

HOME OF THE WEEK

# Window on the bay

9197 County Rd. No. 91  
 (Highway 124 and  
 County Road 91)  
 Asking price: \$849,000  
 Taxes: n/a

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The outstanding feature of this timber-frame house is the 24x36-foot great room with a three-storey cathedral ceiling and a spectacular view, the homeowner says.

The siting of the home was done by Laser Transits to make the most of the view. "It took a year to make sure everything was set right," he says.

The home is at the back of a 3.9-hectare lot and its glass front offers views of Georgian Bay, Collingwood, Wasaga Beach and Barrie at night. Three levels of phenomenal views make it a spectacular home, says listing agent Richard Ling of Harvey Kalles Real Estate Ltd.

The driveway winds its way 300 metres to the house. "It follows feng shui [principles], which says nothing should lead straight to the property," the homeowner says. The entry opens to a 12x14-ft foyer, with an open stairway to the master-bedroom loft, which overlooks the great room and has an open railing and hardwood floors. A five-piece bathroom has a glass-block shower and polished porcelain tile floors.

Beyond the stairs is the great room, which has 32-ft windows, a gas fireplate with a carved wood mantel and doors to the deck and a flagstone patio. The dining room also has 32-ft windows and access to the deck.

The gourmet kitchen features cupboards of birch stained the colour of mulberry, a built-in

pantry and state-of-the-art appliances, Mr. Ling says.

The self-contained lower level offers a family room, a games room, three bedrooms, a bathroom and a storage room. For the wine lover, there is an 8x9-ft wine cellar. Two six-ft sliding glass doors and one nine-ft lead to the patio from the lower level.

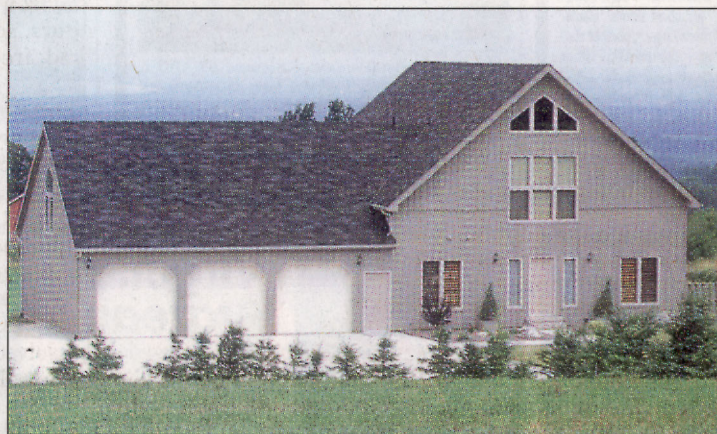
Adding to the ambiance is the 1x8-inch tongue-and-groove pine in the great room and loft. As timber-frame dictates, 95% of the wood inside the house is exposed. The lower level is drywalled.

The property's proximity to

three ski clubs and a variety of golf clubs and restaurants — from fine dining establishments to a country restaurant lost in the past were also a draw for the owner.

At the country restaurant: "There's lemon meringue pie for \$1 and roast beef for \$5. My wife and I go and for \$7 to \$10 maximum, we roll away," the homeowner says. The neighbourhood is in one of the best areas of Collingwood, he says. "It's a jet-setting neighbourhood," Mr. Ling says.

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Pine lair: Wood beams and a three-storey cathedral ceiling and windows in the great room, right, take advantage of the panoramic views; left, the cozy master bedroom loft.