

Introducing a new network for PassivHaus practitioners and supporters

Passive Buildings Canada

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- Federally Incorporated **Non-Profit**
- **Grassroots**—member-based volunteer organization
- **Democratic**—members elect board of directors, must follow bylaws
- **Modeled** after IG Passivhaus Österreich—Austria Passive House Information Group also CaGBC, various other industry groups

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Name choice of “Passive Buildings”

Not just about houses!

- True meaning of PassivHaus is **passive-energy building**
 - Single-family, multi-storey residential and hotels
 - Office and administrative buildings
 - Schools & educational facilities

“Part 9” buildings for certain, and larger

Objects of the Corporation

promote and support environmentally neutral building designs and construction by **encouraging the design, construction, renovation and verification of buildings** to the **Passive House standard in Canada**

(we are not a research or educational institute)

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Non-profit definition

- Non-profit means “without share capital”
- No shares, so in the event of dissolution of the Corporation, all assets distributed to another non-profit organization in Canada with a similar purpose
- Incorporated, so members are protected
- Does not file income tax
- Does not charge GST/HST on memberships

What we offer

- First point of contact for Passive House information
- Communications network for members, access to wealth of knowledge among membership base
- **Members commit to help each other**
- Host educational events
- **Promote** Passive House in private & public sectors

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Who is a member?

- Membership requirements similar to Austrian organization
- Builders, trades, manufacturers, architects, engineers, building scientists, project managers, consultants, government representatives, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions
- **Share a common goal** of making all buildings achieve the Passive House standard.

Members voluntarily agree to:

- Only call a building “Passive” if it can be verified to meet criteria of PHI Darmstadt
- Offer green options such as water savings
- Build “future proof”—to heat without fossil fuels
- Provide basic project info and photos to Passive Buildings Canada
- Participate in at least one PH related training event every year, as leader or as learner
- Participate in a working group/committee to share know-how and experience

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Membership details (may change)

- \$100 standard membership
- \$300 corporate membership with business listing
- \$500 founding member / ongoing supporting member
- Compare with Austria Passive House IG:
 - 300 € for 1 person (\$420)
 - 1103 € for 10 person business (\$1500)
 - 2500 € for 100 person business (\$3500)
- Austria IG has 320 members representing 24,000 people
- CaGBC has similar membership structure and numbers

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Today and the future

- In very final stages of incorporation
- Website management system from Toronto-based Wild Apricot. Unifies membership renewals, membership listings, forums, newsletters, event registration
- Expect regional chapters to form as organization grows

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Grow with us!