

# Leigh Cottage, South Beach, Gimli

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Leigh Cottage 1937 Historical Plaque

A South Beach cottage has been recognized for its historical significance.



Front view, facing North

Leigh Cottage, 22 Hansson Ave is owned by Glenn & Alanna Rossong. As far as anyone can remember it's always been painted yellow. It sits on a beautiful big treed lot on the east end of Hansson Ave.

It was constructed Mr. Leigh, Glenn's grandfather, in 1937 and it a perfect example of a slice of time and summers back then. It's a typical wood frame cottage.



Back, facing lake side

The type of structure is pyramidal, square, but with small gables at top of roof. It has a gable veranda added at front and a small shed with a shanty roof at back. Everything is original except some plywood sheeting on some walls.

There are screens only on the West side and veranda addition. The apertures on the front have some multi-pane windows, some screens and shutters. The windows, siding, doors, shutters, floor are original, as is the half wall separating the common room and the bedroom. At the time the cottage was added to the historical list it had no water or sewer.

Glenn and Alanna own the antique shop in Middlechurch, [Candle Co.](#) So they have a keen sense of historical value.



South side

This building was surveyed and added to the historical list of area cottages in 2011 by Wally Johansson on behalf of the [Gimli Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee](#) (MHAC). The MHAC has published a Historic Cottage Owner's Handbook to help folk maintain old cottages.

2026: Update, the cottage was renovated in 2024.