

News

A Successful Launch

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New Partners and Supporters

After an exciting "Christmas-theme" debut for the Sustainable Condo™ at the CMHC EcoPods in November 2007, CMHC and Exhibition Place are happy to announce that we have confirmed our [new partners and supporters for the 2008 initiatives!](#)

Some very competitive, media teams participated in a festive eco-wreath decorating contest. Past and present partners were on hand to help out with the oh-so difficult task of awarding a winner. The winning media team was Green Living Magazine! Congratulations!

All the wonderful wreaths, eco-holiday décor and treats were hand-delivered to two local Toronto shelters.



A Great New Look!

The Sustainable Condo exhibit gets a full redesign thanks to [Roomy Home Interiors](#)

CMHC is forecasting new condominium apartment construction to reach record levels over the next two years in the Greater Toronto Area. With more people living in condos and smaller homes, there is a real demand for healthy, creative ways to use their space. The redesigned Sustainable Condo™ has a lot of good examples on how you can do just that! The sleek new look promotes multipurpose healthy housing options while considering environmental impact.

If you head over for a tour, make sure to check out the 360 SpinScreen TV! It got a great big thumbs up from recent visitors.

Catch a preview of the "new look" by [watching the online video now!](#)



Recent Events

Canada Green Building Council, Greater Toronto Chapter Meeting

The new Sustainable Condo™ partners were recently announced at a well attended industry event which took place in the CMHC EcoPods - namely a



member meeting of the [Canada Green Building Council, Greater Toronto Chapter](#).

The attendees, each of whom are experts in various facets of sustainable design, had a chance to listen to a panel discussion about leadership in sustainable residential housing.

Discussions included:

- [The TRCA Archetype Sustainable House Project](#),
- [The EcoLogic](#) - 34 LEED for Homes Pilot projects in Newmarket and
- Two projects under [CMHC's Equilibrium Healthy Housing Initiative](#) - the [NOW House™](#), a sustainable renovation project and the [Annex TownHomes](#), a sustainable urbanism initiative.

The lively session was followed by tours and networking inside the Sustainable Condo™ Exhibit with many of the Exhibit partners and suppliers on hand to explain their products.

2008 Interior Design Show

On the weekend of February 22-24, the CMHC EcoPods were open for public tours - taking advantage of the 2008 Interior Design Show (IDS08). In fact, a hydrogen powered bus was available to shuttle attendees of the IDS08 over to the Sustainable Condo Exhibit where eager tour guides were ready to explain all of the features.



Did You Know?

The average Canadian household uses approximately 7,000 litres of water every week. That's enough to fill 24 bathtubs!

The Solution

Imagine if the next 10,000 condos built in your community were sustainable condos...

we would save enough water to fill half an Olympic size swimming pool every day.

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