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# MEET OUR 2 DAY CO-HOSTS!



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Director, Initiatives, Net  
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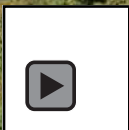
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# Day 2 Agenda

## MORNING AGENDA

**8:30** Opening Day 2

**8:45 Session 5:** LEADING THE WAY. Meet 5 Builder Teams achieving Net Zero/Ready in Multi-Family projects.

**10:15-10:45** Break upstairs in the HUB

**10:45 Session 6:** HOW LOW CAN YOU GO. Electrification on 100 amps?

**12:00-1:00** LUNCH

Access the  
full agenda  
online here:



## AFTERNOON AGENDA

**1:00** Sponsors

**1:15 Session 7:** GOTTA KEEP 'EM SEPARATED. Compartmentalization for Multi-Family.

**2:30-3:00** Break upstairs in the HUB

**3:00 Session 8:** ARE YOU READY FOR THIS? What's next for scaling a Net Zero future.

**4:15** Closing

Access the  
speaker info  
online here:







# NET ZERO READY MURBS

Affordable, Replicable and Marketable



The **OBJECTIVE** of this 5-year+ project was to **validate the use of panelized and modular construction and integrated mechanical system** technologies, design and construction practices on **Net Zero or Net Zero Ready MURBs** to optimize energy efficient performance, reduce costs, increase construction productivity and reduce construction schedules.

## **Project Lead**

CHBA's Net Zero Home Labelling Program / Net Zero Housing team

## **Project Funding**

Natural Resources Canada, Office of Energy Research and Development  
(OERD)

## **Project Consultants**

Andy Oding, Building Knowledge Canada

Derek Satnik & Seungyeon Hong, s2e

Wil Beardmore, Bluewater Energy

Dave Silburn, SHIFT Environmental Design and Consulting

## **Project Partners**

BC Hydro, BC Housing, Enbridge

The expression of interest for this project went out in 2017.

From 2019, and still going, CHBA and our builder teams have persevered.

The **CHALLENGES** were unique.

**CO**VID

**PART 9 CONSTRAINTS**

**INDUSTRY CAPACITY**

**COVID ECONOMY**

**“POST” COVID ECONOMY**

**AFFORDABILITY**

**REGULATORY**



Today we **CELEBRATE** that perseverance and the incredible movement forward that the research, application, and demonstration. The work that was accomplished through this initiative had impacts far beyond the individual participants.

Today we'll see how the willingness of our **NET ZERO BUILDERS**, combined with the dedicated collaboration with our **NET ZERO ENERGY ADVISORS**, consultants and our project partners has resonated for our own CHBA Net Zero Home Labelling Program to informing code for all Canadians.

Without the originating forethought of **NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA** to fund initiatives such as these, Canadians would miss out on the significant contributions that projects like these achieve.





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# Housing Sector Innovation NRCan as a partner

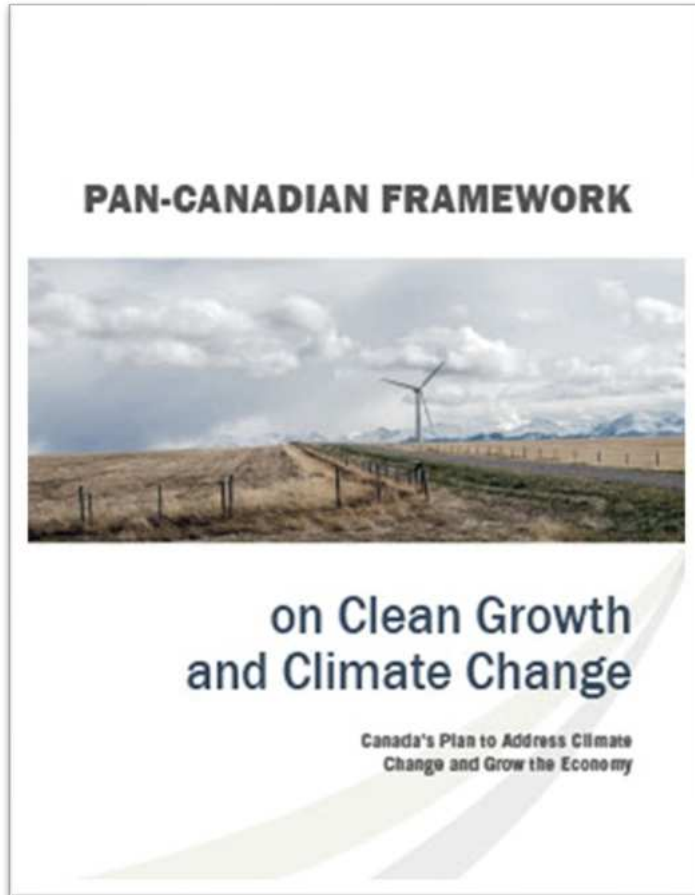
Affordable, Replicable, and Marketable Net Zero Ready  
MURBs – An Energy Efficient Building Funding Program  
Demonstration Project

CHBA Net Zero Leadership Summit  
June 12, 2024

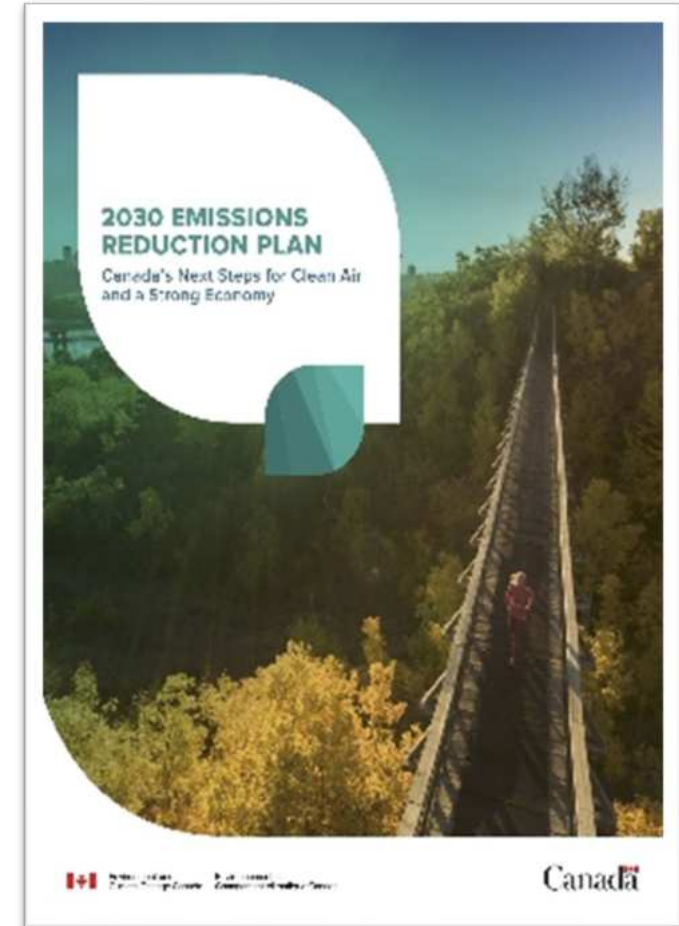
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# Federal Mandate & Building Sector



- *Innovation is necessary for economic and climate objectives in 2030, 2035, and 2050*
- Half to two-thirds of emissions reductions needed to reach net-zero come from technologies that are **not yet ready for deployment**



# Energy Efficient Building Funding Program

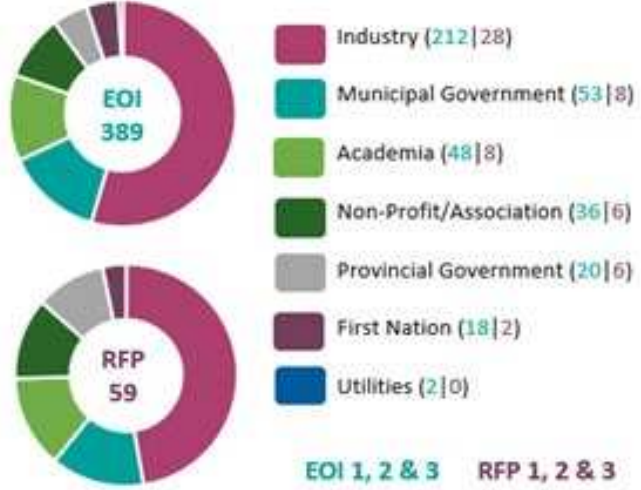
- **\$182 million to increase energy efficiency and address climate change** by improving how our homes and buildings are designed, renovated, and constructed.
- Supporting **research, development and demonstration projects** that:
  - Accelerate the development and adoption of these codes and necessary technologies
  - Provide more cost-effective building solutions and validate their applications locally with real-world demonstrations
  - Build confidence with industry and provinces and territories to accelerate their adoption of revised building codes
  - Promote highly energy-efficient building design and construction practices





# NRCCan is a Key Partner in Funding Innovation

- Green Infrastructure Program Energy Efficient Buildings (2018-2026)
- Greener Neighbourhoods Pilot Program (Launched 2023)
- Energy Innovation Program



DEMONSTRATION			
	Project ID	Building type	Highlights
NEW CONSTRUCTION	<a href="#">GIBE-1093</a>	Low-rise MURB	NZER; multi-site; prefabrication
	<a href="#">GIBE-1112</a>	Mid-rise MURB	NZER; hybrid heating system
	<a href="#">GIBE-2204</a>	Mid-rise MURB	NZER; comparative analysis
	<a href="#">GIBE-2215</a>	Commercial/institutional,	NZER; multi-site; provincial program
	<a href="#">GIBE-2156</a>	Low-rise MURB	Passive House; prefabrication
RETROFIT	<a href="#">GIBE-2160</a>	Row houses	NZER; prefabrication;
	<a href="#">GIBE-2176</a>	Mixed-use MURB	DER; student residence
	<a href="#">GIBE-2242</a>	Row houses	NZER; <u>Energiesprong</u> ; prefabrication
	<a href="#">GIBE-L001</a>	MURB	DER; student residence



# Demonstration of Deep Energy Retrofits

Panelized Deep Energy Retrofits  
**THE PROCESS**

**DIGITAL CAPTURE**  
3D scan of existing building

**BUILD PANELS**  
Design panels with AutoCAD and load into the factory

**PREP BUILDING**  
Install foundation, install panel support wall, remove old windows and opening

**INSTALL**  
Install panels and blow cellulose insulation in cavity

**FINISHING**  
Seal panel joints, finish cladding, install and commission new HVAC, finish new window extensions



**NET ZERO RENOVATION PILOT HOME**  
**SOLARHOMES INC.** **netzero home**  
The smart renovation platform

**Renovator:** Peter Darlington, Solar Homes Inc. **Service Organization:** Enervision

**Energy Advisor:** Cooper Le, 4 Elements Integrated Design LTD. **Net Zero Pilot Home:** Calgary, AB (Climate Zone 6)

**14 TONNES /YR** BEFORE RENOVATIONS

**167 kWh** \*Before renovations

**0 TONNES /YR** AFTER RENOVATIONS

**0 kWh** \*After renovations

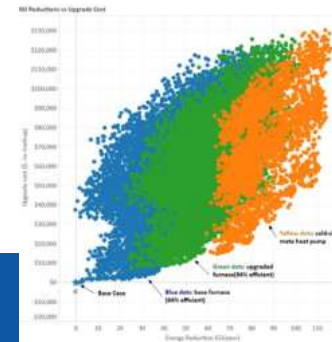
\*Based on energy performance





# Accelerating Innovation and Technology Up-take

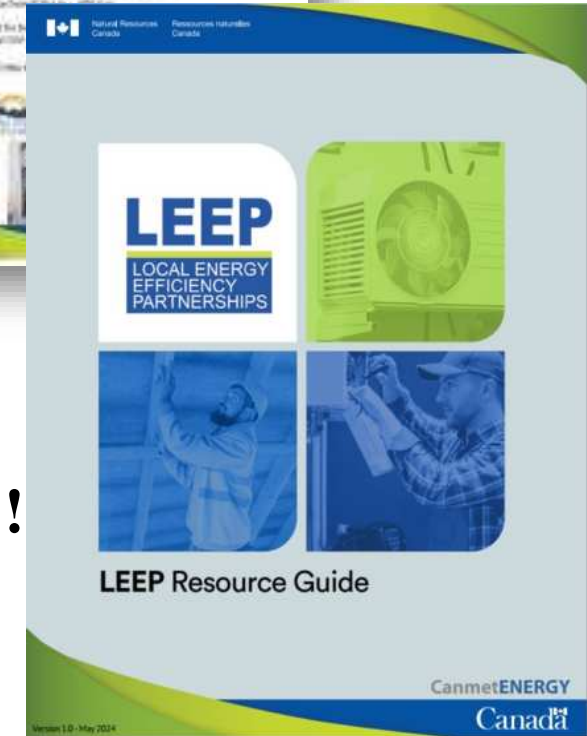
- Local Energy Efficiency Partnerships (LEEP) Initiative for Home Building Innovation
- Federal Tools (e.g. HTAP – CBAT – MC2)
- External Partners Tools
  - Building Envelope Thermal Bridging (BETB) Guide Expansion
  - Net Zero Navigator Platform



## LEEP Workshops, Tools and Guides

LEEP events, tools, resources and guides provide time saving ways for industry to learn about the information they need so they can move confidently towards building higher performance, resilient homes faster and more affordably.

**NEW !**



# New High-Performance Construction Demos



Breakthrough Energy Solutions Canada



**NET ZERO**  
MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

**BUILDER** Avalon Master Builder

**Energy Advisor** Casper Ltd. 4 Elements Integrated Design

**Location** Calgary, AB (Climate zone 7a)

**15,700 SQFT**

Code-Built MURB: 481 GJ/yr  
 The MURB: 458 GJ/yr  
 The MURB with modular: 287 GJ/yr

**Modelled Energy Use Breakdown**

- Water Heating: 20%
- Space Heating: 40%
- Space Cooling: 40%

Energy modelling results are from HOT2000 version 11.05. The total modular operational GHG emissions are 34.3 tonnes/yr/GJ.

**NET ZERO**  
MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

**BUILDER** Big Block Construction

**Energy Advisor** Darcy Bedel, Sun Ridge Residential Inc.

**Location** Saskatoon, SK (Climate zone 7a)

**11,600 SQFT**

Code-Built MURB: 577 GJ/yr  
 The MURB: 292 GJ/yr

**Modelled Energy Use Breakdown**

- Water Heating: 20%
- Space Heating: 22%
- Space Cooling: 4%
- Ventilation: 1%
- Occupant Load: 53%

**BUILDING ENCLOSURE**

- Windows:** Berdick Windows, Triple Glazed
- Walls:** R-36 2x10 Wall, Staggered 2x6 & 2x4 Studs
- Ceiling:** R-80 Blown-in
- Foundation:** ICF Crawlspace
- Airtightness:** Lower Units: R-28 2x8 wall; 0.47 ACH@50
- Envelope:** 52% better than NRCan ref

**MECHANICALS**

- Fuel Source:** Dual Fuel (electricity + natural gas)
- Heating & Cooling:** Dettson Chinook Furnace; Upper Units, also include ASHP
- Water Heating:** Rheem Heat Pump
- Ventilation:** Upper Units: Lifebreath HRV

**OTHER FEATURES**

- Units:** 12 total, (6 first floor, 6 second floor) 2 and 3 bedroom units
- Prefabrication Approach:** Full modular construction
- Labelling Approach:** Whole Building
- Common Area:** N/A
- Building Ownership:** Rental Building

**bigBLOCK construction**

*"There are three groups associated with any build: the people living there, the owners of the project, and the community at large. Each of these groups benefits from building better developments. If we're ever truly going to make a change in our community and advance both our building practices and processes, we need to ensure that we are working together in collaboration and sharing that knowledge across the entire community to ensure that we are building better communities and building better projects. If you're going to build a multifamily project and you're considering sustainability, modular has to be on the table. It absolutely can be a scalable, affordable, Net Zero, repeatable project done anywhere in Canada."*

- Alex Miller, CEO

**BETTER BUILDINGS BC**  
THE NET-ZERO ENERGY-READY CHALLENGE

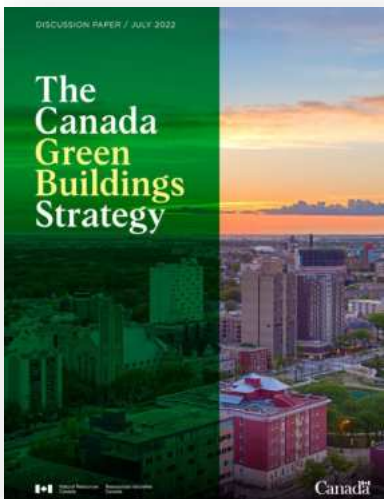


Net Zero Energy Ready Challenge



# The Canada Green Buildings Strategy

- The **official Strategy** engagement and development
  - A **discussion paper** was shared
  - 3 Rounds of **formal engagement**
  - **Regional Tables** – with Ministerial participation



[The Canada Green Buildings Strategy - discussion paper \(PDF, 2.24 KB\)](#)

## 10 key takeaways with one on RD&D:

*“RD&D + Scale: Continue development of low carbon technologies and practices + scale technologies as needed”*



[What We Heard report \(PDF, 747 KB\)](#)



[Summary of Engagement with Indigenous Partners \(PDF, 675 KB\)](#)



# Latest NRCan Initiatives



## Codes Acceleration Fund

Support for PTs and other players to accelerate adoption + compliance with highest tiers of national model energy codes



## Deep Retrofit Accelerators initiative

Support for organizations – concierge services, aggregators – that *facilitate* retrofit project pre-development and implementation



## Greener Neighbourhoods Pilot Program

Support for organizations that facilitate retrofit project pre-development and implementation AND demonstration projects in clusters of community housing units



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# Federal Budget 2024



The **Canada Green Buildings Strategy** seeks to address the twin challenges of energy affordability and climate change.

- \$800 million to launch a **new Canada Greener Homes Affordability Program**
- \$30 million to continue developing a **national approach to home energy labelling**
- \$73.5 million to **renew and modernize existing energy efficiency programs**
  - Offer tools to building owners like the ISO 50001 Energy Management Systems Standard and ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager.



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# Thank You

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*WE ARE (MULTI) FAMILY  
We've got all the BUILDERS  
and "E"(A's)*





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## Builders & Energy Advisors Leading the Way: Net Zero Multi-Family Construction



**Ben Miller**  
Big Block Construction



**Neil Hawkins**  
Avalon Master Builder



**Haitao Yu**  
Landmark Group



**Sam Zirnhelt**  
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4 Elements



**Gilles Lesage**  
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**Angela Bustamante**  
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Vice President,  
Operations  
Big Block Construction



**Darcy Bzdel**  
CEO, Energy Advisor  
Sun Ridge Residential





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**PROJECT LOCATION:** Saskatoon, SK

**NET ZERO ENERGY ADVISOR:** Darcy Bzdel, Sunridge Group

**# NET ZERO READY UNITS:** 12

**CLIMATE ZONE:** 7a

**STATUS:** Occupied 2020

**OWNERSHIP TYPE:** Rent





**NET ZERO**  
MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING



PROFILE #1



**BUILDER** Big Block Construction

**Energy Advisor** Darcy Bzdel, Sun Ridge Residential Inc.

**Location** Saskatoon, SK (Climate zone 7a)

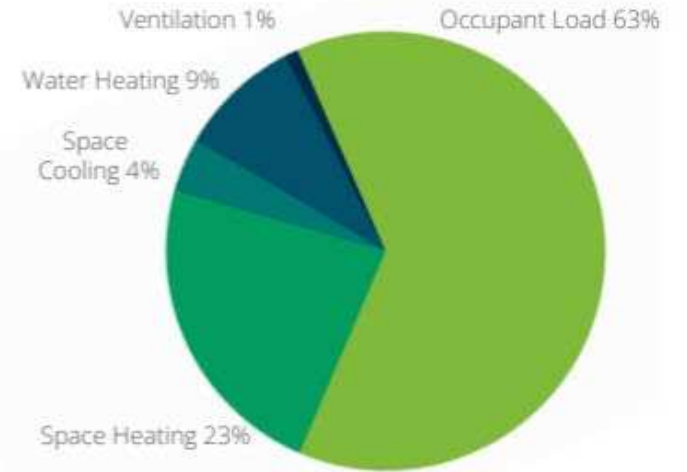


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**577 GJ/yr**

This MURB:  
**292 GJ/yr**



**Modelled Energy Use Breakdown**



Energy modelling results are from HOT2000 Version 11.10. The total modelled operational GHG emissions are 54.3 tonnes/CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr.

## BUILDING ENCLOSURE

**Windows:**

Berdick Windows, Triple Glazed

**Walls:**

R-36 2x10 Wall,  
Staggered 2x6 & 2x4 Studs

**Ceiling:**

R-80 Blown-in

**Foundation:**

ICF Crawlspace

Lower Units: R-28 2x8 wall

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**Fuel Source:**

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Upper Units: also include ASHP

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**Ventilation:**

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Full modular construction

**Labelling Approach:**

Whole Building

**Common Area:**

N/A

**Building Ownership:**

Rental Building



For more information on the Net Zero MURBs initiative visit [www.chba.ca/NZMURBS](http://www.chba.ca/NZMURBS)



NZE(r) MURBs & Volumetric Modular Construction are a natural fit!\*

*\* if and only if . . .*



## Lesson 1: Modular is Manufacturing

### Design, Build, Ship, Crane & Integrate with Modular in Mind

Integrated design involves education & alignment with:

- internal team
  - suppliers
  - trades
  - client
  - tenants
- about...*
- ✓ design
  - ✓ purchase
  - ✓ install
  - ✓ set up
  - ✓ interface



*Design / Preconstruction (Aug 2019 – April 2020)*

## Lesson 2. NZE(r) Homes + Volumetric Modular = Cost Effective

- **Factory / On Site Assembly:** detailed analysis led to minor tweaks to a proven product with big results
- **Minimal Upgrade Cost :** standard spec upgrade to NZR increased build cost by ~3% for this 12-plex



*Construction & Commission (May - Dec 2020)*



## Takeaways: Lessons Learned

### 1. Increase Cooling for Upstairs Comfort

Insufficient A/C to cool upstairs rooms in multi-level units, esp. south-facing windows with extra solar gain.

**Current solution:**  
*Exterior sun shades install.*

### 2. Improve Insulation for Mechanical Exhaust

Minimal mechanical system run-time leads to exhaust freeze ups in extreme cold or wind.

**Current solution:**  
*Insulated with Tees & 90s.*

### 3. Increase Feasibility for Solar Install

Rental cases makes this more difficult; unable to do sub-metering for solar generation & separate arrays required for separate panels.

**Current solution:**  
*Panels rarely installed.*

## What's Next? Replicating Multi-Family with Modular

### Streamline Approvals for Modular MURBs

Municipal policies do not recognize factory certification for volumetric modular MURBS.

***Proposed solution:***

*Municipalities interested in accelerating housing starts can recognize factory certification for modular MURBs.*

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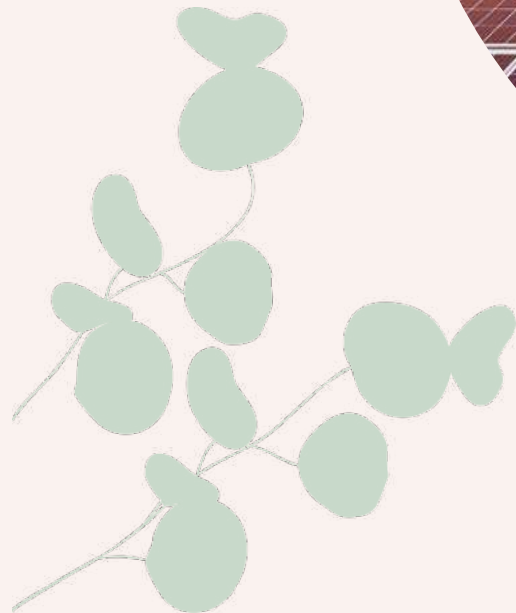
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# 2024 Net Zero Leadership Summit

CHBA Net Zero Home MURB Pilot - Avalon

Avalon Master Builder

June 2024







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**PROJECT LOCATION:** Calgary, AB

**NET ZERO ENERGY ADVISOR:** Cooper Le, 4 Elements

**# NET ZERO UNITS:** 8

**# NET ZERO READY UNITS:** 8

**CLIMATE ZONE:** 7a

**STATUS:** Occupied 2021

**OWNERSHIP TYPE:** Condo





PROFILE #2

# NET ZERO

## MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING



**BUILDER** Avalon Master Builder

**Energy Advisor** Cooper Le, 4 Elements Integrated Design

**Location** Calgary, AB (Climate zone 7a)



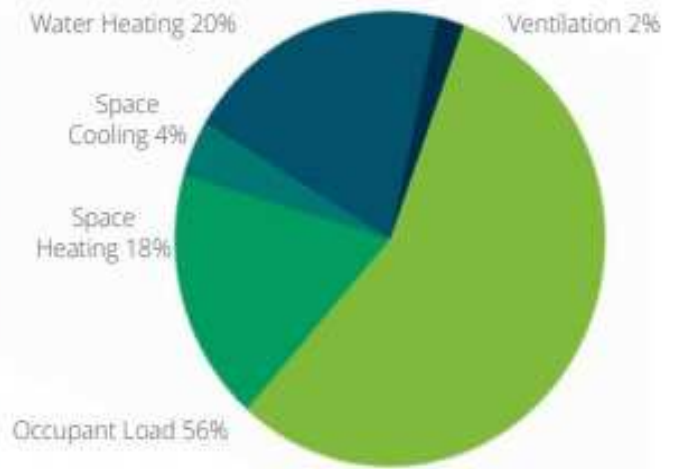
Code-Built MURB:  
**661 GJ/yr**

This MURB:  
**436 GJ/yr**

This MURB with installed Renewables:  
**207 GJ/yr**



### Modelled Energy Use Breakdown



Energy modelling results are from HOT2000 Version 11.11. The total modelled operational GHG emissions are 46.4 tonnes/CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr.



## BUILDING ENCLOSURE

### Windows:

Triple glazed, Low e

### Walls:

R22 batt + R7.5 rigid foam

### Ceiling:

R60 blown-in

### Foundation:

R20 batt + R10 rigid foam

R15 foam under slab

### Airtightness:

1.4 ACH@50 (on avg.)

### Envelope:

64% better than NRCan ref (on avg.)

## MECHANICALS

### Fuel Source:

All-electric

### Heating & Cooling:

NZ Upper units: ccASHP +

electric resistance backup

NZr Lower units: Electric baseboards

### Water Heating:

NZ Upper units: Heat pump

NZr Lower units: Electric tank

### Ventilation:

Lifebreath HRVs

## OTHER FEATURES

### Units:

16 total

1, 2, and 3 bdrm units

### Prefabrication Approach:

Off-site prefab framing

### Labelling Approach:

Individual unit

### Common Area:

N/A

### Building Ownership:

Freehold



*"Avalon's Net Zero homes in Zen Sequel have proven that the cost of financing net zero and the utility savings associated with a net zero home have finally come to intersect. Zen Sequel homeowners live in healthier, more comfortable, and quieter homes for the same monthly cost, averaged over the year, as non net zero homes."*

- Chris Williams , Vice President

For more information on the Net Zero MURBs Initiative visit [www.chba.ca/NZMURBS](http://www.chba.ca/NZMURBS)

# CHBA NZE MURB Pilot

## Avalon ZEN Sequel



3.6 acre, 8 building, 124 unit stacked townhome community

**One building of 16 units is designated as Net Zero**

Condominium Units will be for purchase

Upper 3 level, 1380sqft and 1740sqft – Downsizers and Families

Lower 1 level, 520sqft and 670sqft – Singles and Investors



[zenbyavalon.com/zen-sequel](http://zenbyavalon.com/zen-sequel)

338 Seton Close SE

Calgary, Alberta, Canada



# Avalon NZE MURB Pilot

## Energy Reducing Economics

	GJ Savings	\$\$ per GJ
Space Heating - Air Source Heat Pump	14.0	\$482.86
Heat Pump Hot Water Tank	6.0	\$367.35
Drain Water Heat Recovery	1.1	\$654.55
Aerobarrier - from 2.5 ACH to 0.7 ACH	4.5	\$555.56
Windows - Double to Triple	4.3	\$373.61
Solar Panels (PV)	28.2	\$404.49

# Lessons Learned

## Different and Affordable

- Learned to Think/Talk/Do Different – Is it an HRV or a **Fresh Air System**? Is it R-Values, GJs and window panes or **Comfort, Health, and Durability**. Do different is the biggest challenge.
- Learned the Increase in Mortgage Equalled the Utility Savings Averaged Over the Year





# Lessons Learned

## Electrification

- What is the real peak load?
  - 4.7 or 8.3 or 12.5 KVA of transformer capacity/unit
- Should Net Zero Envelope Resiliency change load calcs?
- Do utilities know where we are headed as a Building Industry?



# Avalon NZE MURB Pilot

## Stats...

Unit	Unit Type	Label	Energy Use (GJ/a)					NBC 2020 (AE) Tier		Carbon Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)			
			Envelope Improvement	Consumption	Generation	Reference	Consumption %LTR	Total %LTR	Overall Improvement	Heat Loss Reduction	Proposed	Reference	Carbon %LTR
20557	Lower	NZE Ready	65.7%	28	0	35	20%	20%	4	5	4.5	5.5	19%
20561	Lower	NZE Ready	82.8%	25	0	28	11%	11%	3	4	4.0	4.4	10%
20563	Lower	NZE Ready	82.8%	25	0	28	11%	11%	3	4	4.0	4.4	10%
20569	Lower	NZE Ready	82.8%	25	0	28	11%	11%	3	4	4.0	4.4	10%
20571	Upper	NZE Ready	82.8%	25	0	28	11%	11%	3	4	4.0	4.4	10%
20577	Upper	NZE Ready	82.8%	25	0	28	11%	11%	3	4	4.0	4.4	10%
20579	Lower	NZE Ready	82.8%	25	0	28	11%	11%	3	4	4.0	4.4	10%
20583	Upper	NZE Ready	57.5%	28	0	35	17%	17%	4	4	4.4	5.5	15%
20555	Upper	NZE	33.2%	35	40	65	46%	108%	4	4	-0.8	10.4	107%
20559	Upper	NZE	55.6%	28	31	49	47%	110%	5	5	-0.9	7.8	112%
20565	Upper	NZE	55.6%	28	31	49	43%	106%	4	4	-0.6	7.8	107%
20567	Upper	NZE	55.6%	26	31	49	47%	110%	5	4	-0.7	7.8	109%
20573	Upper	NZE	57.5%	27	31	49	45%	107%	4	4	-0.6	7.8	108%
20575	Upper	NZE	55.6%	27	31	49	45%	108%	4	4	-0.6	7.8	108%
20581	Upper	NZE	55.6%	27	31	49	45%	108%	4	4	-0.6	7.8	108%
20585	Upper	NZE	36.8%	31	44	64	52%	120%	5	4	-1.9	10.4	118%

- Lower Units Envelope Improvement Ranged from 37% to 83% - Lower Units averaged 77% and Upper 50%
- Only Uppers had dedicated solar, and we totaled 434 GJs of consumption and 270 GJs of Generation (62% of Load Covered)
- 13% better than reference on the lowers (Alternative Path), 46% better on uppers (110% with solar)
- All units met tier 4 performance of the upcoming NBC 2020 code, with a couple units meeting tier 5
- Emissions savings 12% on lowers and 110% on uppers





Thank you!

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**Cooper Le**  
Energy Advisor  
4 Elements Integrated  
Design







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**PROJECT LOCATION:** Edmonton, AB

**NET ZERO ENERGY ADVISOR:** Cooper Le, 4 Elements

**# NET ZERO UNITS:** 11

**CLIMATE ZONE:** 7a

**STATUS:** Occupied 2022

**OWNERSHIP TYPE:** Rental





it's what's inside



PROFILE #3

# NET ZERO

MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING



**BUILDER** Landmark Homes

**Energy Advisor** Cooper Le, 4 Elements Integrated Design

**Location** Edmonton, AB (Climate Zone, 7a)

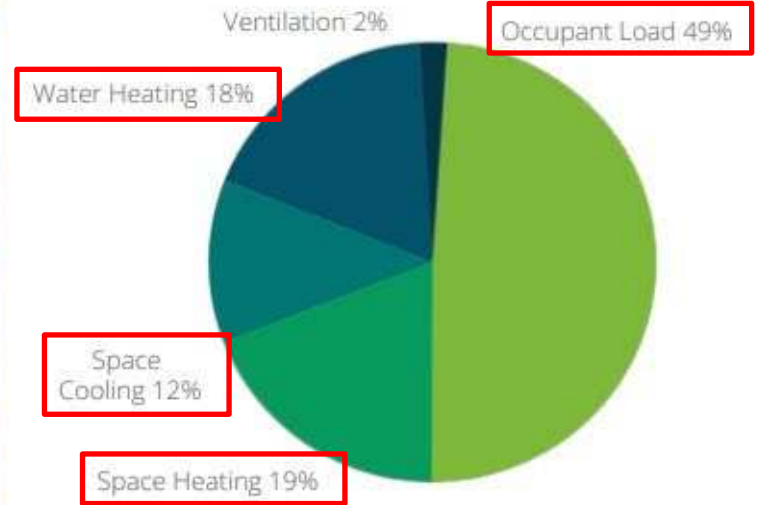


Code-Built MURB:  
**776 GJ/yr**

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### Modelled Energy Use Breakdown



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**Percentage Improvement:**

Townhomes: 46% | Stack units: 47%

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## BUILDING ENCLOSURE

### Windows:

Triple Glazed, Low-e argon

### Walls:

2x6 24"O.C, R22 batt + R5 XPS

### Ceiling:

R-60 Blown Cellulose

### Foundation:

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### Airtightness:

1.90-2.84 ACH@50

### Envelope:

58% better than NRCan ref (avg.)



it's what's inside

## MECHANICALS

### Fuel Source:

Middle units: Dual-fuel

End units: All-electric

### Heating & Cooling:

Middle units: Hi-Velocity ASHP

+ Fan Coil

End units: Tosot Ductless Minisplit

+ Baseboards

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Water Heater

End units: AO Smith Heat Pump

Water Heater

### Ventilation:

Fantech HRVs

## OTHER FEATURES

### Units:

11 total

7 - three storey middle units

4 - stacked end units

### Prefabrication Approach:

Off-site panelized

### Labelling Approach:

Middle units (7): row homes

Stacked end units (4): single unit MURBs

### Common Area:

N/A

### Building Ownership:

Rental Units

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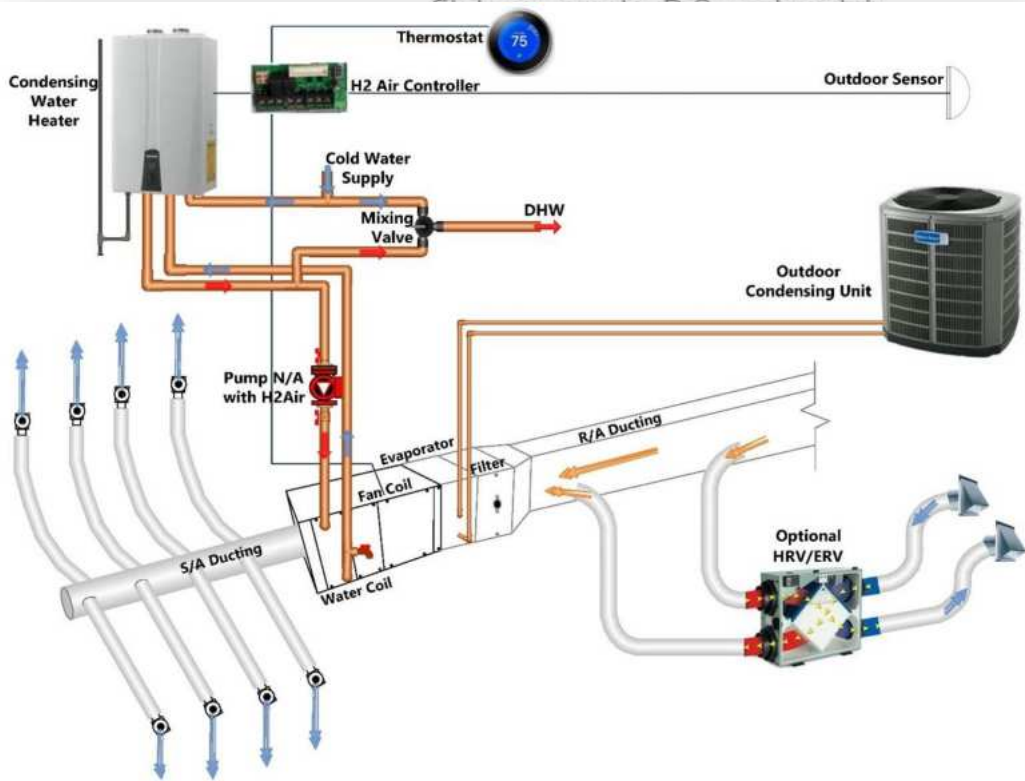
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- Net Zero Ready vs. Net Zero:**
- Utility costs of homeowners
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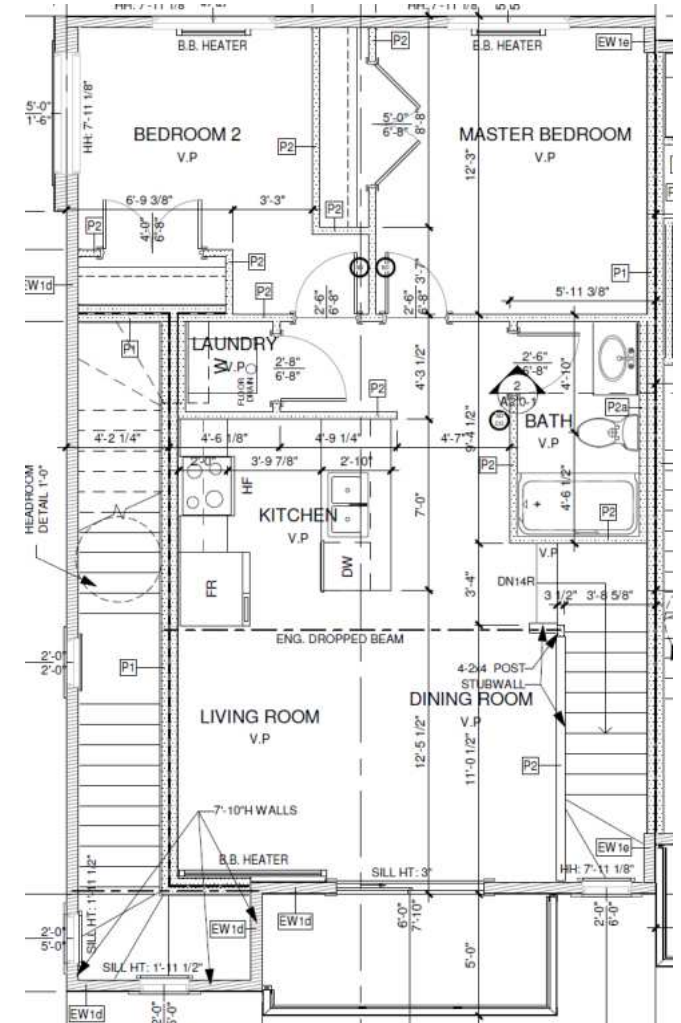
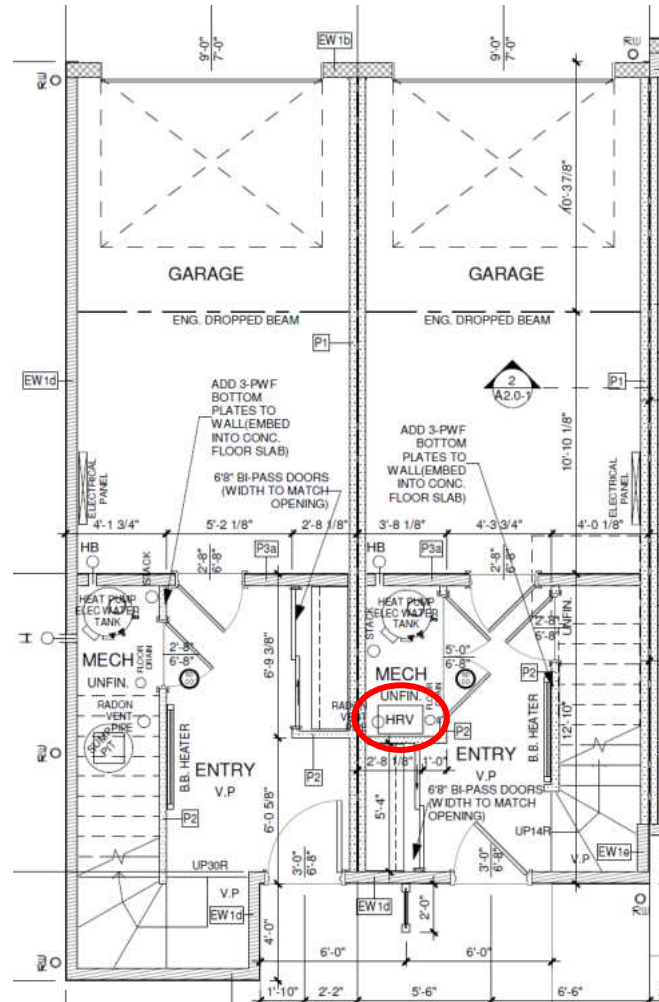
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# Lessons Learned: Air-tightness of Lower Stacked Units







**Sam Zirnhelt**  
President  
Zirnhelt Timber Frames



**Gilles Lesage**  
Energy Advisor  
Total Home Solutions





# NET ZERO READY MURBS

Affordable, Replicable and Marketable



**PROJECT LOCATION:** Williams Lake First Nation, BC

**NET ZERO ENERGY ADVISOR:** Gilles Lesage, Total Home Solutions Inc.

**# NET ZERO UNITS:** 2

**CLIMATE ZONE:** 6

**STATUS:** Occupied Fall 2022

**OWNERSHIP TYPE:** Rental







**BUILDER** Zirnhelt Timber Frames

**Energy Advisor** Gilles Lesage, Total Home Solutions

**Location** Williams Lake, BC (climate zone 6)

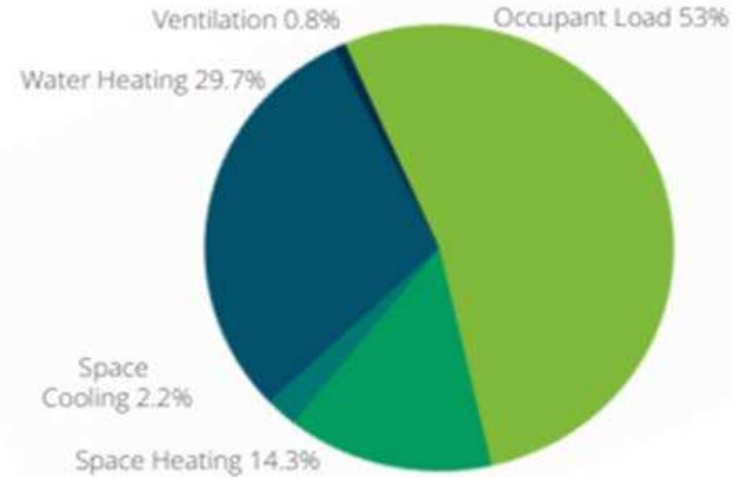


Code-Built  
MURB:  
**79 GJ/yr**

This MURB:  
**57 GJ/yr**



**Modelled Energy Use Breakdown**



Energy modelling results are from HOT2000 Version 11.11.  
The total modelled operational GHG emissions are 0.0 tonnes/CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr.

## BUILDING ENCLOSURE

**Windows:**

Triple dual, Low e 270

**Walls:**

2x8" R28 blown in + R8 Roxul exterior insulation

**Ceiling:**

R46 Expanded Polystyrene (EPS)

**Foundation:**

R28 ICF  
R12.5 foam under slab

**Airtightness:**

0.57 ACH@50

**Envelope:**

66% better than NRCan ref

## MECHANICALS

**Fuel Source:**

All-Electric

**Heating & Cooling:**

Mini-split ASHP,  
Electric baseboards

**Water Heating:**

Electric Tank

**Ventilation:**

VanEE HRV

## OTHER FEATURES

**Units:**

2 total, (1 bedroom units)

**Prefabrication Approach:**

Off-site panelized

**Labelling Approach:**

Whole Building

**Common Area:**

N/A

**Building Ownership:**

Rental Building



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## DESIGN, IDP & CONSTRUCTION

- Consistency with detailing from design phase
- Integrated Design Process (IDP) is key
- Trade coordination must be planned
- As GC and manufacturer, training, trades education and experience key to making these projects work
- Custom design with MURBs





## ENERGY ADVISOR & MECHANICAL DESIGN



- Efficiency achieved comparable to Tier 4/5 of New NBC 2020 9.36
- OPERATIONAL Carbon reduction vs code Annual reduction per unit.
- **Challenge:** Mechanical design capacity for smaller scale solutions
- **Challenge:** Climate proofing from -50 to +50 Celsius
- **Challenge:** Back up heat – overcoming installation assumptions on primary heat versus augmenting & dual source for remote locations (e.g. power outages)
- **Challenge:** Grid tie vs. diesel generated grids & unmonitored grids





## CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS & EXPERIENCES



- Future proofing a home requires more thought, material selection, detailing & quality control = some (short to mid-term) cost added
- Educating owners - value proposition
- **Challenge:** For owners and builders alike - inconsistency around incentives - both utilities and governments
- **Challenge:** Messaging from industry, government & utilities needs consistency; dealing with impacts of rumours around the grid capacity with EVs
- **Challenge:** Lack of consistent information with rapid evolution of technologies (e.g. heat pumps, solar, storage, load mgt) and building code changes

## NET ZERO PROJECT – WHAT’S NEXT



- Improvements (comfort, durability, energy efficiency/carbon reduction (embodied & operational), beauty/care) in our built environment (building a great home) today requires a team - EA’s, designers, PMs, trades, building authorities, engineers & clients
- In our case the best results are always design-build
- We are particularly passionate about increasing the standard of housing in First Nation communities (partnerships, capacity building, education, support incl. warranty & labels)



## NET ZERO PROJECT – EA's Perspective

- Extreme temperatures = closer monitoring/house as a system
- Base Loads and their effect on MURB units
- Lack of Reduced Operating Conditions for MURBs
- Variances of Solar modeling:
  - HOT2000 projections
  - Solar design projections
  - Actual real-world generation





# SEAN.



**Sean Mason**  
Founder  
SEAN.ca



**Angela  
Bustamente**  
Energy Advisor  
Building Knowledge





# NET ZERO READY MURBS

Affordable, Replicable and Marketable



# SEAN.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Barrie, ON

**NET ZERO ENERGY ADVISOR:** Angela Bustamante, Building Knowledge Canada

**# NET ZERO READY UNITS:** 8+2

**CLIMATE ZONE:** 6

**STATUS:** Occupancy 2024

**OWNERSHIP TYPE:** Condo



# SEAN.

# NET ZERO

MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING



PROFILE #5



**BUILDER** SEAN.

**Energy Advisor** Angela Bustamante, Building Knowledge Canada

**Location** Barrie, ON (Climate Zone 6)

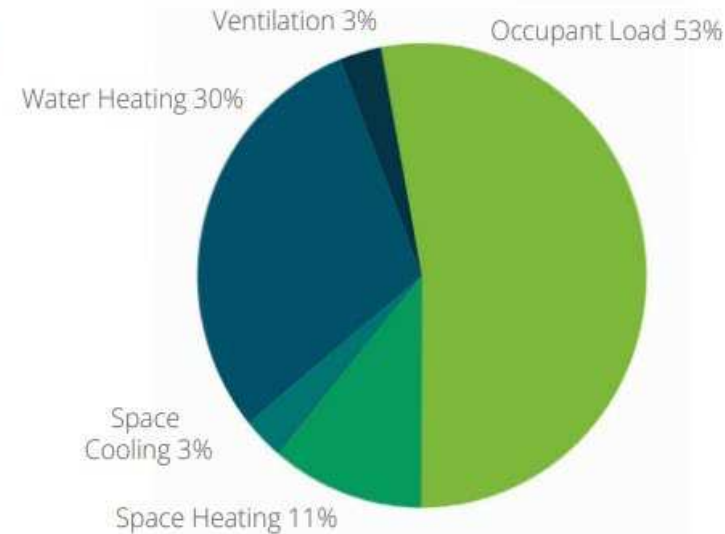


Code-Built  
MURB:  
**468 GJ/yr**

This MURB:  
**253 GJ/yr**



### Modelled Energy Use Breakdown



Energy modelling results are from HOT2000 version 11.11. The total modelled operational GHG emissions are 4.06 tonnes/CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr.





## BUILDING ENCLOSURE

**Windows:**

Inline Fibreglass, U 1.25, SHGC 0.31

**Walls:**

R22 batt + R5 XPS

(24"O.C on 2nd and 3rd floors)

**Ceiling:**

R-60 & R-31

**Foundation:**

Slab on grade, R-10 under slab

**Airtightness:**

2.0 ACH@50

**Envelope:**

46% better than NRCan ref (avg.)

## MECHANICALS

**Fuel Source:**

All-Electric

**Heating & Cooling:**

WaterFurnace Versatec

500 Geothermal

**Water Heating:**

Electric Tank

**Ventilation:**

VanEE ERVs, 75% SRE

## OTHER FEATURES

**Units:**

10 units

**Prefabrication Approach:**

Off-site wall panelization

**Labelling Approach:**

Single Unit

**Common Area:**

N/A

**Building Ownership:**

Condo Ownership

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## RAIN WATER @ 339 VETERANS

Barrie, ON



- Participated in the Enbridge Savings By Design which conducted a charette that led us through the process to push the boundaries of our conventional design targeting a minimum 20% reduction in energy use vs. OBC.
- The townhomes will be dual labelled Net Zero Ready (Performance Path) and Energy Star for New Homes (Prescriptive Path).
- In partnership with Enbridge Sustain, geothermal bore holes have been dug up to 360 feet deep to supply the towns with HVAC and hot water.
- Exterior insulation R-5, advanced window systems, low-flow water fixtures, smart home technology to control energy usage, 4.5 m concrete roads with 1.5 m of permeable paving on the downstream side, storm water infiltration chambers within the park, and EV chargers, modern xeriscaping, soak away pits and rain gardens
- OVE framing at 24" o.c. on second and third floors as appropriate, panelized off-site in our yard, including Tyvek and outboard insulation installed off-site
- Air tightness best practices to surpass the CHBA NZR target of 2.0ach/0.15 NLR , with the inclusion of Aerobarrier technology.



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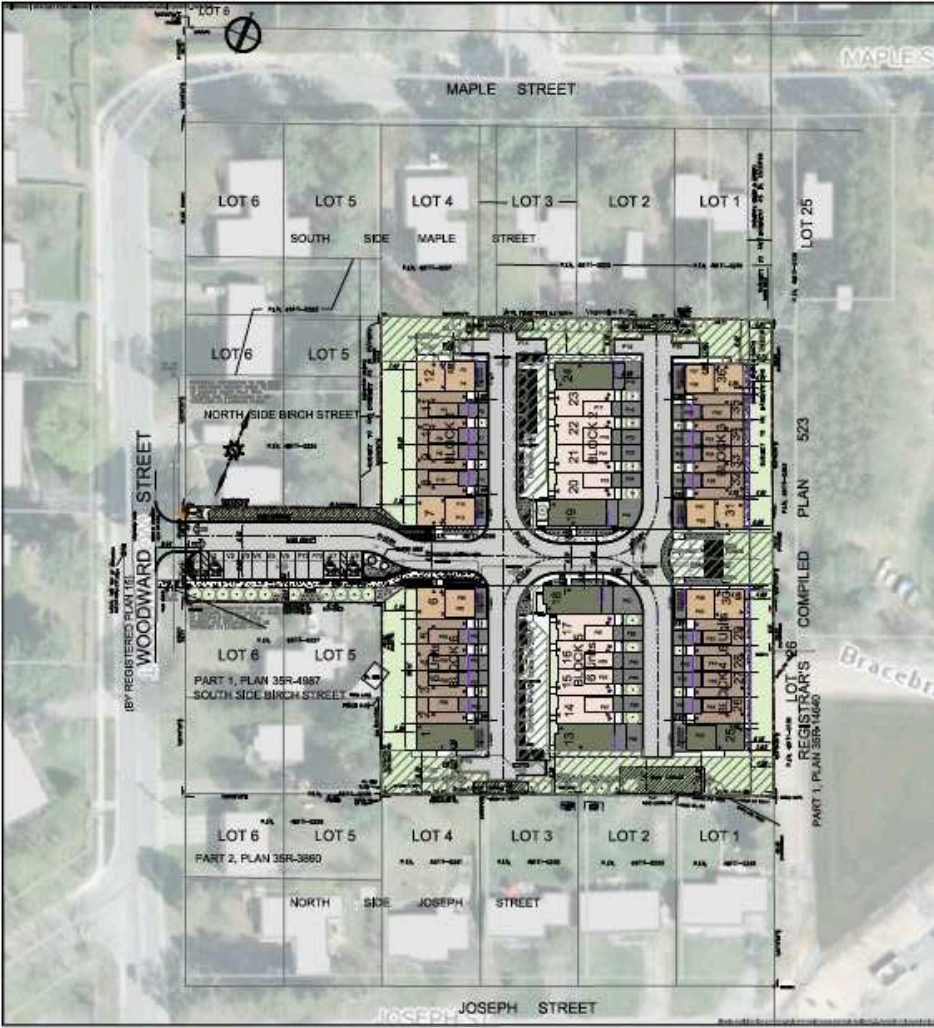
## Lessons Learned:

- Struggles getting to completion
- Municipal regulations – including changes regarding secondary suites, fire separation
- Working with utilities, no gas then all electric and then all geo.
- Scaling
- Geothermal
- Transfer of information from towns to condos
- Transfer of information to next projects in Bracebridge and Brampton

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# 121 WOODWARD

Lessons Learned at Rainwater became product at 121 Woodward in Bracebridge.

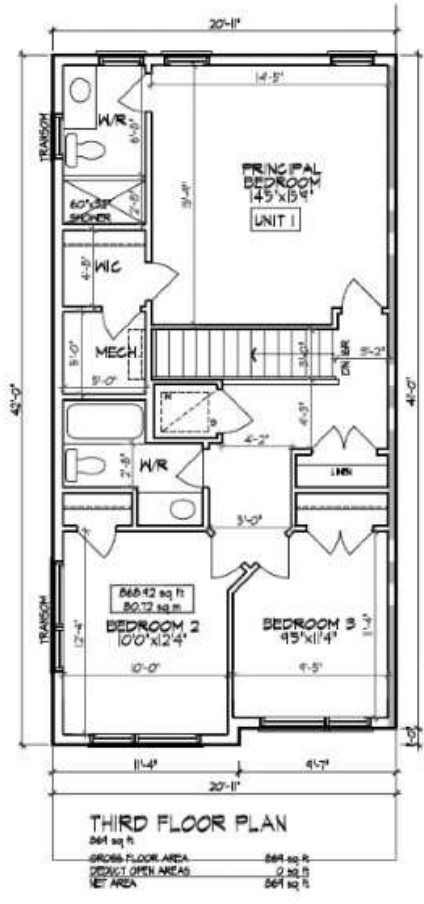
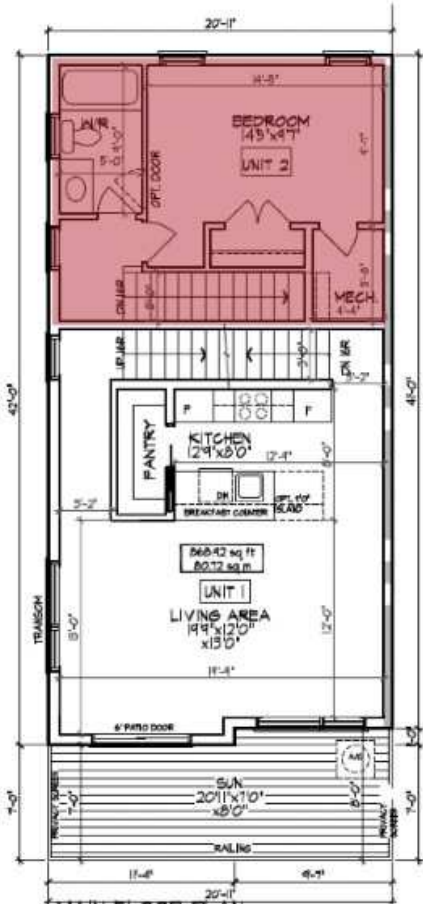






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 2220/1001 UNIT C











## Project Projection:

**42% Total Annual Energy Consumption over the Reference House**

**46% Better than Reference Envelope Improvement**

**NBC 2020 analysis Hot2000 v11.12:**

**62% Overall Energy Performance**

**28% Envelope Performance Improvement**

**Tiers are not assessed for MURBs ~ estimate Tier 4/5**

## Energy Advisor Perspective:

- Continual changes in drawings so Hot2000 needs updating which means targets change. Number of units change.
- Looking at the envelope. Original plan 2x4 struggles with the Truss manufacturer. What can we do or not. Do we hit the target for envelope?
- Geothermal – tends to have another party involved with HVAC that are used to geo modelling or Part 3 outputs in terms of air changes, etc.
- Building Code potential changes through the project that could impact the EEDS/BOPS.
- The impact of the window selection.
- How everything ties in every time there is a change. E.g. windows SHGC could impact geo design.
- In the background always thinking about how the homes will actually be labelled technically as Energy Star, EnerGuide through NRCan's protocols and then CHBA's as well.





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# Networking Break

**in the Demo Hub. (Whistler Ballroom)**

**Be back by 10:45 am.**

