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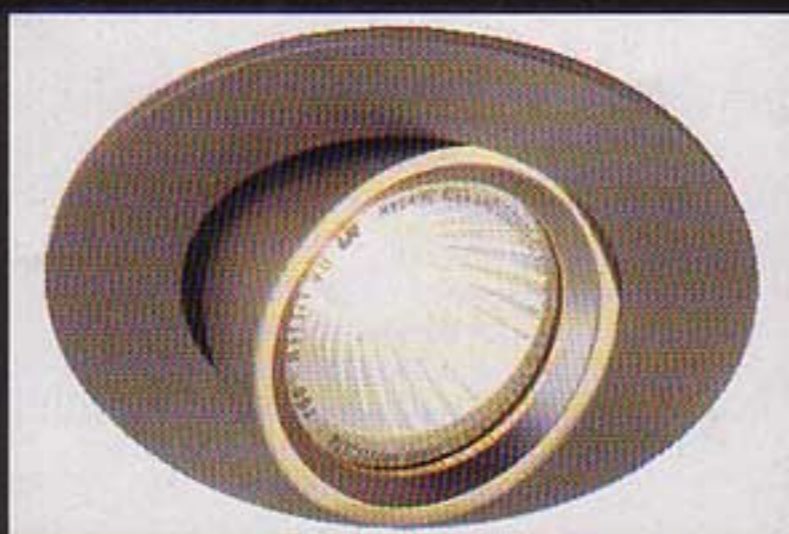
I was hoping you could tell me where the cottage in the *Small is Beautiful* story (Issue 4, 2009) by Ken Evans is located. Our cottage/future retirement home is almost exactly the same size and design of the one in the story. Though we built it from scratch by ourselves, we were amazed to see the similarities in the design and size. Although we didn't use SIPs, we have R-45 in our cathedral ceiling and are off-grid

using solar power for all our electrical needs. I am very interested in knowing if the cottage is in Ontario because we also use a composting toilet and want to put in a leaching pit for the grey water, although we are told that we must put in a full septic system when the time comes. We want to know the alternatives to installing a full system especially because there will only be two of us there most of the time.

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Ken Evans Replies: The cottage featured in *Small is Beautiful* is on an island in Northern Ontario. The building is connected to an old grey water pit that's been in use for about 40 years, ever since the original structure had plumbing installed. Regulations for new installations vary depending on where you are building. The local health unit is the place to go to discuss your options. **H&C**