



The large but cozy great room offers an excellent view of a private bay and pine forest, below. At bottom, the screened dining porch opens on to outdoor living space.

THE ULTIMATE PRIVATE RETREAT

Part of Island B654
(Sans Souci)

Asking price: \$3.95-mil.
Taxes: \$5,279 (2007)

By CONNIE ADAIR

On a 100-acre island, that is mostly crown land, with only one other cottage, this property ensures ultimate privacy, says listing agent George Webster of Moffat Dunlap Real Estate Ltd.

The timber frame cottage sits atop a granite outcropping in a pine forest.

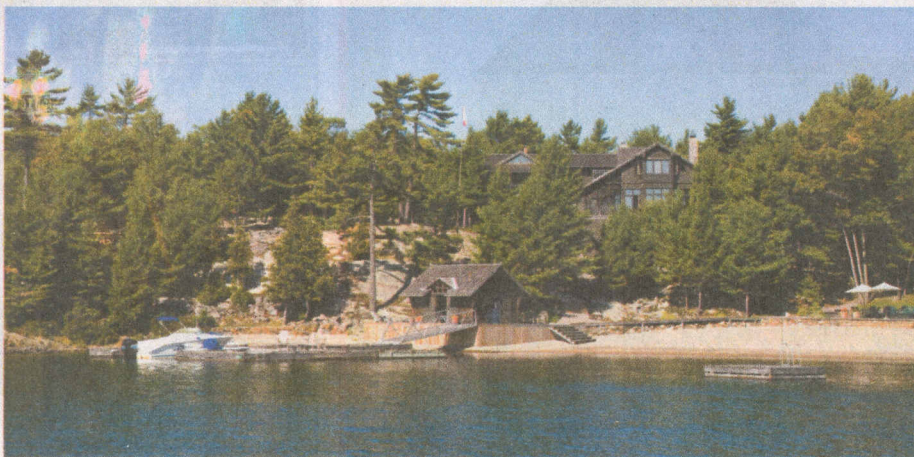
It has a commanding view of its own beautifully sheltered deep water bay that provides a protected harbour and excellent swimming, he says.

The 4,000-square-foot cedar-and-glass residence, ideal for entertaining family and friends, has a great room with a fireplace and a wet bar, a fully screened dining porch and a designer kitchen with built-in appliances.

"This spacious cottage evolved over time as the family grew. It's comprised of two buildings, seamlessly merged into one, and a new addition with an open-plan great room," Mr. Webster says.

There's a separate main-floor wing with seven bedrooms for children and guests.

The master suite, which



is discreetly tucked into the second floor, has a skylight, a four-piece ensuite bathroom and a walkout to a private deck, Mr. Webster says.

Extending the entertaining spaces are decks that create outdoor rooms and small private spaces. Wooden pathways lead from the cottage to the waterside, where there is a granite patio, a stone barbecue and a beach beyond.

"The extended waterfront and beach offer an opportunity to enjoy every water sport imaginable," Mr. Webster says.

The landscaped grounds have stone patios, barbecues, a dry dock and satellite access.

This property would appeal to a cottager who is interested in acquiring a family compound in a private setting, Mr. Webster says.

Sans Souci, considered to be one of the most desirable vacation areas within Georgian Bay's Thirty Thousand Islands, is a 20-minute boat ride from Parry Sound via the protected South Channel, he says.

It's in the centre of the township of Archipelago, one of Canada's only water-based townships, he says.

The nearby Muskoka area offers fine dining, world-class golf courses and Parry Sound hosts its annual summer Festival of Sound.

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