



# Newsletter



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## Smith's Ultramar is back!

Finally! On June 26<sup>th</sup>, the French's fleet lined up at the pumps and became the first customer's at the new Smith's Ultramar.

The Lee family held a barbeque that day to welcome back all their customers, and to thank the community for the immense support that they received from friends and strangers when the fire destroyed their home and their livelihood.

Completion of the exterior work delayed the opening - gas pumps to calibrate and sync to the cashier; paving that got delayed repeatedly because of Mother Nature; the sign permit delay (the sign was being installed while they barbequed for the grand opening).

Inside, there was the final frantic push to completion - paint touch-ups; missing electrical plates; back- ordered bathroom accessories; missed the telephone jack in Hyu's office; push to finish the railing on the residential deck; where's the range hood????

It was a very intense closing, but all ended well, and although we will be happy to look after any warranty items that might come up, our visits to the jobsite now are to fill up with gas, and buy sundry items from their amazing selection in the convenience store. It's wonderful to go over just to say hi to Hyu, Sunny, Jin and Christine. Kyung A is also a great help and has recently returned to Korea.



# Happy Endings

Jim and Heather added a new garage to their cottage, with a couple bedrooms above, so that more of the family can join them to enjoy their amazing location. Okay, so the garage led to a few other things... you know how that goes!







Mark is loving his "northern office" and Chris is loving their beautiful new cottage - or will that become 'home'??? Children, grandchildren, beach, Muskoka - what more could you ask?









Tom and Elizabeth live in Alberta, but they've managed some good summer weeks in their new cottage, and have had lots of family enjoying Muskoka with them.





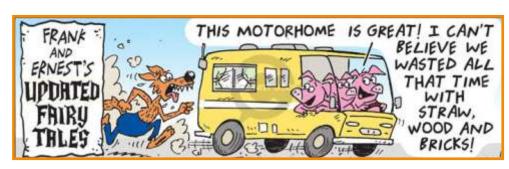
## REDUCTION IN DEVELOPMENT CHARGES!

If you haven't heard already fees charged by the District of Muskoka to anyone looking to build in the region were reduced by 50% over values that have been in place since 2009. This action was taken in response to very low rates of development experienced throughout the District of Muskoka in recent years.

The province's Development Charges Act permits the district to collect development charges on new construction to offset the cost of increasing the capacity of roads, sewage lagoons, water plants and sewer plants to service that new construction.

This will encourage the potential buyer and add a sense of urgency - Let's not miss out!





HUMOUR CORNER



"To celebrate the reduction in development charges we have lowered these house prices to match."

The Vibrance II at 18 Gainsborough Rd, Bracebridge. 1,431 sq ft of convenience!



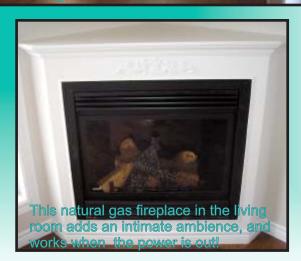
Mission styled Oak Espresso cabin<mark>ets employ</mark> a full wall of pantry, and a convenient microwave shelf to keep countertops clear for generous workspace.



The basement has been studded, insulated, wired and ready for drywall. The rough-in for a basement washroom has also been installed



Ceramic tile is a practical flooring in the kitchen while Hickory laminate warms the dining and living room areas



# **Maintenance Checklist**

#### <u>July</u>

Clean HRV filter Clean air conditioner filter Check exhaust fans Check water heater for leaks Check and reset GFCI Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors Fertilize lawns

#### <u>August</u>

Clean air conditioner filter Check HRV filter Inspect doors and locks Check and reset GFCI Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors Clean range hood filter Inspect driveways and walks

#### <u>September</u>

Check exterior finishes Check garage door tracks and lubricate bearings Check caulking for air and water leaks Plant new lawn Check fireplace and chimney Check basement or crawl space Have humidifier, furnace and HRV serviced Check clothes dryer vent Check and reset ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors

## \*\* The 4" and 5" pleated media filters

for your furnace are available at Dean's Home Hardware in Port Sydney.

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