

HOMELAND MINUTES



*"Building Canada – Small Homes – 1946"
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WWII Houses
Have Something
to Say: NOW!

The cries of the
Baby Boomers born
to War Brides and
returning Canadian
veterans have long
ceased to echo in
the halls of approxi-
mately one million
WWII homes still
standing. Thanks to
Lorraine Gauthier
and Alex Quito of a

design company called Work Worth Doing, there are new cries coming out of these houses and they are all about retrofitting for energy conservation. Their trademarked "Now House" design was one of 12 winning designs for CMHC's Equilibrium Sustainable Housing Demonstration Initiative and their first model retrofit went on view September 10, 2008, at 12 Topham Road in Toronto. Since then there have been an additional five houses in Windsor. As Ms. Gauthier stated in a 2009 presentation to the 4th Canadian Solar Buildings Conference on a slide with wartime housing dotted across a map of Canada, "Now House will start with one house, then a community of wartime houses, then a million houses across the country." The award-winning models demonstrate near zero energy use and reduced green house gas emissions. The retrofit of 5,000 WWII houses in Toronto alone would reduce green house emissions by 27,000 tonnes annually. These WWII homes, like the WWII veterans themselves, have much to tell Canadians about values.