

Head to the shore to learn about living green

WHITBY—Learn all about LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and the benefits of living in a “green” development on Earth Day at Liza Communities’ Shorelands site.

The sustainable living event (Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.) for past and potential purchasers, will be held at the sales office next to Whitby Harbour.

Shorelands will be built to Canada Green Building Council’s LEED for Homes (LEED-H) standard, meeting stringent requirements for energy efficiency and sustainability.

Maryam Mansouri, vice-president of Liza Communities, will speak about the sustainable features and the components that create Shorelands, Canada’s first LEED townhome development.

Bessie Karalis, Royal Bank of Canada mortgage specialist, will discuss how to qualify for low mortgage rates, and Pat Johnston of CMHC will describe mortgage rebates for LEED homes and what the benefits are to new home owners.

Dan Gregoroff and Scott Robbins from KML will discuss the structural quality and energy efficiency benefits of steel framing, a key highlight of sustainable construction, while Jeff Clare from Rinnai will explain the benefits of tankless hot water systems, a standard offering in Shorelands.

Mark Cohen, founding partner at The Condo Store Marketing Systems, will give an update about what is going on in the housing industry.

Shorelands will have 227 homes, walkways, a formal garden, on-site amphitheatre, access to Lynde Shores conservation area and proximity to public transit.

Prices start at \$169,990. Landscaping will include living fences, with greenery growing against interwoven lattice.

Homes are built to Energy Star standards and include a forced-air natural gas heating system with 90 per cent efficiency and thermal, fixed glass low-E windows.

Register for the Earth Day event online at theshorelands.com. The sales office is at 617 Victoria St. W., suite 101, Whitby.

Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be served.