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Green home builder up for award

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A Bathurst business that has created prefabricated family homes that put zero demand on the power grid has been nominated for a \$15,000 EcoLiving Innovators Award from Scotiabank.

The company has been recognized by Fredericton Mayor Brad Woodside for its design. Fredericton's Maple Leaf Homes is working with the Bathurst company to build the homes.

EcoPlusHome of Bathurst first tested its housing system in 2009 in Bathurst where a family of six lived in the residence for a year without using any fossil fuels.

The capital city is poised to have its first net-zero energy townhouses in North America. A six-unit development will be built at Irvine Street and Hillcrest Drive in Devon at The Meadows at Neill's Farm and should open in July.

EcoPlus Home of Bathurst is up against an Ontario company whose reflective roof coating keeps buildings cool in summer and the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George which heats its campus by converting wood waste from local mills into energy.

Scotiabank has created three categories of recognition and financial reward with a \$50,000 prize up for grabs for business leadership and a \$10,000 prize for student leadership. Nine finalists in the categories have been selected.

EcoPlusHome is the only New Brunswick nominee in the awards program. It will learn if it has won its category over two other finalists at a June 2 gala ceremony in Toronto.

"The awards are an important part of our flagship environmental program, EcoLiving, which helps Canadians make greener choices for their homes, reduce their energy bills and take advantage of government rebates," said Anatol von Hahn, group head, Canadian Banking, Scotiabank.

"We are excited to recognize and celebrate Canada's brightest stars in home energy efficiency," he said.

"The calibre of the entries is proof-positive that Canadians are committed to finding solutions to greening the planet with energy-saving innovations as a cornerstone of success," said Laurie Simmonds, CEO and president of Green Living Enterprises.

To learn more about the program and awards, visit ecoliving.scotiabank.com/awards.