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Case Study: Baysville Eco Duplex

Demonstrating how pre-fab building and natural materials can unite to create a bright, sustainable and comfortable multi-family dwelling, Tooketree Passive Homes and Fourth Pig Green & Natural Construction built this passive 2,542-square-foot duplex in 2021. The home is super insulated with recycled, plant-based, dense-pack cellulose insulation. Wood fibre board wraps the entire building to provide a continuous thermal break. Smart interior and exterior membranes provide airtightness while protecting the building envelope. The duplex also features a super energy efficient heating and cooling system with a ducted air source heat pump, Hepa filtered energy recovery ventilation system, zero-VOC paints and sealants, LED lights throughout, and extra soundproofing between units and bedrooms.

Embodied Carbon

Cradle-to-gate, kg CO2e/m²

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200 average*

*Average based on report from 2022.

Reduction Strategies



SEED panels prefabricated indoors 5km from build site



Minimal waste with automated and precision construction



Minimized fossil fuel usage for transport and construction



Carbon-storing natural, recycled, and plantbased materials

Carbon Storage



Blown-in cellulose insulation



Wood fibre board



Denim batt insulation



Sustainably harvested wood



tons of CO2 stored







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We're so excited to be building resilient, comfortable, healthy homes for people here that not only sustain the community but are also responsible and responsive to the environment.

Rick Zytaruk, Co-founder and CFO of Tooketree Passive Homes

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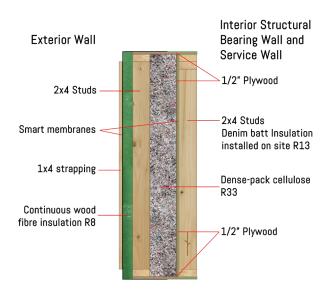
Operational Carbon | Through the use of computer-automated machinery, conservation-oriented building practices and a controlled indoor environment, Tooketree minimizes construction waste while producing SEED (Sustainable, Ecological, Efficient, Durable) Passive House panels using carbon-sequestering natural materials.







SEED Wall Panel Cross Section





The home is super insulated with 14.5" thick walls. The exterior 9" wall cavities are filled in the factory with recycled, plant-based, dense-pack cellulose insulation. Triple-glazed windows provide ample natural light while conserving comfortable conditions indoors. The interior is clad in natural finishes that include sustainably harvested (FSC) engineered hardwood flooring and solid wood trim and doors. Builders cladded the exterior with a long-lasting metal roof and siding.





Installation of prefabricated wall panels

Lessons Learned

- 1. Quality assurance (good record-keeping) must be prioritized for streamlined coordination among trades.
- 2. A variety of options for sealing the envelope is optimal (tape, membrane, gaskets, insulation).
- 3. We are not alone! There is a community of green builders willing to share knowledge and problem-solve.

Project Information

Project name: Baysville Eco Duplex

Location: Baysville, Ontario

Builder: Tooketree Passive Homes, Fourth Pig

Green & Natural Construction

Year built: 2021
Typology: Duplex

Size: 1,331 SF GFA front unit | 817 SF GFA rear unit