

Oxford community demonstrates outstanding achievements in building green

The City of Edmonton has released its January 2016 Oxford Update, showcasing how this subdivision is setting the bar high when it comes to creating innovative and sustainable housing options for Edmontonians.

The report highlights achievements including:

- 106 of 110 homes completed to date have met or exceeded EnerGuide requirements
- \$240,000 has been awarded through the City's Cornerstones Secondary Suite Grant, which promotes more affordable housing options through the creation of secondary suites
- Receiving such honours as the 2015 Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Environment Award for Wildlife Passage Program

"I'm really proud that our small group of citizen builders and BuiltGreen certified home builders have met, and in many cases exceeded, the sustainability targets we set," said Bill Covey, director and broker of the City's Property Sales. "The result is that this little group of homes in Oxford is likely more sustainable and more energy efficient than the average new home being built in our region, according to the certified energy advisors that we have been speaking with."

The northwest neighbourhood of [Oxford](#) represents the first time the City of Edmonton developed lots and sold them directly to the public, with eco-friendly requirements. All homes built on City developed lots must be built to BuiltGreen certification or reach a minimum EnerGuide rating and be able to accommodate future installation of solar panels.

The high standards for the community have been met with an equally high demand from buyers and builders. "The popularity of neighbourhoods like Oxford and the new southeast Laurel Green development show how Edmontonians have embraced their commitment to being environmentally responsible," said Councillor Bev Esslinger. "Oxford's impressive achievements align with our commitment to building a better city, encouraging higher environmental standards and being more accountable to future generations."

The community models the benefits of building "green" – like reducing energy and water consumption and cutting down on the waste generated by construction.

To access the report and for more information on Oxford or upcoming sustainable communities, visit edmonton.ca/oxfordlandsales

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