

Living Home Finds a Better Way to Build

The City of Lethbridge supplied the land and money, Lethbridge College created the concepts, and Cedar Ridge Quality Homes added the craftsmanship to create a 1,300 square-foot laboratory known as the Living Home.

The West Lethbridge residence in the city's "green" Sunridge subdivision was a partnership bringing education and expertise together to achieve a result for the greater good: a research project that just might change the way homes are constructed.

The concept won its three partners SouthGrow's Award of Recognition in its Innovation category.

"The Living Home has been a model project that has demonstrated a successful partnership between the city, Cedar Ridge Quality Homes and Lethbridge College, and good home-building practices and green technologies that may be affordably used in new residential buildings," says Braum Barber, the college's lead hand for the collaboration. "How we decide to build today will impact our ability to sustain our communities in the future."

The project, open to public tours, is also serving as a research project to ascertain the appropriateness of the building's design and components. That information will be shared with the public at thelivinghome.ca

"Cedar Ridge is pleased to have been a partner and award recipient for The Living Home project," says Lonny Hoy, owner of Cedar Ridge. "Our company is committed to advancing innovative and energy efficient construction practices. It is our hope that research from the Living Home Project benefits all our local home builders."



Tracy Edwards, Lethbridge College president, Mayor Bob Tarleck and Lonny Hoy of Cedar Ridge Quality Homes cut the ribbon on environmental responsibility.

The Living Home was constructed to minimize the life-cycle environmental footprint, enhance quality of life within the home, and act as a model for the community. It was built to minimize the environmental impact of construction, maintenance and future home operation.

The project has been a gold mine for Lethbridge College student involvement and learning. More than 200 students across four program areas were involved in the design, research and interpretation of data.

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