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## **Minto unveils Net Zero Energy home offering in Kanata** *Home buyers can now own one of the most energy efficient homes in Canada*

**(October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Ottawa, ON)** Minto Communities Canada is proud to introduce its Net Zero Energy Ready (NZEr) home in Kanata's Arcadia community. Now available for purchase as one of four newly designed show homes, Minto brings its NZEr offering to Ottawa home buyers with The Killarney. Projecting a 65 per cent reduction in total home energy consumption, the NZEr Killarney is positioned to further offset remaining energy use with the option to add solar panels post purchase.

"Our Net Zero Energy ready home speaks to Minto's 40 year legacy in sustainability and innovation," says Brent Strachan, Senior Vice President, Minto Communities Canada. "We're proud to introduce this high performing home that blends technology, design and materials to create better places for people to live, work and play."



**Ribbon Cutting VIP's from left to right:**

*Salvatore Ciarlo, Owens Corning Canada*  
*Kevin Lee, Canadian Home Builders' Association*  
*Marianne Wilkinson, City of Ottawa*  
*Andy Goyda, Owens Corning Canada*  
*Brent Strachan, Minto Communities*  
*Mark Taylor, City of Ottawa*  
*Derek Hickson, The Minto Group*

Key features included in the upgraded Killarney home include:

- Advanced insulation techniques, including Owens Corning CodeBord® Air Barrier System that will help retain warmth in colder seasons and protect against drafts
- Triple pane windows
- A heating system that is twice as efficient as a natural gas furnace
- LED lighting
- An energy monitoring system to keep homebuyers informed on their energy consumption
- A roof designed to accommodate solar panels to generate electricity

“The energy performance of the Net Zero Energy ready Killarney is exceptional,” says Strachan, “On a typical winter day in Ottawa, it’s designed to stay above 16 degrees Celsius or 61 degrees Fahrenheit for 24 hours in the event of a power outage”.

The NZEr Killarney home starts at \$495,000. Exterior package upgrades are also available for all single family models in Arcadia to allow for up to a 50 per cent reduction in heating and cooling costs compared to a typical home. Features including drain water heat recovery, low VOC paints and high efficiency water fixtures are standard on all Arcadia models.

The Killarney NZEr home is the first of five Net Zero homes coming to the Arcadia community, with four townhomes scheduled for completion in spring 2016.

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#### **About Minto**

Now in its 60th year of operations, The Minto Group is a family-owned, fully integrated home builder, construction and property management company based in Ottawa with operations in Canada and Florida. Since 1955, The Minto Group has built more than 80,000 new homes, manages 17,000 residential rental homes and apartments, and carries a commercial portfolio of more than 2.5 million square feet of office and retail space. In addition to these holdings, the company owns and operates Canada’s largest portfolio of executive furnished suites.

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