



**From Left: Guy Mulder, Durham Custom Homes; Paul Fiume, Durham Custom Homes; Andy Krummenacher, Durham Custom Homes; Michelle Cote, EnerQuality; Victor Fiume, Durham Custom Homes; Jeff Goldman, Durham Custom Homes; Gerry Dennis Reliance Home Comfort; Corey McBurney, EnerQuality.**

# Durham Custom Homes takes home three awards at 2008 EnerQuality Awards of Excellence

Durham Custom Homes was honoured with three awards at the 2008 EnerQuality Awards of Excellence held on January 14<sup>th</sup> in Toronto.

They won the first ever GreenHouse Builder of the Year in recognition of their organizational commitment to building sustainable new homes, and their advocacy and awareness work for the new homes certification program launched by EnerQuality in September.

Durham Custom Homes also won EnerQuality's Energy Star® for New Homes Builder of the Year Award (small volume).

Victor Fiume, General Manager for Durham Custom Homes was named Leader of the Year for being a passionate spokesperson for green housing.

The EnerQuality Awards of Excellence are designed to honour the best in sustainable and energy efficient homebuilding.

"We witnessed tremendous growth and participation in green building in 2008 and the strong nominations reflect the tremendous leadership we have seen in this industry," said Corey McBurney, President of EnerQuality.

"Despite entering challenging business conditions, builders continue to focus on innovation in energy efficiency, and leadership in creating sustainable housing. These builders, together with more knowledgeable consumers who recognize the value of energy efficiency and quality construction, are transforming the market in exciting ways."

Durham Custom Homes was the first production builder in Canada to enroll a GreenHouse Certified home shortly after the program was announced this past summer and was also the first Ontario

builder to start construction on a fully accessible GreenHouse home. GreenHouse construction standards incorporate natural resource management (reduction in the amount of wood required to build a home), effective use of resources (using products with recycled content), water conservation (reducing water consumption by 25 per cent), improving indoor air quality and waste diversion (reducing by 25 per cent landfill waste generated by construction).

Jeff Goldman, principal of Durham Custom Homes praised "the entire team for enthusiastically embracing new technology and for being careful stewards of the planet's natural resources." Durham Custom Homes is a private company, and has been building in Southern Ontario for almost 60 years.

Durham Custom Homes has been building each and every one of its houses to Energy Star standards for the past three years.

By continuing to improve its construction techniques, their homes now exceed the requirements for Energy Star certification. Its current project, Kingsway Forest, is located in Oshawa, west of Townline and north of Adelaide. For more information on this neighbourhood please visit [www.kingswayforest.ca](http://www.kingswayforest.ca).

Winners of the 2008 Awards of Excellence included Empire Communities (Green Builder of the Year), Mason Homes (Best Green Marketing Program), and Enbridge Gas Distribution (Industry Partner of the Year).

"These winners and all the finalists and nominees, represent Ontario's best and brightest in sustainable building," said McBurney. "Exciting things are happening in this industry, and these people should be very proud of their role and contribution."

























