



Staff Report

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Meeting Date: November 28, 2018

Submitted by: Arnie Marsman, Director of Building Services / Chief Building Official

Subject: Recognition of Green Builders

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. In both 2016 and 2017, three home builders built qualifying homes. In 2018, Sifton Properties Limited was the only homebuilder which qualified to receive this recognition.

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.

Sifton has registered several qualifying homes into our program this year, all in Ilderton's Timberwalk subdivision. 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.

Green Builder Recognition Program's Future:

Earlier this year, staff recommended to Lucan Biddulph Council that this program be adopted by their municipality. Staff is pleased to advise that their council has adopted the program and that a builder has qualified for Green Builder recognition in their municipality. This recognition will be presented at a Lucan Biddulph Council meeting in December 2018.



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Staff plans to continue with the program into 2019, and will reintroduce the aspect of green building at future home builder meetings.

Financial Implications: none

Strategic Plan: Sustainability and Innovation