Net Zero Renovations

Pilot Program Development, Launch, Results



Today's Webinar

- 1. 15 minute introduction to project plan & results to date: Marie Hanchet
- 2. 15 minute training review: **Gary Sharp**
- 3. 45 minutes PANEL discussion with 3 NZ Renovators & NZ Energy Advisor
- 4. 15 minutes Question & Answers on NZ Renos

BUT FIRST – POLL 1 & 2

POLL

1. POLL: Who has joined us today?

2. POLL: Where are you located?

The Objective & Original Plan

"Develop a Net Zero/ Net Zero Ready Renovation program in order to provide a pathway for owners of existing homes to achieve deep energy retrofits."



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The Reno Working Group

Call for applications with terms and expectations of volunteers. Above & Beyond! Nothing was finalized in this without the **review** of this Renovation Working Group.



Regular NZ RWG Volunteers

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Steve Snider, Steve Snider Construction (ON)

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Additional Contributors / Guests

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Toby Smith, Building Knowledge Canada (ON)
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(and more!)

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Net Zero Renovator Tools & Training



Value of High Performance

Calculating the Value of Net Zero Energy Renovations

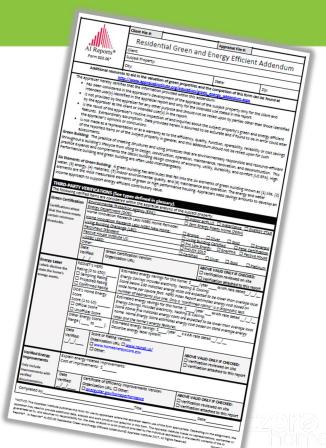
CHBA has been working with the Appraisal Institute of Canada to bring best practices from the US Appraisal Institute's Green and Energy Efficient Addendum to Canada.

Once the full approach is approved for pilot, renovation pilot participants can opt to receive prerenovation and post-renovation appraisals of their homes, noting the increased value from a Net Zero Renovation, specifically focusing on **energy cost**

savings Example:

\$2,000/yr utility savings → \$40,000 increased home value?

Challenge with comparables; Energuide & MLS



PILOT CRITERIA

	num Requirements for NZ Reno Labels
(pilot)	
	Pre-Renovation ERS report
	Post-Renovation ERS report
	PV checklist
2. Additi	Photos onal Information Request
	Disclose cost of renovation with the program to share publicly or confidentially?
	Disclose utility bills pre and post renovation to share publicly or confidentially?
	Disclose the funding tools/mechanisms used to finance the renovation publicly or confidentially?
	Have photographs taken pre, post and during renovation to share publicly or confidentially?
	Have thermal imaging photos taken pre and post renovation to share publicly or confidentially?
	Participate in pre and post appraisals to share publicly or confidentially?
	Complete a home comfort questionnaire pre and post renovation to share publicly or confidentially
	Provide feedback and a testimonial post renovation to share publicly or confidentially?



1st Net Zero Reno Approved by Technical Committee!



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CHBA Qualifies First Home with Net Zero Energy Renovation Label

Ottawa - July 30, 2020 - The Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) is pleased to announce t renovation labelled under its recently launched Net Zero Energy Renovation Labelling Program Pilot. RenoMark member Solar Homes Inc. of Calgary, Alberta, was originally built in 1985 and now has ac

Net Zero Energy (NZE) homes produce at least as much energy as they consume on an annual basis. NZE homes built and labelled in Canada under CHBA's program since 2016, achieving net zero energ frontier with many additional challenges.

"Homes built to code today are much more efficient than they were in the past. For that reason, retro necessary to make substantial improvements to residential sector greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs Zero Energy Renovation Labelling Program supports continued improvement in the performance of which is where we need to focus to address climate change when it comes to housing—and of cours benefits of net zero housing, like lower energy bills and greater comfort for homeowners," said CHB/

Solar Homes Inc. President Peter Darlington and his team are excited about being the first to achieve recently launched pilot program. The renovation focused on retrofitting the exterior of the home, where the control of the program is the renovation focused on retrofitting the exterior of the home, where the control of the program is the control of the program. occupants and results in an extremely comfortable home. In addition to decreasing the home's energian \$2500 lower than before - the renovation has resulted in completely netting out the home's GHGs en tonnes per year.

The accomplishment is perhaps even more meaningful because Peter is the homeowner. As such, he decrease in energy bills and enjoy the improvements to the home's comfort. The Solar Homes Inc. to to grow their business and is sharing details of the project to help other renovators who are interest



energy profiles and assumes the following utility rates: Natural Gas: \$4.89/Gj plus carbon price: \$1.85/Gj \$40/month admin. Electricity: \$.11/WMh electricity plus \$25/month admin.





Net Zero Renovator Training

- Adjusted to ONLINE Training (COVID)
- Andy Oding as Trainer. Included Train-the-Trainer sessions with reviews from other NZ Trainers
- 4 NZ Reno training sessions total
- Updates between each delivery, refining the process and material
- 8 hours of content; delivered in 6 hours *<u>Pre-requisites</u>
 <u>trade-off</u>*
- Feedback & Exam
- Cross-promoted NRCan LEEP for Renos (Dec 2020)

Result: Almost 140 trained

Next: Requests from municipalities to offer this



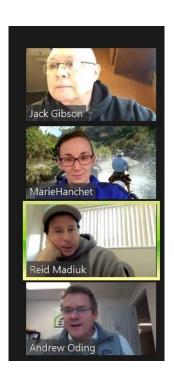








BONUS: Training Reviews



Anyone with follow-up questions
 after the initial online training session
 and exam could sit in on one of three
 follow-ups.

 We made changes to the Exam based on this feedback.

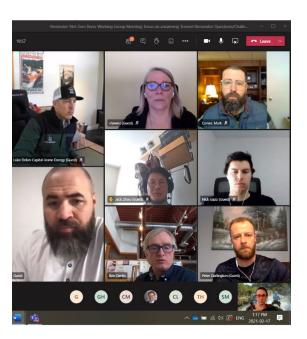


BONUS 2: Reno Working Group: Ask the Expert!

About the project form



NZ RWG solution session



Report back potential solutions and collective wisdom.





RESULTS → LABELLED HOMES RENOVATED



BC, AB, ON well represented.

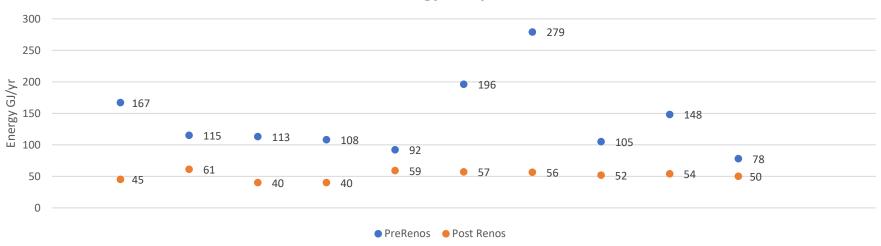
Missing prairies & Atlantic Canada

Climate Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7a



HOME GJ * (not Net GJ)

Home Energy Comparison

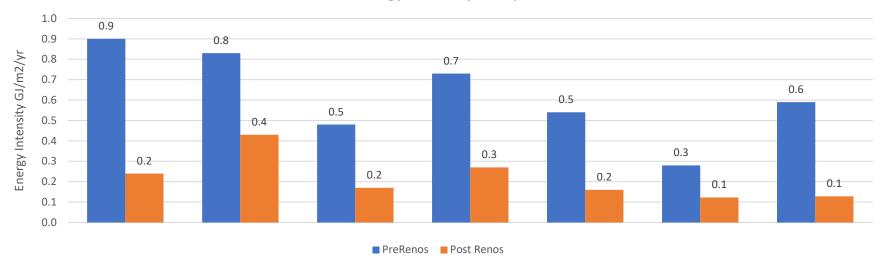


36% - 80% improvement in building & mechanicals energy consumption!!! Some renos with home additions incorporated.

NOTE: When incorporating PV; 3 homes overproducing (All Alberta)

HOME Energy INTENSITY * (not net GJ)

Home Energy Intensity Comparison



EUI improvements of 47% to 80%



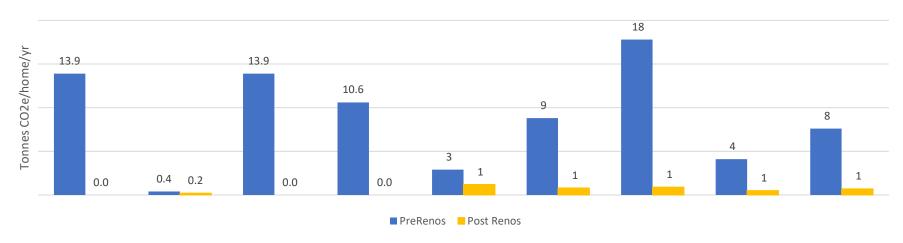
Fuel Choice Commentary

- 6 of 10 NZ/NZ ready renovations were **all-electric**. Of these:
 - 2 were all electric prior to the renovation
 - 4 transitioned from natural gas/oil completely
- 1 home kept 1GJ of natural gas as a backup heating source out of precaution
- 2 homes had been using oil → transitioned to all-electric, electric & propane
- 1 home kept NG/electric in renovation



GHG in NZ/NZr renos

GHG Reduction



Annual GHG reduction ranged from **0.2 tonnes**/yr to **17 tonnes**/yr **per home**. (H2K/ERS) **Why**?!

- Fuel choices
- Utility grid emission factors (how clean is it?)



Energy Costs***

Energy Costs calculations continue to be reviewed for the latest projects that came in (MONDAY March 21st) but...

- Often around \$2K/yr
- 1 project was no change energy cost pre & post reno energy costs
- Largest reduction was almost \$7K/yr

Details with full assumptions on rates & charges on each NZ Reno Profile at netzerorenos.ca

in energy (GJ) DOES NOT necessarily equal interest of interest of interest in energy cost or interest interest



What's next for NZ Renos...

- Gather remaining details for a summary report for NRCan.
 - Appraisal pilot results & changes
 - Actual pre/post energy data
 - Homeowner comfort survey responses
- Adaptation of the program and implementation of version 1!
- Training where municipalities have requested it.
- Best practice in working with Trades on NZ Renovations
- Online quiz for homeowners to self-identify as being an ideal candidate for a NZ Renovation
- Potentially ongoing support of "Ask the expert" for new to Net Zero Renovators

Contact Marie Hanchet, Project Manager Net Zero Energy Housing



Gary Sharp - Technical and Training

- CHBA Net Zero Renovator Requirements
- Why RenoMark?
- Why Training?
- Differences in Technical Requirements NZ & NZ Renos
- Pilot Training How was it received?
- Status of Builders' and Renovators' Manuals





Net Zero Panelists Introductions

Download the NZ Reno Profiles for Solar Homes (there are two!), Steve Snider Construction (1 posted; 1 pending), CCR (to be posted soon) from NetZeroRenos.ca











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Calgary, AB (Climate Zone 6)

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Net Zero Pilot Home

Calgary, AB (Climate Zone 6)

BEFORE RENOVATIONS



2 NZ Renos in Calgary, AB



Windows:

BEFORE RENOVATIONS

Lux Windows & Glass, Triple Glazed Low-E Walls:

R16 EPS, R12 Batt Ceiling:

R60 Blown

Foundation:

Envelope:

35% better than NRCan referance house

Airtightness (ACH @ 50 Pa): Pre-reno 4.55 -> Post-Reno 1.27

Fuel Source:

house produces more

Heating & Cooling:

Mitsubishi ASHP & Electric Furnace

AFTER RENOVATIONS

Water Heating: Electric heat pump

Ventilation: Nu-Air HRV

15.6 kW Hanwha & CanSolar array

PV System:

Energy Monitor:

NET ZERO RENOVATIONS PILOT HOME POST-RENOVATION DETAILS

BUILDING ENCLOSURE

NET ZERO

Lux Windows & Glass, Triple Glazed Low-E

R24 EPS added to exterior

1.5" 2lbs spray foam, R60 Blown in

Foundation:

R20 XPS added to exterior (to 12" below grade)

34% better than NRCan reference house Airtightness (ACH @ 50 Pa):

Pre-reno 5.22 → Post-Reno 1.79

Fuel Source:

All-Electric Heating & Cooling:

Daikin ASHP & Electric Furnace

Water Heating:

Ventilation

PV System:

12.7 kW Canadian Solar PV array

Energy Monitor:



Homeowner Testimonial

"As a scientist, I had become very uncomfortable with my carbon footprint, and had decided it was with their advice and approach to the problems we encountered, and I am happy and excited to have achieved my goal (and the house looks great!)."



"I started planning a fairly typical renovation and stumbled across an article that was talking for the rest of my life. Not only is it cost-effective, but the home is more comfortable: yearround spring fresh air, consistent temperatures everywhere, no bugs, no outside noises, and virtually no energy bills for the home and [electric] carl*

PROFILES: Steve Snider

NET ZERO RENOVATION PILOT HOME





Steve Snider Construction

Energy Advisor Angela Bustamante, Building Knowledge Canada

Organization Net Zero

EnerQuality Inc.

Pilot Home

Nestleton Station. ON (Climate Zone 6)

BEFORE RENOVATIONS





NET ZERO RENOVATIONS PILOT HOME POST-RENOVATION DETAILS

BUILDING ENCLOSURE

Windows:

Triple Glazed, low SHGC

R30, closed cell spray foam

R70, closed cell spray foam + cellulose

Celling:

35% better than NRCan reference house Airtightness (ACH @ 50 Pa):

Pre-reno 3.00 → Post-Reno 0.7

Fuel Source: Dual Fuel

Heating & Cooling:

Ground Source Heat Pump, Hydronic radiant floor heating

Water Heating: NTI Propane Boiler

Ventilation: VanEE ERV G2400 ECM

RENEWABLE ENERGY

PV System: 10 kW PV array

Homeowner Testimonial "We decided to completely renovate our existing house as it was drafty, cold in the winter, hot in the summer, and the finished basement felt cold and damp. We also liked the idea of having a net zero home but thought we would have to start with a new build to achieve this. We didn't want to move, or completely demolish our house. We met with Stephen Snider and he identified the areas that needed to be addressed to help us achieve a Net Zero home. His knowledge and attention to detail far exceeded our expectations and he combined the renovation with many energy efficient upgrades. Our home is now comfortable year-round, our basement is enjoyable to spend time in, our energy bills have been reduced by two-thirds, and the airtightness now exceeds R-2000 levels. Our only regret is that we did not have Steve Snider Construction build our house originally"

NET ZERO RENOVATION PILOT HOME





Steve Snider Construction

EnerQuality Inc.

Net Zero Energy Advisor Angela Bustamante, Building Knowledge Canada

Uxbridge, ON (Climate Zone 6)

2 N7r Renos East of GTA, ON







NET ZERO RENOVATIONS PILOT HOME POST-RENOVATION DETAILS

BUILDING ENCLOSURE

Windows:

PELLA Windows Triple Glazed, UV1.2. SHGC 0.23

Walls:

2x6 @ 16" R24 BIBS + R5 EPS

Ceiling:

Offset framing, 5" closed cell spray foam

34% better than NRCan reference house Airtightness (ACH @ 50 Pa):

Pre-reno 2.96 -> Post-Reno 0.8

Fuel Source: Dual Fuel

Heating & Cooling:

Tempstar ASHP & Keeprite Natural Gas Furnace

Water Heating: Natural gas boiler / radiant infloor

Ventilation: Lifebreath 130ERVD

RENEWABLE ENERGY

PV System:

16.3 kW modelled PV array

Energy Monitor: Blue Line Innovations



"Our clients discovered a re-sale bungalow on a desired property that we agreed would be suitable for their renovation. Their official request was. We want this home to be as comfortable as the Net Zero ready home you have been been considered the control of the strong of the property of the property of the control of the property of the control of the property of the control of the property of the propert



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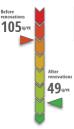
Peder Madsen, CCR Build + Remodel

Service Organization Envirocentre

Energy Advisor Toby Smith, Building Knowledge Canada

Net Zero Pilot Home Denfield, ON (Climate Zone 5)







NET ZERO RENOVATIONS PILOT HOME POST-RENOVATION DETAILS

BUILDING ENCLOSURE

Windows:

Strassberger triple glazed

R20 spray foam, R12 rockwool comforat batt

Ceiling: R40 spray foam

Foundation:

R10 XPS + R14 Rockwool Comfort batt

Envelope:

58% better than NRCan reference house

Airtightness (ACH @ 50 Pa):

Pre-reno 1.76 → Post-Reno 0.42

Fuel Source:

Dual Fuel

Heating & Cooling: Carrier ASHP + Natural Gas Furnace

Water Heating:

AO Smith Heat Pump

Ventilation: Carrier ERV

RENEWABLE ENERGY

PV System:

12 kW modelled PV array

Energy Monitor:

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1 more in progress (no profile yet)



POLL

- POLL: What do you think motivates homeowners to go through deep energy renovations?
 - GHG reductions
 - Energy cost savings
 - Incentive programs
 - Comfort
 - Climate resilience
 - Add-on while doing other renovations
 - Other (put it in the chat)



Panelists

- 1. Tell us a little the Homeowner Motivations / Goals
- 2. Tell us a about the approach & wall systems/envelope used
- 3. Tell us a about the mechanical selected and fuel selection
- 4. Tell us a about your experience working with an energy advisor
- 5. Tell us when a renovator should engage an EA for a project & why
- 6. Tell us the value of working with an energy advisor
- 7. Tell us a about solar PV decisions made & battery storage
- 8. AIR TIGHTNESS: Was 1.5 ACH a challenge?
- 9. What did the homeowner or neighbours say about the renovation PROCESS or feedback at the end of the reno?

POLL

- POLL: What do you think prevents homeowners from deep energy renovations?
 - The value isn't clearly communicated
 - Too costly / not enough financing available
 - Confusing
 - Concerned about return on investment
 - Chasing incentives only
 - Other (put it in the chat)



POLL

- Renovators: do you think your team has the education and experience to deliver Net Zero Renovations to a customer today?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Not yet, but they will!
 - Other (put it in the chat)



Q&A

Do you have questions?

We might have answers.



Thank you

Thanks for your interest in building up capacity for safe, affordable Net Zero Renovations for Canadian homes.

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