New homes, new ideas

It’s all about affordability and the only thing we really have control over in that regard is reducing our energy need.

- Phil Dennis

When mechanical engineer, Phil Dennis, and his family moved back to Nova Scotia from Montreal, he was ready for a career change—and his family was ready for their dream home. Phil trained with the German Passive House Institute and worked with Efficiency Nova Scotia to build the family’s dream home into reality.

Passive homes are built to the highest standards of energy efficiency, with a focus on making the building envelope as air-tight as possible.

Natasha Brooks, a Program Manager with Efficiency Nova Scotia says the Dennis home, “was so successful in the design and construction that it only costs $100 per year to heat the entire [thing].”

Efficiency Nova Scotia offers advice, customized recommendations to building plans and rebates to help make your new home as energy efficient as possible.