

Short cottage commute

THE COTTAGES AT CULTUS LAKE

DEVELOPER: Ocean Park Developments/Cultus County Investments Ltd.

PRICE: Starting at \$324,900

SIZE: 966 sq. ft. to 1,900 sq. ft.

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While many Canadians think of the cottage as a synonym for summer, Vancouverites tend to associate cottages with long commutes and ferry hassles. The Cottages at Cultus Lake development has been designed to put the ease back into cottage living for West Coast city dwellers.

Jon Van Geel, the developer and managing director of Ocean Park Developments, believes the Cottages at Cultus Lake, south of Chilliwack, will put an end to the notion of the unattainable vacation home.

The new cottage community is an 80-minute drive from Vancouver, and two hours from Seattle.

The idea for the Cottages "grew out of a shared vision of connecting the past with the future," says Mr. Van Geel. The original Cultus Lake vacation



community consisted of 200 lakeshore cottages, which Mr. Van Geel hopes to recreate with this \$100-million project.

The development spans 45 acres and will include 230 cottages, tennis courts, swimming pools, hiking trails, a two-acre evergreen park and a 10,000-square-foot community "tree house," offering a fireside lounge, theatre, fitness centre, hot tubs and family activity areas.

With a scenic lake and some of B.C.'s best fishing and on their doorstep, owners at the Cottages will also have a concierge on site to help make sure their property is safe and well-maintained.

Starting at \$324,900, the Cottages are an affordable option for a recreational home without compromising luxury.

The homes have been designed with a flow between indoor and outdoor spaces with large, minimal-impact decks, vaulted ceilings and open lofts.

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