

## **Getting Out of the City...Country Properties**

More and more people are choosing to get away from the city to live in the country. If you are considering a piece of property in the country there are several things to examine whether you are thinking of building your own home or having a contractor build it for you.

- ❑ **The lot should be chosen with care.** Be sure to examine the zoning regulations of the area to make sure that the municipality will grant you a building permit. Check the zoning around your piece of property...you don't want to find that the lot next door is zoned commercial or industrial. This information can be found by checking with municipal health and building authorities.
- ❑ **Make sure that essential services are available to you.** This includes such services as fire protection, school buses and snow clearance of side roads. The availability of these services can be checked with the municipality.
- ❑ **Make sure that there is a safe water supply.** This can be provided by either nearby water and sewage services or by a safe supply of well water.
- ❑ **Make sure that your land is suitable for building.** Make sure that the land is not susceptible to flooding or other acts of Mother Nature.
- ❑ **Check Ministry of Natural Maps for proposed garbage dumps.**