

Micro-cottages an affordable throwback to simpler times

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Just three hours — that's how long it takes Bill and Karen Fowler to escape when the urge comes over them.

The High River, Alta., couple bought a micro-cottage in Port Renfrew,

B.C., in the first phase of the Wild Coast Cottages development by Three Point Properties after reading an article on it last summer.

"Bill was sitting on our deck reading the newspaper one day when he said, 'I think we've just found our vacation property,'" Karen recalls.

Bill, a realtor with Re/

Max in High River south of Calgary, and Karen talked about it for a while, agreeing that the concept suited them, as did the affordability — and that was that.

Port Renfrew, a fishing village at the end of the scenic West Coast Road on the southwest coast of Vancouver Island, has fewer than 200 residents.

The cottages are functional, well built, and planned with buyers' needs and affordability in mind, says Jack Julseth, a principal in Three Point Properties.

The 400-square-foot Wild Coast Cottages Oceanside, which make up the first phase, are priced from \$149,000 to \$199,000.

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Coast Cottages has created a bit of a frenzy," says Julseth. "Form should serve function, and one of those functions is to work with people's budgets.

