



from their energy savings alone. Smith says that the home is now quite strong, and has been rated for category four hurricanes and has an Energy Star label.

Overlooking the pond and forest on one acre of land south of Peterborough, this open concept showcase home was largely designed and built by Dave Smith (soon to be Co-Owner of R & M Smith Contracting).

Designed for a growing family, the home has five bedrooms and four bathrooms, with the master bedroom and ensuite on the main floor, a bedroom and family room on the second floor and two bedrooms and a living area in the fully finished, walk-out basement. Outside there are upper and lower decks, limestone slabs to accent the landscaping, and four garages on two levels. The exterior is Mailbec wood siding, a maintenance-free product, with Shouldice Stone accents.

"We're very happy with the end result – it's nice to come home to a place that I designed and built," says Dave Smith. "We're using it as a model to show prospective clients."

The latest in green technology was used in the home - including recycled materials such as the flooring and shingles, Low-E Argon windows, radiant floor heating, and a high efficiency gas furnace.

A registered Energy Star Builder, R & M Smith Contracting incorporates environmentally friendly features into the homes they build. The

company won the Green Builder of the Year Award for 2012 and 2013 as well as Best Custom Home over 2500 sq. ft at the 2013 Peterborough and the Kawartha's Home Builders Association Awards of Distinction Gala.

Design/Building Process

R & M Smith Contracting builds custom four-season homes all across Canada. They can help you to decide what options are available from the foundation to the roof line. Your new custom home can be designed from the floor up, or customized to accommodate your own ideas or plans.

R & M Smith encourages clients to bring magazine clippings or photos of other homes they like. They will build on your lot, or if needed, can help you find the perfect location for your new custom home.

At the initial meeting, a concept plan can be produced incorporating the clients' ideas. Once a decision is made, formal working drawings are created and a home created to meet your family's unique lifestyle and needs.

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INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR R & M SMITH CONTRACTING FOR PETERBOROUGH AREA HOME

by Joanne Culley

R & M Smith Contracting has just won the ICF Magazine 2013 International Builder of the Year Award at their awards ceremony in Las Vegas, Nevada last January. Selected from over 500 entrants, R & M Smith won the award for a home they built just south of Peterborough.

"This award is important to us because it shows the strides we have taken as a company over the past 31 years," says owner, Randy Smith. "To be recognized as a top builder in North America is amazing. It is also exciting to help Peterborough, by bringing this international award to our city as well as to encourage international investors to build vacation homes or businesses here in the Kawartha's."

The award was presented to Randy and his son Dave Smith for the over 3,000 sq. ft. home that Dave and his young family now live in.

"There is over 7,200 sq. ft of I.C.F. and other Styrofoam products in this

home," continues Randy Smith. "Insulated Concrete Form or I.C.F. is a Styrofoam product filled with steel-reinforced concrete that is a great insulating material that we used on the exterior and interior walls. There are no thermal breaks or air penetration along the walls, so it is an excellent insulator, at R50, making the house warm in the winter and cool in the summer."

To ensure that there were no thermal breaks, the team had to suspend all of the flooring along the interior walls instead of building the floor and walls on top of the foundation as is conventionally done. The foam blocks stay in place to protect the walls and insulate the home. I.C.F. significantly improves a home's energy efficiency, while making it much stronger and quieter, as sound cannot travel as easily into the house from outdoors. It is also relatively inexpensive, as choosing I.C.F. costs only three to five per cent more than a conventional build. Homeowners can see a return on this investment in about three years



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The design/building process involves several stages: a site survey, reviewing any existing floor plans and elevations, discussing areas of special interest such as nature views, relation to adjacent houses, street character, site plan, and floor plans, interior and exterior elevations, features of kitchen, living rooms, bathrooms, etc. Other factors for consideration are the roof lines, type of entry, garage elevation, and location of the driveway.

During the process of building a distinctive custom home, R & M Smith also builds a lasting relationship with customers with a commitment to providing a positive building experience, focused on complete dedication to you and your home.

Building for over 30 Years
Since 1983, Randy Smith has been building custom four-season homes with a unique combination of superior craftsmanship and knowledge of the newest materials and technology.

The son of a contractor from Toronto, Randy Smith grew up learning the business and being surrounded by people in all aspects of the construction field. In addition to running the business, Randy Smith is also the President of the Peterborough and the Kawartha's Home Builders Association, an organization of local professionals, which is in turn a member of Ontario Home Builders Association & Canadian Home Builders Association, keeping them abreast of the latest policies, programs and legislation affecting the building industry and its consumers.

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