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Cottage getaways on Vancouver Island's 'forgotten coast'

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As demand for recreational property in British Columbia continues to rise, so do prices. Three Point Properties hopes to have created an affordable solution with its West Coast Cottages, a release of 30 fully serviced lots in Port Renfrew, on Vancouver Island.

"Part of our concept for the first phase of development in Port Renfrew is to create a product that is not prohibitively expensive," says project manager Ben Mycroft.

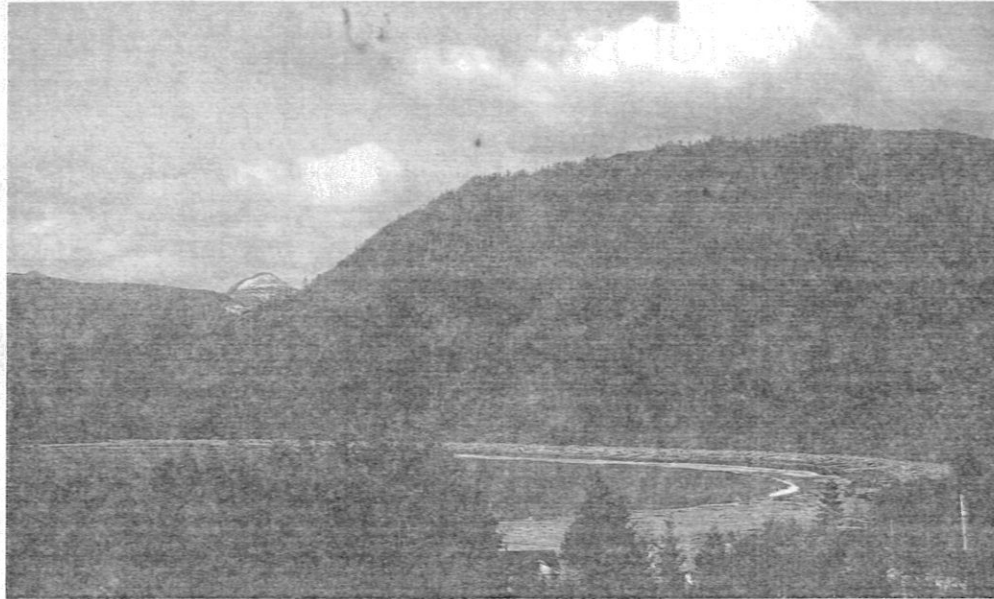
By combining the smallest cottage plan from the developer's preferred builder, Citta Group Construction, interested buyers can purchase a home-and-lot package for less than \$300,000.

Citta Group has created a selection of house plans which range from two to four bedrooms between 1,180 square feet and 1,900 sq. ft.

"The entire process has been made very simple," Mr. Mycroft says.

"Financing has been arranged by a local Vancouver Island credit union. Purchasers are able to select from a variety of complementary West Coast contemporary cottage plans, and Citta Group Construction is mobilized to build cottages when the buyers are ready."

Purchasers are also free to use a builder of their choice, so long as their dwellings adhere to design guidelines to ensure



consistency with neighbouring cottages and the surrounding wilderness.

Located on what is often called Vancouver Island's "forgotten coast," Port Renfrew offers an outdoor lifestyle that rivals Tofino, with great surf breaks, ocean and river fishing, boating and hiking. It is the starting point of the West Coast Trail and the end point

of the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail.

While the development's location on the island's southwest coast offers a remote feel, Wild Coast Cottages is just a two-hour drive from Victoria or Duncan.

"Fishing in Port Renfrew can be a casual day experience," Mr. Mycroft notes. "You can drive there from Victoria or

Duncan in the morning and be at your cottage and on the water by the afternoon."

Before offering the cottage lots to the general public, Three Point Properties released the project locally and met with "great" support, Mr. Mycroft says.

"Generally, local residents realize the benefits that will accrue to the town from

investment in community infrastructure and amenities."

Several residents bought lots in the development, he says. "We attracted attention from local recreational home buyers and residents of Port Renfrew, who wanted to transition from their current home to a new home in a lovely area. Now, we're taking the project out to the wider world."



Wild Coast Cottages

LOCATION: Port Renfrew

DEVELOPER: Three Point Properties

PRICE: Lots begin at \$99,000; cottages start at \$200,000

SIZE: Lots from 5,000 square feet to ½ acre

SALES CENTRE: N/A

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