



## WRHBA Proudly Recognizes its 2016 Association Award Recipients

Since 1946, the Waterloo Region Home Builders' Association (WRHBA) has been "the voice of residential development and construction industry" - one of the most vital and enterprising industries in Canada. As a voluntary association with over 210 member representatives, WRHBA is comprised of all disciplines involved in residential construction. The Association is built on a vision to be a leader in supporting the industry by fostering a vital membership through advocacy, resource sharing and education. It is committed to improving housing affordability and choice for new home purchasers and renovation consumers through positively impacting legislation, regulation and policy that affect the industry at all levels of government.

As a grassroots organization, the Association encourages and seeks participation from its membership in addressing the vast and varied issues before it. The work of the Association is significantly enhanced whenever committed, skilled and keen individuals choose to get involved and volunteer their time. The Association also highly values community involvement where its members live, work and play.

At WRHBA's annual SAM Awards of Distinction on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Association was honoured to celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and recognize the following members for their significant contributions to the community, the Association and the housing industry at large.



### **Reid's Heritage Homes, 2016 Builder Member of the Year Recipient**

This award is presented to a builder member that has made a significant contribution to the housing industry and the Association.

Reid's Heritage Homes has had a banner year cumulating in an impressive list of accolades and awards at the local, provincial and national level for building innovation, marketing campaigns, outstanding design, functionality of floor plan, and creative use of space. Recognized as one of Canada's Top Small & Medium Employers for the second year in a row, they also earned recognition as the first builder in Canada to have a Net Zero Energy (NZE) home qualified under the Canadian Home Builders' Association's NZE Labeling Program Pilot.

Keenly invested in building technologies and advancements, Reid's Heritage Homes readily took a seat as a member of the Canadian Home Builders' Association's official Net Zero Energy Housing Council – the first such council through a home builders' association which led to their commitment and participation in the national demonstration project to prove that NZE homes can be built on a community-level scale. This initiative differed from past Net Zero houses, which have been custom built one-of-a-kind designs. This project was geared to the mainstream public, and the low-rise production builder, using products that are readily available to the average builder. Their efforts resulted in the construction of five Net Zero Energy homes - all of which have been sold.

### **McCarter Grespan Beynon Weir Professional Corporation, 2016 Lyle S. Hallman Award Recipient**

This award recognizes a member whose work on behalf of the industry has gone without receiving recognition. In simpler terms - it's the "unsung hero award".



The steadfast involvement of McCarter Grespan Beynon Weir Professional Corporation dates back to 1987; Lawyer/Director, Paul Grespan has served as both a member of WRHBA's Board of Directors and on Municipal Liaison Committees. For nearly thirty years this company has acted as the appointed legal advisor to WRHBA's Board of Directors and Association overall - freely giving of their time and expertise. They readily assist and consult with staff in overseeing and executing a variety of legal matters to ensure that the Association and its overall operations are in compliance. From official name changes, to by-law amendments, to annual reporting, and reviewing binding contracts, to providing wise council on matters of ethics – this company steps up time and time again.

For several decades McCarter Grespan Beynon Weir Professional Corporation has been heavily involved in representing developers and home builders, and through these affiliations they have had a hand in helping to shape Waterloo Region.



### **Tony Giovinazzo, 2016 Vic Sellner Award Recipient**

This award recognizes a member who has contributed significantly to serving the community, local charities and/or not-for-profit organizations.

Tony Giovinazzo of Activa stands as a shining example of what it truly means to give back to the community. Simply put, his involvement is both extensive and impressive and dates back to his early days, as a student, at McMaster University when he and several friends set up a drop-in centre for children after being informed that they had no safe place to play.

Through Tony's keen ability to recognize and fulfill a need that may otherwise go unmet, he and his family went on to create the Focus on School Fund through Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region – an initiative that makes it easier for foster children to focus on school, prepare for a career and improve their chances of a fulfilling future.

Deeply rooted in his commitment to children and youth, Tony has served on numerous Boards and committees over the years including Family and Children Services, Kids Ability, Kitchener-Westmount Rotary Club, and the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies where he volunteered his time on the Reconfiguration Working Group, to improve and strengthen child welfare in Ontario and the overall outcomes for children and families.

Tony's ability to see the big picture and the needs of the people being served, coupled with his wholehearted commitment and giving spirit has enabled him to have an incredible impact on thousands of lives. Rightfully so, he has been recognized for his substantial volunteer work and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International and awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.



### **Hallman Construction and Land Development, 70 Year Member Award**

At 70 years, Hallman Construction and Land Development has existed for as long as WRHBA. The company was founded in 1946 by Lyle Hallman who was also one of the founding fathers of the Association, the other being James Braby.

Members of both the Hallman and Braby family were among the attendees at the SAM Awards as the Association also celebrated the occasion of their milestone anniversary.

Through the years, Hallman Construction has worked hard to earn a reputation as one of the area's finest; the Hallman name is among the most respected

names in the Region, not only for the company's high quality developments, but also for the level of commitment the family has made in serving the community. That reputation continues to be upheld by Lyle's son Jim Hallman, who now leads Hallman Construction and through his grandson Nathan Hallman who leads Aberdeen Homes.

In addition to other awards presented during the evening, the Association acknowledged the following companies for their longstanding continued membership through its Membership Milestone program:

**40 Year Members**

Menno S. Martin Contractor Limited  
Swanson's Home Hardware Building Centre

**35 Year Member**

Frede R. Construction Ltd.

**30 Year Members**

Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation  
Cook Homes Limited  
MTE Consultants Inc.  
Peto MacCallum Ltd.  
Schnarr Craftsmen Inc.

**20 Year Members**

Aberdeen Homes  
CBRE Limited  
Empire Communities  
Moser Landscape Group Inc.  
Ridley Windows and Doors  
Salesfacts Marketing Group  
WalterFedy

**15 Year Members**

Gateway Village Homes  
Heisler Homes Inc.  
Home Hardware Building Centre  
JELD-WEN Windows and Doors, United Window Division  
New Lifestyle Homes Inc.  
Reid's Heritage Homes

**10 Year Members**

Claysam Homes Ltd.  
CMT Engineering Inc.  
Coronado Waterloo Stone Works  
Cowan Insurance Brokers Limited  
Fusion Homes  
Olympia Cabinets K-W Corp  
Robson Carpenter LLP  
TRS Components Ltd.

For more information on WRHBA, including how to become a member, please visit - [www.wrhba.com](http://www.wrhba.com).

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