DOLLAR SENSE Do a thorough check before buying cottage

By Keith Robinson, CA

The cottage bug is biting . you. You rented for the summer and had a great vacation -- so now you want to buy.

Well, September is a good time of year for bargains in cottages. But, whatever the season, there are some elementary things to keep in mind to help you get exactly what you want.

You should spend at least a weekend in any area you are considering, to find out

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what it has to offer. You may want to buy in the locality where you rented. Well, you're a step ahead. if you're going to a new area, check it out. Read the local papers, visit the chamber of commerce and talk to as many people as you can.

When you think you've found what you like, go to the area municipal offices and check out the zoning by-laws. You don't want to find a prospective subdivision on your doorstep; a road allowance or a 66-foot shoreline allowance dating from the days when lumber companies were granted such access.

And of course, check the taxes.

If you are just buying a lot, make sure that the health and building by Jawa allow you to build. Antipollution regulations make it worthwhile to pay the \$15.00 to have an inspector check the lot before purchase. You might find it would take \$1,000 or more worth of fill for a septic tile system.

If you plan to use your cottage year-round, again make sure it is allowed under the municipal bylaws. Some municipalities restrict full-time occupancy to buildings with access to fully maintained roads and school-bus routes.

There are courses and information available from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations, in Toronto, You may want to get further tips from them. Their phone number is 284-2305.

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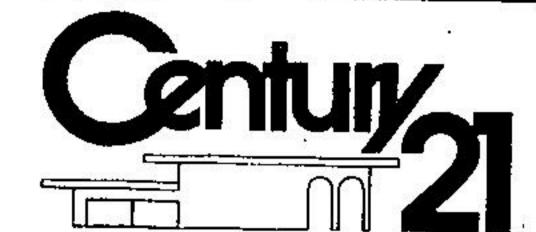


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