

Rich, oak hardwood floors connect the primary living areas of the ground floor. Architect Bruce MacNeill incorporated spatial delineations with coffered ceilings, pilasters and window treatments. **BELOW:** Warm, neutral paint colours accent the fireplace surround of light-weight cultured stone facing.



It was, Myles admits, “a huge leap of faith” to entrust Voskamp with the realization of the couple’s dreams when they were far away in Columbus, Ohio but, with a “one-page contract, a handshake and an exchange of cheques,” he and Dianne took the leap and never looked back.

“Mike made all the decisions and I can’t fault one of them,” Myles says. Visitors are welcomed into a generous foyer with a view of the high-ceilinged, open-concept living-dining-kitchen area warmed by a natural gas fireplace from **Friendly Fires**, Cobourg. It promises cosy evenings even when the lake roars. The surround is made of cultured stone, authentic in texture and appearance but light in weight. Underfoot are rich oak hardwood floors from **Sine’s Flooring** in Cobourg. Large, well-insulated, low-E North Star windows from **Vanderlaan Building Products** in Brighton make the large space airy and bright. Custom-fitted vinyl blinds, also from Sine’s, ensure privacy and light control. Garden doors lead to a 20-by-20-foot pressure-treated pine deck overlooking the backyard – perfect for summer barbecues with the Noels’ extended family.

The kitchen, from **AyA Kitchen Designs** of Peterborough, features warm maple cabinets, gleaming granite countertops and fashion-forward black taps and sinks – complete with InSinkErator food waste disposers – from **Bardon Supplies Ltd.** wholesale outlet in Cobourg.

Also on the main floor are two bedrooms, including the master, which features a large walk-in closet and spa-like, four-piece en suite. The main floor is completed by a comfy den with vaulted ceiling, large windows and sliding doors opening to the backyard deck – an ideal spot to hunker down with a good book, watch TV or just gaze into a second fireplace.

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