

# STAYCATION cottage-*style*

Glstar Sunroom hub  
of backyard enjoyment

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**AS A COUPLE, DEBBIE AND DAVID ARE ON** the same page where major home projects are concerned. “We don’t own or plan to own a cottage,” says Debbie, “so we wanted to make our backyard our area of enjoyment.”

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“My husband and I are the types that if we’re doing a project, we’ll go out and talk to a ‘gazillion’ different companies and kind of analyze it to death. We started with the deck decision first and we were talking sunroom structures at the same time, and we met with Brad DeSerranno at Glstar because he was recommended to us by the folks who did our deck.”

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Brad explains “All glazed areas feature tempered safety glass. The wide 3’ and 4’ operator panels and sliding door allow a maximum amount of air movement as well as panoramic views into the backyard.”

“The entire panels slide from floor to ceiling and this smooth rolling motion is created from our two sets of top-of-the-line tandem nylon rollers with sealed stainless steel ball bearings.”

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Glstar set up the couple's sunroom within a few days with their characteristic expertise.

"Some modifications were necessary to accommodate the upper floor cantilever," says Brad. "Our low slope roof was cut back to account for that while our sunroom walls carried through to the main floor house wall. These are modifications that we undertake on all our projects to make it fit and to complement the home. Our sunroom system is manufactured locally here in Winnipeg so this allows us to do the custom work."

"We really enjoyed working with Debbie and David, after consulting with them to find out what they had envisioned. This sunroom addition really complements the house seamlessly. It has added value to the home and most importantly value to the homeowners' lifestyle. This addition will be a feature element in this house for years to come being constructed with maintenance-free aluminum and glass. Years from now, it will still look the same."

Brad added that the Glstar Showroom and Factory Production facility at 265 Sutherland Avenue always welcomes homeowners to tour the facility when doing their own research into building a sunroom.



Debbie and David and their two young sons continue to enjoy their sunroom not only in the heat of summer but also in spring and fall. "It's really a three-season room," says Debbie. "We face west so we get the noon and onward sun and it really prolongs how long we can use it when seasons start to change."

After considering the 'gazillion' options that this couple usually goes through before launching a home project, David and Debbie know they made the right decision by choosing Glstar to build their new sunroom. "We are happy and enjoyed working with Brad. He was very pleasant to work with. He was there to respond promptly to our phone calls and emails. The folks who came out to do the work were great. Based on the finished product, I'd say they did a great job!"