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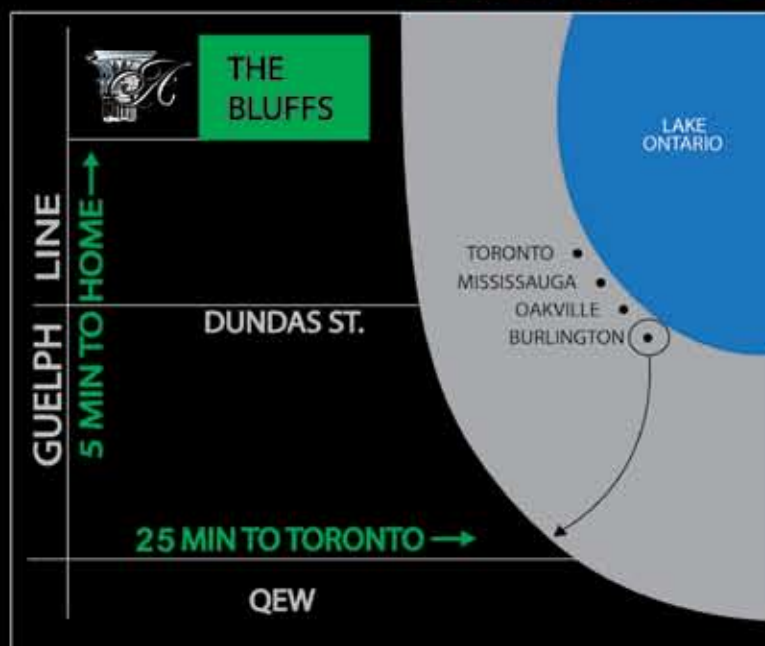
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**Michal J. Cerny**, PMP is the designer and President & CEO of Ambassador Fine Custom Homes Inc., the award winning, ultra luxury custom home builder of the 18,000sf Saxony Manor (at just over \$11M, the most expensive home listed on MLS in Mississauga, ON – 6<sup>th</sup> largest City in Canada) and this glamorous 500sf master ensuite washroom.

**Canadian Home Trends:** Michal, what was the inspiration behind the design of this wonderful space?

**Michal J. Cerny:** The entire house is a very formal, traditional French Chateausque design. I wanted to break away from that in this space and give the home owner a splash of contemporary, yet keeping the traditional theme as the backdrop. The ensuite had to be proportional in size to the 1100sf master bedroom and 5th Avenue Boutique style dressing room.

**CHT:** Describe how this magnificent window wall capturing the breathtaking view of the forested ravine came to be.

**MJC:** I like to create one ‘shock’ or surprise piece in each home I design, something that blends in, yet if you realize what you are looking at, you will say to yourself, “I didn’t think that could work there.” In this mansion, I put a commercial window wall along the entire length of the bathroom. Its’ black limousine tinting from the outside provides all the privacy one would expect, but with no neighbours behind you, you would only have the chipmunks trying to peek in at you. The solid Indiana Limestone balusters on the balcony, keep the traditional look in the background.

**CHT:** What are some of the key features in this bathroom?

**MJC:** We built it with wall to wall and ceiling to floor True Select Calacata Marble slabs, each weighing in at 900 lbs, custom fabricated to size, using only five slabs on the entire heated floor, a two person steam shower with 8 body jets, and a two person Jacuzzi tub that fills from the ceiling. A romantic movie can be enjoyed on the large flat screen TV across from the tub. In-mirror flat screen TV allows you to watch the news while







performing your morning rituals. It is made with a custom hand-made solid Walnut wood vanity with “flame” curved cabinetry doors with his and hers over sized sinks, smart home touch panel controls for all heating, lighting and audio visual components and high end ceiling speakers, Turkish crystal chandelier, telephone and internet in the water closet.



**CHT:** For our readers who want to achieve a similar look on a smaller budget, what could you recommend?

**MJC:** Use Carrera Marble, it's one third of the cost. Don't install any marble suspended from the ceiling, this is very complex structurally due to the sheer weight of the marble pulling down on the ceiling. Use White Oak

cabinetry instead of Walnut and stain it to a Walnut finish. Fill the tub from a standing fixture in the floor.

**CHT:** How long did this space take from start to finish?

**MJC:** Eighteen months from conceptual design to finished construction.

**CHT:** When designing a home, even if it's not a mansion, how important is this space?



**MJC:** Next to the kitchen, it's one of the key rooms that homeowners will use every day. Their morning starts off in this space and their day ends here. It can help soothe them, relax their mood and put them into the right frame of mind. It should be inspirational and a statement of who they are.

