



Meeting Date: January 22, 2020
Submitted by: Arnie Marsman, Director, Building Services/Chief Building Official
Report No: BLD-02-2020
Subject: Green Builder Recognition for 2019

Recommendation:

THAT the municipality recognizes Sifton Properties Limited, for its participation in the municipality's Green Builder Recognition Program.

Purpose:

To recognize homebuilders for their participation in the municipality's Green Builder Recognition Program.

Background:

In 2016, Middlesex Centre initiated the Green Builder Recognition Program to challenge homebuilders to build using sustainable and efficient building practices and materials. Since 2016, Sifton Properties Limited has qualified for each of the program's four years and was the only homebuilder which qualified to receive this recognition in 2019.

In order to qualify for this recognition program, when constructing a new home, builders must accumulate 40 points from a list of efficient/sustainable options not required by the Ontario Building Code.

In 2018, AMCTO recognized Middlesex Centre's Green Builder Recognition Program by presenting us with it's E.A. Danby Award. This award is presented for innovation in municipal programs. In 2020 staff plan to review the program's qualifying criteria and provide education to our builders of ways they can build more efficiently.

2019 Recipient:

Sifton Properties Limited has registered several qualifying homes into our program this year. These homes qualify as Energy Star® homes. Energy Star standards exceed Ontario Building Code requirements in insulation, window efficiency ratings and in air barrier requirements. Also, these homes used metal studs on greater than 75 percent of interior walls. Metal studs are 100 percent recyclable, light weight, will not become a source of mould and are non-combustible.

In 2018, Lucan Biddulph's council also approved this program. For 2019, there were two home builders which qualify and will be recognized by Lucan Biddulph's council shortly.

Financial Implications:

None

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- 3d. Quality of Life: Promoting environmental initiatives.

Attachments:

none