



Clockwise from top Left: Graham Whiting, Derek Satnik, Ben Barelay, Residential Energy Efficiency Project Waterloo



Go Team!

Ontario's newest and most inclusive residential building competition is now in full swing. The *OntarioGreenSpec.ca* Home Sweet Home Competition is now accepting entries.

Who can win? Anyone and everyone involved in exceptional green home building or renovating projects in Ontario.

Says Derek Satnik, LEED consultant and Chair of the Home Sweet Home Competition: "Collaboration is so critical to achieving building excellence and we wanted to highlight teamwork with this competition. Each of the four Home Sweet Home awards will celebrate one project every year, and everyone involved in those winning projects will be recognized and celebrated for a job well done."

To kickstart the competition this year, *OntarioGreenSpec.ca* chose four "Founding Homes" to highlight leading examples within the competition's four home construction categories: Custom,

Production, Affordable, and Renovated. A few of the Founding Home winners were interviewed for *Canadian Green Building and Design*.

Andy Oding of Williamsburg Homes was the Project Manager for the new LEED Platinum "Ontario Green Home" in Kitchener, which was chosen as the Founding Production Home. "I'm extremely proud of the team that came together to build the Ontario Green Home," says Oding. "Change is always difficult and there are frustrations of course, but it's a bit like sport – we all crave challenges that push us to be better at what we do."

Plumber Bill Sinclair of Paton Bros. (Waterloo) worked with Oding on the Ontario Green Home. When asked whether it was more difficult than a conventional home, Sinclair's professional "can-do" attitude shone through. "Plumbers appreciate that water conservation is important. When we see that it's working and it's going to save the customer money – it's not just a job

then, it's something a little extra. More coordination is required but it's not a huge leap. In five years it will be routine."

Architect Graham Whiting, of Whiting Design in Kitchener, designed renovations for the Founding Renovated Home "REEP House for Sustainable Living." REEP House is the most thorough energy retrofit of any century-old home in Canada, expected to achieve an amazing 90% energy savings. Says Whiting, "Sustainable design is not a solo effort. It requires an integrated team, with broad ranging expertise. In encouraging this broad sector involvement, on a variety of building types, this competition fuels the education and passion of an entire new generation of green builders, designers, developers, and suppliers. **GBD**

Visit the "Winners" page at www.hsh-competition.ca for more information, and if you want to see yourself featured there... don't delay – enter today! Enter online at <http://hsh-competition.ca> until December 31st.