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THE BLUE MOUNTAINS
120 Timber Leif Ridge (The Blue Mountains)
Asking price: \$1.495-million
Taxes: \$8,174 (2009)
Monthly fee: \$147
Bedrooms: 5
Bathrooms: 3
MLS# 20103770

the Georgian Bay Club."

The 110x187-foot irregular lot has a paved driveway and is close to a variety of amenities.

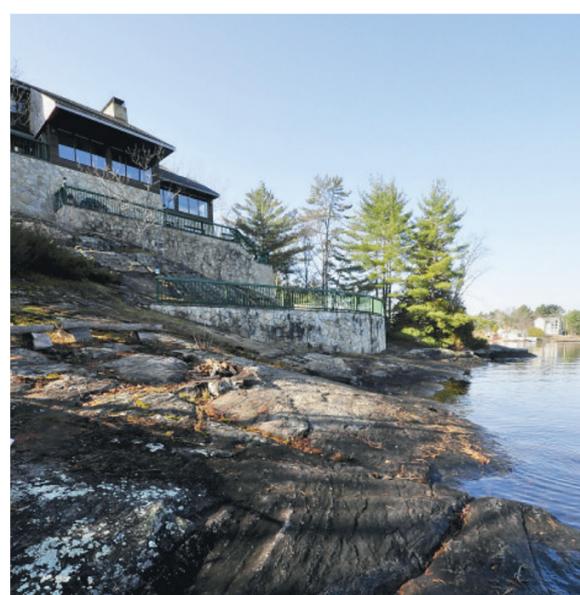
The five-bedroom, three-bathroom home offers premium materials throughout, a 25-foot vaulted wood ceiling, stone floors and custom millwork. A wine cellar, a main-floor laundry and the possibility of an in-law suite are other highlights of the 3,840-square-foot home.

Central air and vacuum systems, forced air gas heating and an air exchanger are other features.

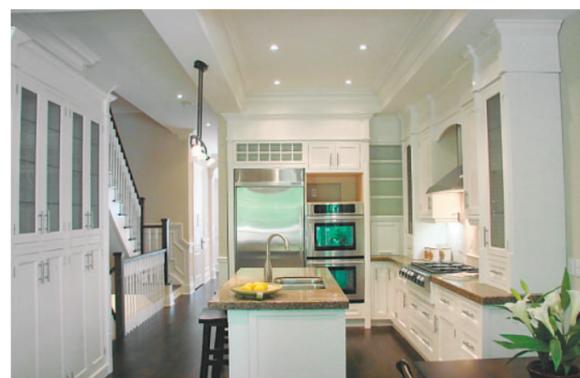
Listing Broker: Lush Realty (Andres Paara)

ON GOLF COURSE

Incorporating "everything the market demands today and anticipates tomorrow," this two-storey chalet-style home has a main-floor master bedroom and ensuite bathroom, a gourmet entertainer's kitchen and golf cart parking, says listing agent Andres Paara. "It backs on to the 11th fairway of



Imagine retreating here: This Muskoka home has four stone fireplaces, eight skylights and knock-out views.



CASA LOMA
177B Lyndhurst Ave. (St. Clair Avenue and Bathurst Street)
Asking price: \$1.995-million
Taxes: n/a
Bedrooms: 5+1
Bathrooms: 5
MLS# C1967666

bar and pantry space. Some of the cabinets have glass inserts. The family room has a fireplace and a moulded ceiling.

Dark floors and white walls, mouldings and trim create a clean backdrop, and large windows and glass doors let light flood the space.

The master suite, which has a Juliette balcony, a walk-in closet and a seven-piece ensuite bathroom, shares the second floor with one bedroom and a three-piece ensuite bathroom.

The third floor offers two bedrooms, one with a walkout to a deck, and a den that has a moulded ceiling, a fireplace and a skylight.

Lower-level features include a fireplace and a walkout to the yard from the recreation room and a sixth bedroom with a three-piece ensuite bathroom.

Among the best features of the house is its prime Casa Loma locale, set on a 30x276-foot ravine lot in the Hillcrest School district.

Listing Broker: Harvey Kalles Real Estate (Chaim Talpalar)

RAVINE LOT

With five bedrooms and five bathrooms, this home is equally suited to an active growing family or empty nesters, says listing agent Chaim Talpalar.

Extra bedrooms could be put to use as offices, guest rooms or hobby rooms. The house will also suit an extended family, with elevator access to all four levels for those for whom stairs are a challenge.

The new custom brick-and-stone home has hardwood floors and a coffered ceiling in the open-concept living and dining room and a combination kitchen and family room that has a walkout to the ravine. The gourmet kitchen has double ovens and a gas cooktop. The centre island has double sinks and a breakfast

NATURAL SELECTION

Lake Muskoka
1088 Lawland Heights Rd. #1 (Gravenhurst)
Asking price: \$2.75-million
Taxes: \$23,854 (2010)
Bedrooms: 5
Bathrooms: 4
MLS# 440202003404500

BY CONNIE ADAIR

In the '70s and '80s, Ernie Taylor was the most sought-after builder in Muskoka, says listing agent Anita Latner of Anita Latner Realty. "The boys with the big bucks would have to wait a summer or two for Taylor to build their custom cedar-and-stone shoreline cottages."

Early in his career, Mr. Taylor collaborated with Toronto architect Jerome Markson to build a modernist cottage along the granite shoreline of Lake Muskoka, she says. "Rather than blasting into the rock, making it configure into their design, the men figured out a way to fit their stone foundation into the land, melding both granite and stone comfortably into one. It was a touch of magic Taylor would lovingly incorporate into his other clients'

cottages, creating sleek lakeside masterpieces on Muskoka's Big Three Lakes: Muskoka, Rosseau and Joseph."

Mr. Taylor would take prospective clients to see that home and they would want to incorporate that modernist design into their own custom cottages, she says. One of those custom cottages is Stone Manor, a four-season, cedar-and-stone cottage built by Mr. Taylor around 1980, Ms. Latner says. The five-bedroom, four-bathroom home "wraps itself around a gentle point of land along 291 feet of prime rock and pine shoreline; safely harboured in a cove by a two-slip dock/boatport."

The house has four Muskoka stone fireplaces, wide-plank floors, eight skylights, a cedar-and-stone interior and walls of windows that offer lake views.

The kitchen, a lower-level games room, a Muskoka room and a formal dining room are highlights. The *pièce de résistance* is the master quarters, which include a den, a fireplace, a private bar and an ensuite bathroom with a spa-sized whirlpool tub overlooking the lake.

Stone pathways and patios terrace the property, which has entertainment areas along its shoreline. A built-in stone barbecue is off the kitchen balcony.

At the south end of Lake Muskoka, the home, which has a total of 7,500 square feet, is 30 minutes from Orillia's Casino Rama, 20 minutes from Muskoka's private jet airport and about two hours from Toronto. There are also two golf courses nearby.

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