



Welcome to 1858 Ironwood Terrace, Sun Rivers Golf Resort Development

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A Brief History

This year, the Green Dream Home is part of the [EQuilibrium™ Sustainable Housing Demonstration Initiative](#) led by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). EQuilibrium™ strives to balance our housing needs with the needs of our environment by bringing the private and public sectors together with the goal of developing homes and communities that are designed to address occupant health and comfort, energy efficiency and renewable energy production, resource conservation, reduced environmental impact and affordability. The "Green Dream Home" is one of fifteen projects across Canada, one of 2 in British Columbia, that have won CMHC's national EQuilibrium™ sustainable housing competitions. All EQuilibrium™ projects will be open to both the general public and professional audience for tours, and then monitored for performance by CMHC for one year, once occupied.



After many hours of committee meetings and a successful RFP submission to CMHC, an official launch was held at the Thompson Rivers University followed by a sign unveiling at the lot site. A competition for students from the Architectural and Engineering Technology Department was then held to design the home and Jody Martens' house design was selected. A two-day design charrette was held with experts from Vancouver to

Edmonton attended to discuss technical aspects of the home and the best way to make the house net-zero. An official ground breaking ceremony was held at the site with many distinguished guests and past supporters of the project.

Sponsors and Partners

Being such a unique endeavor, the Green Dream Home is fortunate enough to have the monetary support of some organizations to help this project reach its full potential. The [Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust \(SIDIT\)](#) is a major funding partner of the project. The goal of the SIDIT is to support regionally strategic investments in economic development projects that will have long-lasting and measurable regional benefits for the Southern Interior. Their objective is to help grow and diversify the economy of the Southern Interior of British Columbia through economy development related initiatives. In awarding the \$100,000 grant to the project the application met the priority focus areas of contributing towards economic sustainability, having a regional impact, involving job creation or enhancement, providing economic diversification, including research and development leading to commercialization, having strategic initiatives, and insuring geographic sensitivity in disbursement of these funds.

The first presenting sponsor to commit to this project was the [Tk'emlups Indian Band \(TIB, formerly Kamloops Indian Band\)](#). The Green Dream Home project fits with the philosophy of the band: to promote First Nations partnership and business associations, to promote TIB stewardship of the land, to associate with organizations promoting leading edge sustainability practices and to engage in a project demonstrating soft foot print housing.

Website Launched

If you haven't had the chance to view the website dedicated to this year's home please take a moment or two to check it out: www.greendreamhome.ca. Features on this site include: time lapse videos of the previous day build, sponsor links as well as great information on the technical aspects of the home. Just like the build of the house, the website is a project in the making so be sure to check it out twice weekly for new updates. If you have a website of your own, please feel free to place a link on our site to the Green Dream Home website so you can easily direct your clients to this one of a kind project.

Where Are We Now - Work is Progressing Steadily on the Green Dream Home



Things are up and running at Lot 43 of the Sun Rivers Ironwood Development. This year's home is being built using insulated concrete Forms from the foundation to the trusses. The Thompson Rivers University pre-apprentice students, under the supervision of Hank Bangma, have just poured the walls for the main floor and are ready to begin placing the floor joists. We are projected to be at lock-up by the end of October. The backfilling and rough grading will be done by the end of this week and the interior partitions on the main floor will be erected.

"We are very excited about the progress on the home thus far," says CHBA CI President Darryl Caunt, "The instruction by Hank with the students and the ongoing support of our members is the reason why all of our houses continue to be a grand success."

Under the supervision of Kevin Scallon of TRU, the TRU Horticulture students will tour the site of the home in the early part of November once the final grading has been completed to brainstorm their ideas for the landscape design.

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