

# Gay Custom Home

We enjoyed designing and building this stunning 3,000 sqft bungalow in the scenic Kawartha Lakes, set on a 1-acre lot within an exclusive waterfront gated community ourselves. This property is part of a prestigious neighborhood of high-end homes, offering private amenities such as a harbor for boat docking, a private park, and a private beach. It's the perfect blend of luxury, privacy, and natural beauty, a true retreat in the heart of Ontario.

## Project Overview:

We wanted to create a luxurious and spacious home that would offer comfort and elegance, with ample room for family and guests. The goal was to incorporate modern, high-end finishes and functional spaces that complemented the breathtaking natural surroundings, while maximizing the enjoyment of waterfront living.

## Interior Features:

**Open and Spacious Layout:** The home features 10-foot ceilings throughout, with an impressive 18-inch vaulted ceiling in the living area, which creates a sense of grandeur and openness. The high ceilings are complemented by 7" wide, ¾" thick engineered hardwood flooring throughout, adding warmth and sophistication to every room. Bedrooms and Ensuites: This 3+3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home offers a thoughtfully designed layout, with three bedrooms on the main floor, each with its own ensuite for added privacy and luxury. The powder room on the main level provides added convenience for guests. The basement features an additional three spacious bedrooms, ideal for family, visitors, or even as private retreats.

**High-End Finishes:** The bathrooms are finished with luxurious Riobel fixtures and a combination of high-end tile work, which elevates the look and feel of the space. Every detail, from the fixtures to the tile choices, was carefully selected to create a spa-like experience in each of the home's bathrooms.

**Kitchen:** The chef's kitchen is a highlight of the home, featuring dark oak cabinetry paired with sleek quartz countertops and top-of-the-line stainless steel appliances. This gourmet kitchen offers ample counter space and storage, making it perfect for preparing meals for both family and guests. The open concept layout connects seamlessly to the living and dining areas, making it ideal for entertaining.

**Living Room:** The living area is the heart of the home, featuring a custom stone wood-burning fireplace that serves as both a functional and focal point. The fireplace is built with natural stone, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere, perfect for cozy evenings by the fire. Large windows in the living room take full advantage of the home's setting, offering views of the surrounding landscape and waterfront.

## Exterior Features:

**Grand Entrance:** The exterior of the home is just as impressive as the interior, starting with the double front doors. These custom-made African Mahogany doors are 2 ½” thick and stand 9 feet tall, making a bold statement and providing a secure, welcoming entry into the home.

**Custom Stone and Siding:** The exterior features a beautiful combination of Arriscraft stone and Maibec siding, complemented by LP Smartside shakes. These materials were custom ordered to create a sophisticated, timeless look that fits perfectly within the natural surroundings of the Kawartha Lakes region. The mix of stone and wood siding also adds depth and texture to the home’s façade, giving it a refined and modern appeal.

**Rear Covered Deck:** The rear covered deck is ideal for enjoying outdoor living, with Trex decking for low maintenance and commercial-grade railing for durability and style. This outdoor space is perfect for dining, relaxing, or entertaining while overlooking the expansive property, offering peace, privacy, and views of the waterfront and surrounding landscape.

### **Community Amenities:**

The home’s location in a gated waterfront community is truly special. The property enjoys access to private community amenities, including a harbor for boat docking, making it easy for the homeowners to enjoy waterfront activities right from their doorstep. The private park and private beach are perfect for leisurely walks, picnics, or relaxing by the water, adding to the home’s appeal as a tranquil retreat.