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This custom-built cottage is one-of-a-kind, with features not seen in many summer homes. The property is unique, too.



RUSTIC luxury

Lake of Bays
1076 Wallington Lane (Lake of Bays)
Asking price: \$3.45-million; Taxes: \$11,050 (2014)
Bedrooms: 5; Bathrooms: 4; MLS# 480650604

BY CONNIE ADAIR

One look was all it took. The current owners fell in love at first sight with this point of land on Lake of Bays, says listing agent Jay Richardson of Royal LePage Lakes of Muskoka Realty, who has listed the property with Steve Leonard.

The owners looked for many months to find the perfect place to build their dream cottage. When they saw this lot, they immediately made an offer to purchase, Ms. Richardson says. "The point of land has more than 500 feet of frontage and commanding southern views down the lake."

When they purchased the land in 1991, it included a cute rustic cabin, Mr. Leonard says. They lived there while they got to know the property so they could design a house that would make the most of its setting.

The owners wanted a home that would not only be luxurious but also comfortable, and they succeeded, he says. "Whether entertaining guests from the city or the grandchildren for a week, this space gives the feeling of serenity and comfort."

The 5,000-square-foot home took almost two years to build. "Each feature was handcrafted and carefully chosen for the space," Ms. Richardson says. The lighting fixtures were custom-made for the owners by an artisan. "The owners had him to the cottage and then he designed the fixtures to blend and accentuate the custom millwork and spaces."

An example of the craftsman's work is a "white-pine-inspired

wrought iron chandelier with matching wall sconces in the dining room," she says. "The size and length were chosen to perfectly match the custom-crafted dining table. It has forged pine cones and needles."

The totally customized home is not a typical cookie cutter design regularly seen on the lakes, she says. "The builder, who has since retired, built only one or two cottages each year."

Guests marvel at the unique beauty of the space, including cathedral ceilings, floor-to-ceiling French doors and a massive stone fireplace in the great room, a beautiful French country kitchen and a screened Muskoka room.

The loft has a study/billiards room and the lower level has a family room with a river rock fireplace. A games room and a wine cellar/tasting room are also on the lower level. Geothermal heating is another feature.

"The property also has an amazing little guest bunkie that was once a small boathouse. It has double doors that open the entire space at the end of the bunkie and allow one to jump in the lake. It is a fabulous little space," Ms. Richardson says.

A large granite patio looking out to the lake was a magnificent venue for their daughter's wedding and accommodated many wedding guests, Mr. Leonard says.

The property has granite landscaping with a waterfall, shuffleboard, an outdoor shower and a single-slip boathouse that has an upper entertainment deck.

National Post



GEORGIAN BAY
60 Conservation Dr. (Parry Sound)
Asking price: \$2.25-million
Taxes: \$8,262 (2013)
Bedrooms: 4
Bathrooms: 5
MLS# X2808562

COMFORTABLE FOR WHOLE FAMILY

"Expertly constructed and beautifully appointed, 60 Conservation Dr. easily accommodates 10 in great comfort," says listing agent George Webster.

The executive four-bedroom, five-bathroom cottage has a great room for hanging out, and a chef's kitchen in which to prepare food for all. The kitchen area has a long island with a breakfast bar. The dining table is beside a wall of windows. A floor-to-vaulted-ceiling fireplace anchors the space; walkouts lead to a covered deck with water views.

An Owen Sound rock fireplace warms the screened Muskoka room, where the family can gather for a hot chocolate, coffee, a glass of wine or a game of cards while taking in the night air.

The master bedroom has a five-piece spa-like ensuite. The stone-and-wood home, nestled in a stand of trees, has a lake loop geothermal heating and cooling system.

Gently sloping granite leads to the deep-water harbour, where days can be spent enjoying 330 feet of Georgian Bay shoreline.

"Some of the most exciting sailing and boating waters in all of Georgian Bay are accessible from the front docks of this property," Mr. Webster says. Listing Broker: Moffat Dunlap Real Estate Ltd. (George Webster)



COLLINGWOOD
28 Mariners Haven
(Collingwood)
Asking price: \$1.195-million
Taxes: \$10,664 (2014)
Monthly fee: \$1,569
Bedrooms: 5
Bathrooms: 7
MLS# 20143045

WATER VIEWS AT FRONT AND BACK

Imagine having front and back water views and a place for your sailboat or airplane to be moored within steps of your front door. For the owners in this small waterfront community of 38 homes, those features are a reality.

The semi-detached homes are on a well-protected deep harbour, with either a 30- or 40-foot dock with each unit.

This home will appeal to a young family looking for four-season housing, says listing agent Karen Poshtar. "It is a combined cottage on the water, a marina for your boat and a ski chalet, all within minutes of shops and restaurants in Collingwood."

A buyer will also appreciate the grass cutting, snow removal and dock maintenance done by the condo corporation. Common elements include a pool and tennis court.

The three levels of finished space include five bedrooms, each with an ensuite, and a spacious open-concept great room with a walkout to a large deck.

The updated kitchen has an over-size pantry to store serving platters and party supplies. Two wet bars, two laundry rooms and a lower-level family room are other highlights.

Winter boat storage is available at the marina next door. Listing Broker: Clairwood Real Estate Corp. (Karen Poshtar)

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