



Media Information

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Sale of home built by Residential Construction students finalized

Kelowna, BC: The third home constructed through Rutland Senior Secondary's Residential Construction Program has sold. Eleven students were involved in most aspects of the construction from placing the forms for the foundation to framing and installing windows. The students worked under the guidance of instructors Bob Boback and Steve Reimer and general contractor Harmony Homes.

The 1,750 square foot, three-bedroom, two-bath home at 203 Poonian Road in Kelowna was completed in September 2009. The sale of home at \$450,000 was recently finalized with approval from the Ministry of Education. The MLS listing number is 9219151.

"The dual-credit Residential Construction program offered through Rutland Senior Secondary School is part of an extensive array of special courses and programs offered by School District No. 23," said Rolli Cacchioni, Chairperson of the Board. "This type of program allows students to specialize in areas of personal interest and gain skills that lead them to jobs in our local economy. We value our partnership with Okanagan College in this venture and the tremendous support the program receives from its sponsors."

"As a partner in this project we take great pride in the success of this program, the achievements of the students and the strong community support for this initiative," said Jim Hamilton, president of Okanagan College. "There is no better learning opportunity for students than the hands-on training provided through the residential construction program."

"This project offered some unique learning and challenges that our students and instructors were able to meet," said RSS Principal Curtis Schreiber. "I would like to acknowledge all the companies, businesses and individuals who have made contributions to the project—the success of this project is because of these relationships. Most importantly, we would like to thank Harmony Homes. With their building experience and professional background we were able to be part of a venture that produced a beautiful quality home leaving a strong legacy of student learning and achievement."

The fourth home in the Residential Construction Project will be built in the Tower Ranch subdivision in conjunction with Dilworth Quality Homes Inc.

The Residential Construction program is a joint undertaking by School District No. 23 and Okanagan College. This career training program allows students to complete their Grade 12 diploma as they gain marketable skills and level one technical credit towards their apprenticeship. Students take regular high school courses from September to January and then begin the construction project. Students receive instruction from January to March with Bob Boback, a RSS teacher and Red Seal Carpenter with extensive construction experience. On-site work takes place from March to July. Once the project is complete, students have the opportunity to attain the last three levels of technical certification at Okanagan College. This college training is supported by School District No. 23 through scholarships and bursaries.

Sponsors of the 2009 RSS Home for Learning include:

Mara Lumber, Acu-Truss Industries, Gienow Windows, Century Lane Kitchens, Rocky Mountain Finishing, Vas-K-ez Painting, Brantal Contracting, Interior Testing Services, Basalite Concrete Products, Kelowna Ready Mix, Winn Rentals, McLeod Exterior Designs, CertainTeed, K T L Plumbing, Blue Electric, Gescan, NuHeat, Lithonia, General Electric, Emco Corp, Bartle & Gibson Co, Advantage Insulation, Littco Enterprises, Dannburg Flooring, CWMM Consulting Engineers, Basalite Concrete Products, Coast Wholesale Appliances, Ginette Interiors, Shane's Built In Vacuums, In Tune Sound and Security, Goddard and Surveying, City of Kelowna, Tony Klassen – Royal Le Page, Secure-Rite Mobile Storage, The Tool Place, Pump Pro and Freelance Flooring.

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