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Enjoy life by the lake

LISA VAN DE VEN
Steps Away

‘A n amazing, charming town.’

That’s how Christine Brennan describes Midland. An hour and half north of Toronto, on Georgian Bay, it’s also the location of Hanson Development Group’s master-planned waterfront community, The Seasons on Little Lake.

“You’ve got great vistas, easy access to the water,” says Brennan, of Windstone Real Estate, exclusive broker for the site. And that’s not all Midland has, she adds. Take a walk with us:

50 Steps: Right across the street from the site’s first phase, a new retail court will have “a very niche feel,” Brennan says, with a bakery, café and similar-style retailers. A members’ club will feature pools and other facilities, while a boardwalk will lead to Little Lake, a spring-fed passive lake. Residents can kayak or canoe across to the town’s Little Lake Park for a picnic, or stay closer to home instead. “There will be accessible space for all of the homeowners to enjoy,” Brennan adds, with a community garden and year-round amphitheatre planned.

250 Steps: Existing Tim Hortons, McDonald’s, Home Depot and Walmart outlets are all just a short walk from the site along Highway 12.

1,000 Steps: Walk north along Midland’s King Street and you’ll get to the town’s main drag, a quaint downtown strip featuring “charming little storefronts with retail shops, clothing, gourmet markets, more upscale retailers,” Brennan says.

Homes at The Seasons on Little Lake range from 1,000 to 2,000 square feet and are priced from the low \$300,000s. The sales office is located at 16831 Hwy. 12, Midland. Call 705-526-2700 or visit seasonslittlelake.com.



A touch of class

TWO-BEDROOM SUITE DESIGNED TO LET THE BIG CITY ‘PLAY AGAINST IT’ LISA VAN DE VEN

“I wanted it to be very polished and refined but not untouchable or museum-like,” designer Andrew Pike says of the model suite he designed for Grid Developments’ project, The Lofthouse. Describing it as “warm and elegant,” he styled the two-bedroom suite in a soft, neutral colour palette, with tones of ivory, cream, wheat, ash and stone, incorporating a mix of metals and textures. The result is calm and sophisticated. “I find it very coastal modern, like it could be in the Hamptons or San Francisco — somewhere exposed to water,” says the principal with Andrew Pike Interiors. “I wanted a nice, neutral environment that lets the busy-ness of the city play against it.” Suites at The Lofthouse range from 655 to 1,143 square feet and start in the low \$500,000s. The sales office is located at 14 Dewhurst Blvd., Toronto, and is open by appointment. Call 416-778-5184 or visit thelofthouse.ca.

1 “It’s electric but it looks beautiful and it completely changes the space,” Pike says of the living room fireplace. Featuring a honed travertine surround that extends all the way up the wall, it’s the focal point of the room, accentuating the suite’s 10-foot ceilings.

2 Two Elte Market swivel chairs offer visitors the best of both worlds: enjoy the fire, or turn to face the sofa to join the conversation instead. “I love the slightly organic shape of them,” says Pike, who paired the chairs with a round marble-top coffee table from CB2.

3 “I like two-toned kitchens because they look visually a little more interesting,” the designer says. Here, he added a row of high-gloss white uppers to the distressed wood-grain laminate of the rest of the kitchen, creating a simple but sleek look that has a “furniture feel.”

4 A marble counter-top on the island waterfalls off both edges, for an elegant kitchen gathering spot. While the stools in front have a distressed iron base, the pendant lights above combine a matte white finish with a silver interior, adding a subtle silver glow visible from certain vantage points.

FOR SALE



Price range: Starting from the mid-\$300,000s
Location: Dufferin Street and Major Mackenzie Drive, Maple

MAPLE

New mid-rise project close to the Maple GO Station, GO.2 will feature 312 condominium and townhouse units.
Developer Pemberton Group
Type 12-storey condo, with two-storey townhouses
Suites One-bedroom to three-bedroom layouts
Size 580 to 1,770 square feet
Occupancy July 2020
Features Laminate flooring, smooth-finished nine-foot ceilings and stainless steel kitchen appliances
Amenities Indoor/outdoor fitness centre, indoor/outdoor party room, rooftop terrace, patio, dog-wash and 24-hour concierge service
Sales office 1860 Major Mackenzie Dr., Units 7 and 8, Maple. Call 905-553-1430 or visit pembertongroup.com.

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Price range: \$659,900 to more than \$1.3 million
Location: Peninsula Road and Juddhaven Road, Port Carling

PORT CARLING

Located on Lake Rosseau in Muskoka, Legacy Cottages is a community of 43 fully furnished cottages.
Developer Rosseau Group
Type Bungalow and bungalow-with-loft cottages
Suites Two-, three- and four-bedroom layouts
Size 1,500 to over 2,700 sq.-ft.
Occupancy Winter/spring 2018
Features Nine-foot smooth ceilings, gas fireplaces, vaulted ceilings in the great rooms, and granite or quartz kitchen and master ensuite countertops.
Amenities Pool, hot tub, boat house and boat docks.
Sales office 1040 Juddhaven Rd., Minett. Call 416-509-0153 or visit legacycottages.ca.

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MORTGAGE RATES 07.08.17

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| | Variable rate | 6months | 1yr | 2yr | 3yr | 4yr | 5yr | | Variable rate | 6months | 1yr | 2yr | 3yr | 4yr | 5yr |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|------|------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------|------|------|
| BANK | | | | | | | | Home Trust | 2.35 | 3.95 - n/aop | 2.69 - n/aop | 2.14 - n/aop | 2.59 | 2.74 | 2.84 |
| ATB Financial | 2.10 | 4.10 - 4.10op | 2.99 - 4.10op | 2.39 - 4.10op | 2.36 | 2.49 | 2.64 | Investors Group Trust | n/a | 4.20 - 6.50op | 3.14 - 6.30op | 3.09 - n/aop | 2.44 | 2.49 | 2.54 |
| Alterra Bank | 2.25 | 4.00 - 6.30op | 2.79 - 6.30op | 2.74 - n/aop | 2.64 | 2.55 | 2.60 | MTCC | 2.90 | 4.55 - 6.45op | 3.29 - 6.50op | 3.09 - n/aop | 3.39 | 3.89 | 4.64 |
| Bank of Montreal | 2.60 | n/a - 6.95op | 3.09 - 6.95op | 3.19 - n/aop | 2.54 | 4.09 | 2.59 | OTHER | | | | | | | |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | 2.90 | 4.55 - 6.45op | 3.29 - 6.50op | 3.09 - n/aop | 3.39 | 3.89 | 4.64 | Alterra Savings | 2.28 | 4.00 - 6.30op | 2.79 - 6.30op | 2.74 - n/aop | 2.64 | 2.74 | 2.64 |
| CIBC | 2.70 | n/a - 6.95op | 2.84 - 6.35op | 2.79 - n/aop | 2.59 | 4.09 | 4.79 | Comtech Fire C.U. | 2.60 | 6.20 - 6.40op | 2.84 - 6.30op | 2.89 - n/aop | 2.95 | 2.99 | 2.89 |
| Equitable Bank | | n/a | 3.14 | 3.04 | 3.65 | 4.39 | 4.64 | DUCA Credit Union | 2.35 | n/a - n/aop | 3.04 - 5.75op | 2.94 - n/aop | 2.94 | 3.14 | 2.79 |
| HSBC Bank Canada | 2.19 | 4.45 - 6.20op | 3.14 - 6.35op | 2.29 - n/aop | 3.39 | 4.09 | 2.39 | First Calgary Financial | 2.70 | 4.00 - 6.30op | 2.89 - 6.30op | 2.89 - n/aop | 2.35 | 2.59 | 2.49 |
| ICI Bank Canada | 2.75 | n/a - n/aop | 2.64 - n/aop | 2.64 - n/aop | 2.64 | 3.19 | 3.29 | First National Fin. LP | n/a | 3.10 - n/aop | 3.49 - n/aop | 3.14 - n/aop | 2.99 | 3.09 | 3.14 |
| Manulife Bank | 2.70 | 4.45 - n/aop | 3.00 - 3.20op | 2.94 - n/aop | 2.84 | 2.89 | 2.89 | Industrial Alliance/IAP | | n/a | 3.54 | 3.29 | 3.19 | 3.39 | 2.79 |
| National Bank | n/a | 4.40 - 6.70op | 3.14 - 6.70op | 3.04 - n/aop | 3.39 | 2.84 | 2.89 | Luminus Financial | 3.25 | n/a - n/aop | 3.25 - 6.25op | 3.20 - n/aop | 3.65 | 4.00 | 4.50 |
| President’s Choice Finan | 2.70 | n/a - n/aop | n/a - n/aop | 2.79 - n/aop | 3.34 | 3.99 | 4.44 | Meridian Credit Union | 2.30 | n/a - n/aop | 2.84 - 6.30op | 2.79 - n/aop | 3.39 | 3.89 | 2.59 |
| Royal Bank | 2.70 | n/a - 7.00op | 2.99 - 7.00op | 2.34 - n/aop | 2.44 | 2.49 | 2.64 | PACE Savings & C.U. | n/a | 4.75 - n/aop | 3.14 - n/aop | 3.04 - n/aop | 3.65 | 4.39 | 4.64 |
| TD Canada Trust | 2.34 | n/a - n/aop | 3.04 - 4.00op | 2.84 - n/aop | 2.64 | 2.79 | 4.64 | Parama Credit Union | 2.65 | n/a - n/aop | 2.80 - 2.95op | 2.85 - n/aop | 2.95 | 3.05 | 3.15 |
| Tangerine | 2.20 | n/a - n/aop | 3.19 - n/aop | 2.29 - n/aop | 2.39 | 2.49 | 2.59 | Steinbach Credit Union | 2.25 | n/a - n/aop | 2.34 - n/aop | 2.34 - n/aop | 2.34 | 2.44 | 2.54 |
| TRUST LOAN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Community Trust | | 6.50 | 3.14 | 3.25 | 3.95 | 4.39 | 4.64 | | | | | | | | |
| Effort Trust | n/a | 4.50 - 6.30op | 3.50 - 6.30op | 3.60 - n/aop | 3.80 | 4.50 | 4.60 | | | | | | | | |

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