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## Heathwood Homes RECOGNIZED FOR HEALTHY HOUSING PRACTICES



CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORP. (CMHC) HAS honoured Heathwood Homes under the CMHC Healthy Housing Recognition Program for its efforts in building healthier homes.

CMHC's Healthy Housing Recognition Program honours builders and others in Ontario who put their knowledge of CMHC's five Healthy Housing principles into practice. These five principles include: occupant health, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, environmental responsibility and affordability. The program recognizes housing industry professionals who demonstrate their knowledge by building, renovating or designing a home that meets criteria under the principles.

Heathwood Homes built the Green Home in Richmond Hill, demonstrating a commitment to providing housing that is efficient and sustainable. The home's energy-saving features include a monitoring system to gauge if electricity, natural gas and water consumption is performing to design expectations. Water conservation inside the home includes a grey water system, dual flush toilets, and low flow faucets and showerheads.

Outside the home, permeable pavers, infiltration galleries, rain barrels and xeriscaping assist with managing storm water and reducing the homeowners' demand on potable water. The use of natural materials, zero VOC paints and a HEPA filtration system help ensure occupant health and better indoor air quality. The home also minimizes environmental impact with the use of a Purewash laundry system to reduce detergent use, bamboo flooring and recycled material.

The Heathwood Green Home was designed with the latest innovative Green features, making this model a leading edge example of the future of healthy homes. It is the first environmentally advanced house to be monitored and compared to a second house built to the Energy Star standard. Partnering with Ryerson University to monitor and document the home's energy performance will enable Heathwood Homes to identify proven results to advance technologies and energy-saving products in their homes.



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