Built with his trademark stone exterior, the home of Saugeen Shores builder, Bryan Snyder of Snyder Development, is situated in Pegasus Trails, a desired, treed cul-de-sac, alongside the picturesque views and calming shoreline of Miramichi Bay off Lake Huron.

Classic design details are a signature throughout the home and this built-in unit with gas fireplace is no exception. Design inspiration from the shoreline is evident in the soft aqua accents and the use of driftwood and sand.

OPPOSITE: Upon entering the front entrance, you are immediately greeted by soaring ceilings and a large grouping of peaked windows that offer a serene display of nature.
all attention. “I wanted to capture the light from the southern exposure in the winter as the sun comes through,” he says. “And the leaves on the trees that surround the property help keep it cooler in the summer.” Deer, rabbits and even a bear have been spotted near the cul-de-sac, where he has designed and built five homes for his neighbours. The community benefits from many walking and cross-country ski trails.

The semi-open-concept style kitchen, tucked off to the side, showcases high cabinets (Kreller Kitchens Ltd.) that are accented with lighting from top to bottom. Bryan says he wanted his kitchen “pushed back a bit.” The granite counters on the kitchen table and island were carefully selected to match the custom stain of the hardwood flooring that flows throughout the home (South Bruce Flooring). A timeless off-white painted cabinet was selected to complement the darker stain, creating a popular two-tone kitchen.

Bryan explains that although under-cabinet lighting is now a standard request in his homes, the accent lighting at the top of the cabinets is an added feature that provides a nice evening semblance.

This home was designed and built by Bryan to grasp in-demand concepts and showcase structure and style that is so often seen in his architectural designs and floor plans.

Bryan’s 3,000 sq. ft. walkout was built true to form. The home features signature designs synonymous with the builder’s brand: a covered deck, high ceilings and a maintenance free, man made stone exterior. The grey tones of the stone are complemented by the charcoal roof and punctuated by black windows (Georgian Bay Window & Door).

Although open-concept is on-trend and the “most popular way to go,” says Bryan, he opted for a semi open concept design by choice. The vaulted ceilings, provide an expansive, open feeling while interior columns simultaneously provide structure and definition to the space. “I wanted to highlight different things in this house. Being a builder, you always have people wanting to see your home, so you want to display certain features.”

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Doors off the kitchen conveniently open to the covered deck that features a sound system, pot lights and ceiling fan. Aluminum railings lead down steps to a hot tub (Water & Wellness), which overlooks the backyard landscape and fire pit (Backyard Boys Landscape Construction Inc.). Bryan says the number-one benefit of having a covered deck is that you’re protected from the elements, as is your outdoor furniture. “If you want to be in the shade you can be in the shade,” he says. “If you want some sun, you can extend your deck out past the covered roof.” The yard is pristinely finished with plants and trees supplied by Everest Nurseries. The Backyard Boys installed sod and armour stone.

A coffered ceiling is the focal point in the dining room, which is situated near the front entrance of the home. Although the entrance faces the street, it feels secluded behind frosted chinchilla glass and the mature trees that surround the property can produce dancing shadows and provide a calming effect.

Moving to the west side of the home, where the principal bedroom and en suite are situated, a soak in the tub offers a grand view of the forest. The executive glass-tiled shower with granite accents adds yet another level of detail.

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From formal dining to a low-key patio party, Bryan’s home was built to entertain – and the lower level is no exception. Much more than a “man cave,” the walk-out basement is highlighted by large windows and a subtle green hue that was carefully selected to match the felt top of the pool table (Double D Company), which is a definite focal point. Bryan calls it “a first class living space” that he always wanted and adds that “with the large windows, you feel like you’re upstairs.” He designed the lower level with TJI floor joists to span larger distances so that beams, posts, and ductwork were kept out of the main room, allowing for a more open feeling. The modern space is considered “smart” as his entertainment and security features (Balaklava Audio and Saugeen Security Inc.) are connected to a wall-mounted control panel. The basement also includes an office, bedroom, washroom, utility space and a room for a home theatre. Pot lights lead the way to a granite bar that includes a sink, dishwasher and microwave and is accented by stools from Smitty’s Fine Furniture that were purchased raw and stained to match the bar. “I went to great extents to try and keep things in the same colour family,” Bryan says. He does admit that

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the sun changes the hue of the room, and jokes that the pool table colour inspiration is nearly impossible to recreate in different lighting conditions. Bryan recently had a large coffee table custom made out of hardwood to match the cabinetry and furniture throughout the lower level. The tile flooring in the basement includes floor heating by Sprung Heating Sheet Metal & Pump Service. The large sofa provides a comfortable retreat to watch TV or cozy up by the fireplace (Matt’s Masonry and Carson Supply), which features the same stone as the home’s exterior.

Although there are no window coverings in the basement, the forest that hugs the half-acre lot offers warm comfort. In the summer months, it also provides a secluded environment for the toss of a horseshoe or relaxing by the outdoor fire pit. For Bryan Snyder, his home offers the best of both worlds: the perfect place to escape and all the amenities of a small town.

When asked what he’s learned from his 29 years of building experience, Bryan says “it’s most important to stand by the quality of your product and have people happy with their homes.”