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## PARTICIPATION IN THE ECO EII NET ZERO PROJECT

- Improve the lives of homeowners by providing a healthier, more comfortable, and affordable home
- Build better homes today for tomorrow



Centre: Tim Blevins, President

Left to right behind: Robert Dewar, President Hy-Mark ; Scott Reid, VP RHH/RHP;

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## DESIGN OPPORTUNITY



**Climate Zone 6: 4270 HDD (ESNH ON Zone 1)**

**PV Potential:  $4.7 \text{ GJ/kW} \times 8.5 \text{ KW} = 38.25 \text{ GJ}$  (house load)**

*South, 8:12 Slope, module eff. 15.5%*

**Heating Design Temp:  $-19^{\circ}\text{C}$**

**Cooling Design Temp:  $29^{\circ}\text{C}$**



**March 2016 – Homes under Construction**

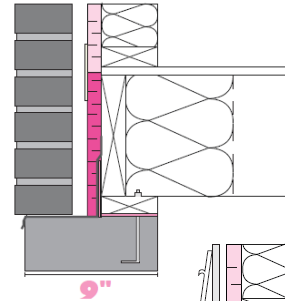
## WHAT ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF A NET ZERO ENERGY HOME

- **5 KEY ELEMENTS:**

- AIR SEALING AIR SEALING AIR SEALING – Increased insulation in attic, main floor walls, basement exterior walls and under slab
- TRIPLE PANE WINDOWS THROUGHOUT – excluding the basement pour in place
- RIGHT SIZED MECHANICALS / VENTILATION – avoid oversizing equipment
- EFFICIENT ELECTRICAL EQUIP – LED, Energy Star appliances, Air Source Electric hot water tank, larger drain water heat recovery unit
- RENEWABLES – A solar array sized to the needs of the home with appropriate inverters to the needs (i.e. standard to grid, or with battery opportunity)

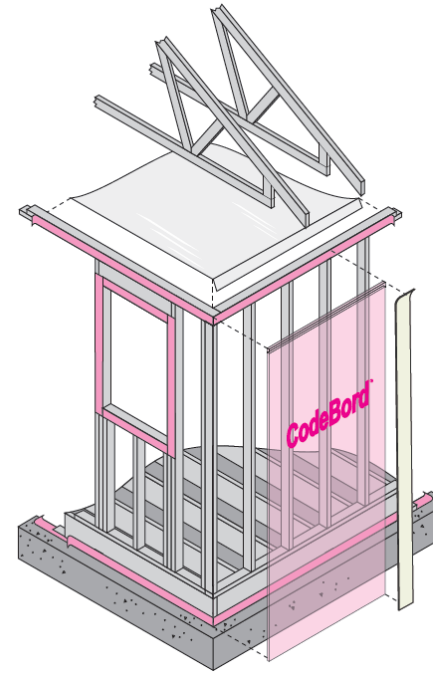
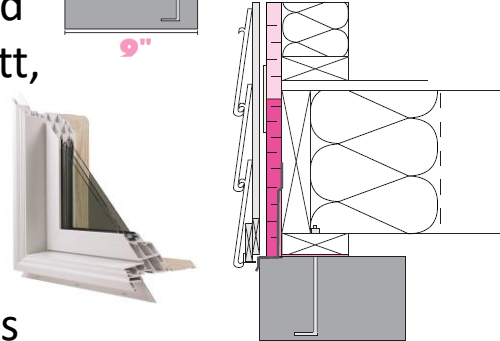
## IN THE DETAILS ELEMENT 1 & 2

- Air sealing & increased insulation values throughout the home via Owens Corning CABS system – reduces the ACH to less than 1.5 (Ideally 1). Increased insulation levels throughout via thicker walls – 2x8 w 2" foam/R28 batts. Basement R10 under slab and basement walls 2" + R23 min. thermafibre batt, R60 in the attic
- Triple pane windows – provide increased insulation with added benefit of sound reduction – no drafty feeling. Consider various U ratings to get most cost effective solution



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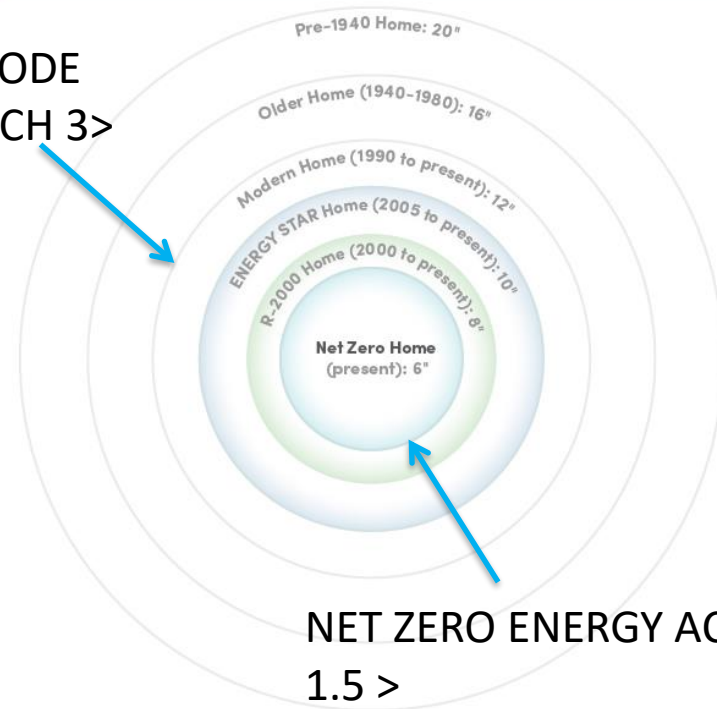


## HOW DOES THIS COMPARE TO CODE?

|                            | Ontario Building Code (Pkg J) | Energy Star by Reid's Heritage Homes | Net Zero Homes Reid's Heritage Homes |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Attic                      | R-50                          | R-50                                 | R-60                                 |
| Above Grade Exterior Walls | R-22                          | R-29                                 | R-38 min                             |
| Below Grade Exterior Walls | R-12                          | R-20                                 | R-24 min                             |
| Basement Slab              | 0                             | 0                                    | R-10                                 |
| Windows (Max U-Value)      | 1.8                           | Low E Double Pane (1.6)              | Low E Triple Pane (1.1)              |

## Fix the Hole in Your Wall

CODE  
ACH 3>



\*The diameters for air leakage shown are estimates based on a sample of national averages and can vary depending on circumstances. They are meant to illustrate the significance of air leakage in Canadian homes.

## Space Heating/Cooling:

- Loads **NOT** exceeding 20-25,000 BTU compared to a typical home with a 40-45,000 BTU mechanical system
- Dettson Alizé Air Source Heat Pump with modulating Chinook gas backup with high wall supply = **RIGHT SIZED EQUIPMENT** and total comfort, better air flow

Run longer more efficient cycles than blast on and blast off with heating not reaching the end point. **WITH** Zoning ~ Indoor temperature will **NOT** change drastically with outdoor fluctuations



Essential with  
the tighter  
envelope to  
ensure fresh air  
throughout



## ELEMENTS 4 AND 5

- ERV – critical in providing the fresh air these air tight homes need



- DRAIN WATER HEAT RECOVERY unit 60" to 72" to optimize energy savings in water heating



- AIR SOURCE ELECTRIC HOT WATER TANKS – use energy within the space to pre-warm the water in the tank



- LOW FLOW faucets for added water savings

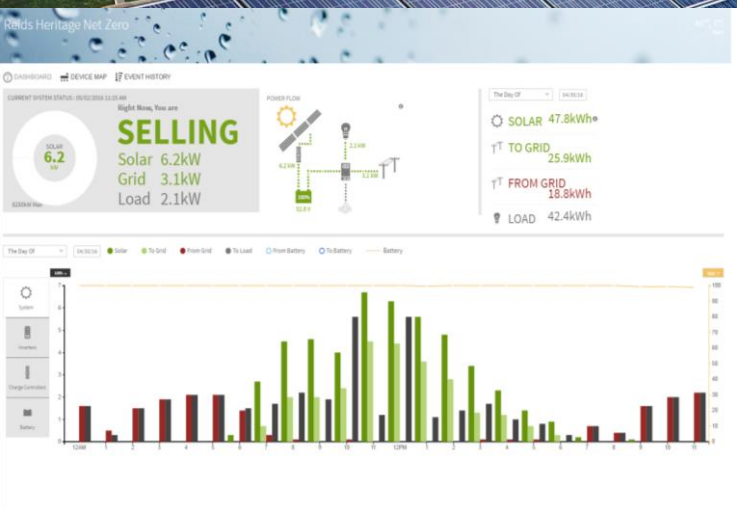


## ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ITEMS

### Necessary Components:

- TED energy monitoring to assist with 54% of energy consumption being occupant behaviour
- Solar array monitoring data via Inverter manufacturer
- Energy Star appliances, LED lighting





Push ridgeline forward and drop pitch to contain all needed panels  
Reduce array to a maximum of 32 panels – 8.5 KW – size to the needs of the home

## ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

- Battery bank for 3 days off the grid – due to pricing of batteries I would suggest this is not far away but at this time would be very expensive given times the grid is actually down in urban setting
- Shown are upgraded inverters to send the energy produced to the dedicated loads whether it be batteries, or the home with excess to the grid
- Electric Car chargers



Car Chargers –  
either rough-in  
or installed –  
run your home  
off your car \*





## WHY CONTINUE WITH NZE TYPE HOMES

- Increased comfort, better air quality, durability, quality, security from rate increases

## BUILD AFFORDABLE NET ZERO HOMES IN A PRODUCTION SETTING





ONLY possible with communications with your trade  
and supplier partners to ensure  
deliverability of this type of product going forward



NATIONAL PARTNERS

SPONSORS



Work with your  
partners to find cost  
savings, best practices;  
to ensure optimal  
costing and quality.  
And definitely take  
advantage of any  
rebates where possible

## SINGLE HOME ANALYSIS COMPARED TO:

- Ontario Building Code
- Energy Star
- Net Zero Energy

The bar graph **CLEARLY** shows the  
“why”



## 2<sup>nd</sup> “WHY” CONTINUE WITH NZE

### Energy Data:

|                         |         |     |
|-------------------------|---------|-----|
| • Space Heating         | 8.4 GJ  | 23% |
| • Electrical Plug Loads | 22.5 GJ | 61% |
| • Water Heating         | 4.4 GJ  | 12% |
| • Ventilation           | 1.0 GJ  | 3%  |
| • Space Cooling         | 0.5 GJ  | 1%  |

Annual Energy Use 36.8 GJ

Annual Energy Generation 37.4 GJ

Net Annual Energy Use -0.6 GJ



The NZ Magic Number

**37 GJ**

**1 ACH or less**

### 3<sup>RD</sup> WHY CONTINUE WITH NET ZERO ENERGY TYPE HOMES – COMMUNITY SCALE

| HOMES OFFERED TODAY                | PER HOME Annual Energy | COMMUNITY SCALE | NET IMPACT |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Current Ontario Building Code Home | 110 GJ                 | 100 Homes       | 11,000 GJ  |
| Energy Star Home                   | 101 GJ                 |                 | 10,100 GJ  |
| NET ZERO READY Home                | 37 GJ                  |                 | 3,700 GJ   |
| NET ZERO Home with Solar           | 37 /-37 GJ             |                 | 0 GJ       |

### REDUCTIONS IN PRICE TO GO NET ZERO ENERGY COMPLETE:

Started at \$90,000 ➡ \$75,000 ➡ \$65,000 ➡ **now under \$60,000**

**NET ZERO ENERGY READY .... UNDER \$20,000**

## ADD IN GHG AND IMPACT OF NET ZERO ENERGY TYPE HOMES

| Homes offered today                | Per Home Energy Consumption * | By Scale of Community | Community Net Energy Impact* | Community Net GHG Impact* |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Current Ontario Building Code Home | 110 GJ                        | 100 Homes             | 11,000 GJ                    | 900                       |
| Energy Star Home                   | 101 GJ                        |                       | 10,100 GJ                    | 800                       |
| <b>NET ZERO READY Home</b>         | <b>37 GJ</b>                  |                       | <b>3,700 GJ</b>              | <b>150</b>                |
| NET ZERO Home with Solar           | 37 /-37 GJ                    |                       | 0 GJ                         |                           |

\*SUBJECT TO HOUSE SIZE, MECHANICALS AND FUEL SOURCE / \*GHG BASED ON AVERAGES / \*ALL ENERGY REFERENCES ABOVE ARE BASED ON ANNUAL CALCULATIONS

- Compared to current Building Code: **Reductions** in Energy Demands by **67%** in NZE-R Homes  
**Reductions** in GHG by **83%**
- Review infrastructure needs for the future demand of the new housing stock
- Look at community planning in a different light

## DO YOU HAVE A CHOICE – SURE YOU DO BUT.....

### 20-25% Improvements

Based on this progression – its not a matter of IF but When as Andy Goyda would say!

2012  
Ontario  
Building  
Code

ERS 80

*New Reid's  
Heritage Energy  
Star Homes*

ERS 83

ERS 86

*R-2000*

ERS 88

*"Net-Zero  
Ready"*

ERS 95+

*"Net-Zero"*

Based on  
current  
building code  
cycles –  
projections  
suggest by  
2028 we are  
here!

Every 5-6 years



## PROVE THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT

### Net Zero Utility Consumption vs. Input Review

#### Input Data

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Principal Cost for Net Zero   | \$55,000  |
| Annual, nominal interest rate | 2.98%     |
| Amortization Period (years)   | 25        |
| Initial Date                  | 01-Jan-16 |

#### Computed Data

|                                                |                                  |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Effective Annual Rate                          | 3.00%                            |
| Periodic Interest Rate                         | Annual 2.9617% Monthly 0.246805% |
| Periodic Payment, Monthly                      | \$260                            |
| Code Annual Utility Charges*                   | \$4,336                          |
| NZ Annual Utility Charges*                     | \$217                            |
| Code Per Month Utility**                       | \$361                            |
| NZ Per Month Utility**                         | \$18                             |
| Net Difference - Mortgage less utility savings | -\$84                            |

\* REFERS TO GAS AND ELECTRICITY ENERGY CONSUMPTION ON AVERAGE \*ENERGY CONSUMED BASED ON AVERAGE USER \* BASED ON ROUGHLY 2,000 SF CURRENT 2012 OBC

\*\*DOES NOT INCLUDE DELIVERY CHARGES/HOOK UP/DISTRIBUTION CHARGES AS RELATIVE TO YOUR SERVICE AREA \*BASED ON SW ONTARIO DATA CLIMATE REGION

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| EStar Annual Utility Charges*                  | \$3,469                          |
| NZ Annual Utility Charges*                     | \$217                            |
| Code Per Month Utility**                       | \$289                            |
| NZ Per Month Utility**                         | \$18                             |
| Net Difference - Mortgage less utility savings | -\$11                            |

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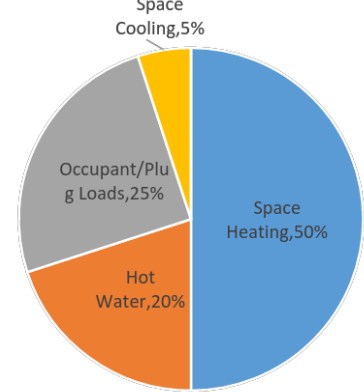
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## LESSONS OR CONSIDERATIONS

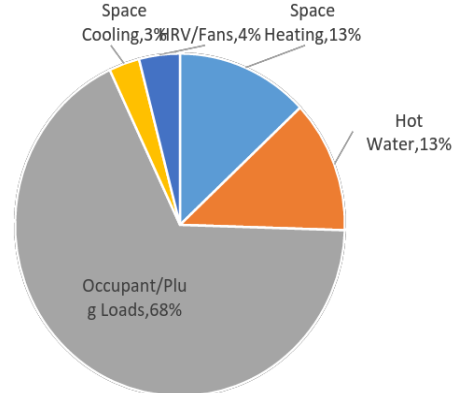
- **Conservation first!** Air Sealing is critical to reducing the loads in the home, if you do not get the air sealing right you will need larger equipment and thus more energy production to offset (your largest expense)
- Sometimes you have to trade more expensive equipment for less solar panels – an example is the hot water tank – the air source electric hot water tank will reduce your panels and loads as will the Vanee Gold ERV. The roof is your most expensive real estate now
- Keep it **SIMPLE** – for yourself – and your buyer i.e. framing, HVAC, maintenance, presentation

## LOAD COMPARISON: CODE TO NZE

Standard NBC 9.36 Home



A NZE Home

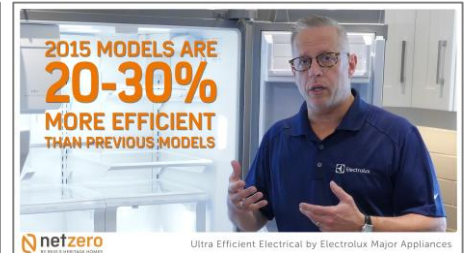
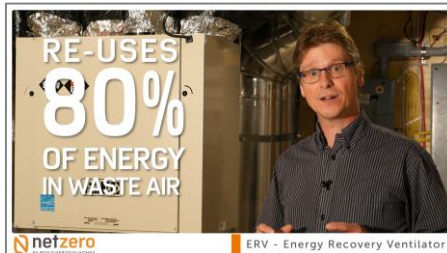


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## CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT:

- Social media contest
- Education using dedicated **LiveNetZero.com** website, videos, guided tours





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