

Net-Zero home unveiled

Calgary's first Net-Zero home, from Avalon Master Builder, was unveiled last week at SAIT Polytechnic.

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Net-Zero homes produce as much or more energy than they consume, says Avalon CEO Ryan Scott.

"The Discovery 4 House is the culmination of years of work towards meeting our vision of building Net-Zero homes at no

additional cost to consumers by 2015," says Scott.

"We are excited to work with SAIT Polytechnic, Carma Developers and Climate Change Central to complete this innovative demonstration home."

A SAIT team worked closely with Avalon to build the house.

"The house was built on SAIT's campus to research, test and demonstrate the latest in environmentally efficient building technologies," says Irene Lewis, SAIT presi-

dent and CEO.

"SAIT's Applied Research and Innovation Services team helped to make Calgary's first Net-Zero home a reality."

At the unveiling, the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of the Environment, presented SAIT with \$2.24 million from the College and Community Innovation Program, a collaborative initiative from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Social Sciences

and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

"This new partnership will provide skills training for Calgary, position SAIT Polytechnic as a destination for international research talent and give local businesses access to the knowledge and resources they need to innovate," says Prentice.

See next week's Homes section for the full story on Avalon's Net-Zero house.

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