

# high style ON THE LAKESHORE

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The lakeside town of Oakville is home to an abundance of charming shops, expansive parks and vibrant neighbourhoods. The thriving area provides residents with all the advantages of an urban centre while maintaining its small-town appeal.

Take a drive along Lakeshore Road and you'll discover a wealth of real estate choices from enchanting heritage classics to stunning transitional estates. It's quickly become one of the most coveted residential destinations in Ontario.

Steps from Appleby College and close to the lakefront and all its amenities, it's no surprise that **Peter Brejnik** of **Brejnik Fine Homes Inc.** selected this prime location for his latest building project. The recently completed transitional-style home boasts over 4,000 sq. ft. and greets guests with a soaring entryway and a glamorous mirrored wall to provide instant allure. *Continued on page 22*



With Brejnik's well thought out floor plan, the large family room is positioned for effortless entertaining with easy access to the culinary kitchen. **LEFT:** A mirrored wall creates a dramatic focal point in the magnificent two-storey entrance.

Crown mouldings and oversized baseboards give the family room a luxurious and distinctive feel. Interior and exterior doors were designed by Brejnik Fine Homes and built by Traditional Door Design and Millwork Ltd. **OPPOSITE, CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: (1)** Statuario marble counters and light cabinets provide a timeless and dramatic contrast to the dark wood floors. **(2)** Beautiful built-ins provide plenty of storage in the sun drenched kitchen. Lucy the dog curls under the dining area. **(3 & 4)** A sun deck flanked by covered patios provides the option to create distinct outdoor living spaces great for dining, lounging, or entertaining. **(5)** The unique architectural design and the details in the exterior stucco create instant curb appeal.



The home, recently available on the market, has received a remarkable response. “The glitz and glamour differentiate it from the rest of the homes being built,” says **Michael Brejnik**, Sales Representative of **Royal LePage Burloak Real Estate Services**. “It’s at the forefront of construction and it’s comparable to what can be found in New York, Miami and Europe. Oakville needs this fresh perspective and interpretation on design.”

Michael Brejnik’s sales assistant, Julie Morris says, “The response at the agent open house and showing was incredible. People came down the stairs in awe, shaking their heads in disbelief.”

The concept, which Peter Brejnik describes as chic New York design, provides wow factor with dramatic color variations between the floors, walls, and mirror work. Chrome accents throughout the home provide a hint of urban sophistication. Well proportioned, comfortable rooms

are tempered with a light touch of stylish elegance in the custom crown mouldings and distinctive wall panelling.

The espresso-coloured wood floors provide consistency from room to room and highlight the dramatic custom glass and iron staircases.

The kitchen will enchant the most discriminating of chefs. White shaker style cabinets and Statuario marble countertops create a fresh yet traditional simplicity. Nothing has been forgotten, from the modern, upscale gas stove to the fully integrated refrigerator and freezer, to the built-in coffee and cappuccino maker. An intimate dining nook looks onto the gardens.

French doors on the main level provide access to outdoor living spaces from every room. Once outside, lavishly manicured lawns and outdoor decks framed by soaring skylights provide both light and privacy and

create a sanctuary. Details sculpted into the facade give the exterior a striking yet timeless appeal.

Back inside on the upper level, the master bedroom is a haven where one can curl up in a chair or lounge on the master balcony. His and hers built-in closets lead to the master bath. Marble floors pave the way to a freestanding tub framed by a magnificent floor-to-ceiling mirror.

Brejnik is no stranger to home building. As a young man, he worked as a junior alongside his dad in the family-owned business, **Brema Construction**. “I was a cleaner and a very diligent sweeper,” he jokes. As time went on, he became more and more involved in different aspects of the process. In 2005, he started his own company, Brejnik Fine Homes Inc. Whether it’s a renovation or a custom build, Brejnik treats every project as his own dream home, a philosophy that extends well beyond the pride in the name. *Continued on page 24*



The stand-alone tub and magnificent floor-to-ceiling mirror in the master ensuite create a stunning focal point in the master bedroom. **TOP LEFT:** The details extend to the main floor laundry room with soft pot lights, built-in cabinetry and a marble countertop great for folding and ironing. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The bedroom is a sanctuary with his-and-hers walk-in closets, a marbled master bath, and a balcony where one can lounge with a morning cup of coffee.

"We're not just following specific trends, but incorporating these trends while focusing on classic design. We're dedicated to absolute customer satisfaction and do what it takes to keep our clients happy."

Catering to the higher end homebuyer, Brejnik says he likes to focus on homes that encompass classic traits with a hint of unique design flair. The Lakeshore home is a great example. With great attention to detail, he has created an amazing entertaining space and comfortable family home.

With all of the elements designed in-house, he says they log dozens of hours to make things right. "We spend a lot of time on the fine details and I believe that has been, and will continue to be, the backbone for our success." The team also considered elements like seating arrangements and modified proportions to ensure that each area of the home is used to its full potential.

Brejnik says that though the home is transitional in style, a lot of the traditional elements are toned down. "A unique feature about this place is that all the return air grills are invisible and integrated in the design. It

allows you to appreciate what is not there. You need it for function but it can be designed in a way that can hide it." He admits that such elements take a great deal of consideration, planning, and engineering.

Though Brejnik looks forward to expanding, he doesn't want the company to get too big. "With design and customization, you need time and don't want to rush."

Christopher and Diane Gregg hired Peter when they decided to build an addition on their current home located in the Bluffs in Burlington. "The part he added on for us looks like it has always been there," says Christopher. "It's a talent to get the balance right and to add features to the existing home that will add to the value of the home."

The addition included a covered breezeway, iron gates, and moulded columns leading to a new wing of the main house in matched stone and brick. "Peter is the greatest thing since sliced bread," says Christopher. "He's very honest, reliable, and caring to ensure that things go perfectly. I wish he'd built the whole home." **OH**

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