habitat and want the development to complement the area." Both men have enjoyed summers in the Haliburton area with their families over the last 15 years, and plan to live in the four season waterfront community once it's built.

These local developers have decided to highlight the natural setting and sense of community. The 5,000-sq.-ft. Clubhouse with an elevated deck overlooking the lake will create a central meeting place for residents who can make use of a fully equipped kitchen, bar and outdoor barbecue area. The Grand Hall offers a spacious area complete with a fireplace and entertainment centre, where residents can gather and socialize. The exercise facility, games room, sauna and on-site massage therapist complete the lakeside living environment. Boat slips for personal use are available, along with a dockage for condo-owned community boats, providing all residents access to the lake.

"Silver Beach is ideal for a lakeside retirement community, and Haliburton offers many social amenities year round," says Murray Fearrey, Reeve of the Municipality. In addition to water-related activities, the area boasts two 18-hole championship golf courses, Nordic and alpine skiing, as well as the world-renowned Fleming College of the Arts. The charming village of Haliburton, located five minutes from the Silver Beach development, also hosts a new hospital, and health and wellness facility. Theatre groups, shopping, fabulous dining, hiking trails, fresh-water fishing and arts courses make Haliburton and Silver Beach the perfect combination for baby boomers and retirees who want a dynamic lifestyle and the relaxing atmosphere of cottage living.



Designed by award-winning Ian Malcolm Architects, Silver Beach townhomes, priced from \$439,000, and bungalofs, priced from \$559,000, offer the latest comforts and amenities, including cathedral ceilings in loft areas, ceramic flooring in the kitchen and bath, stainless steel appliances, energy-efficient Hydronic heating systems with zone comfort controls and on-demand tankless hot water systems. Silver Beach has established a partnership with Bell, bringing high-speed Internet to the area and many options for integrated home communications. With it, they offer pre-wiring for HD satellite television, telephone and high-speed Internet access in all main rooms.

Silver Beach is a different kind of development from a different kind of developer that respects Haliburton's natural beauty and promotes an active lifestyle. The Silver Beach sales centre is open in Haliburton at 195 Highland St. (lower level of the Village Barn). It's open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit online at www.silverbeachdevelopments.com.

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