

# Local builders, architects win housing awards

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The exterior of this 1960s Rothwell Heights bungalow was completely redesigned, tying in with the old while giving it a modern look. Courtesy, Chuck Mills Residential Design & Development Inc.

Two Ottawa architects and builders Minto and Mattamy have been recognized among the province's best in building and design at this year's Ontario Home Builders' Association Awards of Distinction gala.

Chuck Mills Residential Design & Development Inc. took two trophies in the home renovation category for a stunning project in Rothwell Heights. They won for Most Outstanding Home Renovation (\$100,000 to \$500,000) and Most Outstanding Kitchen Renovation.

The Rothwell Heights home was once a tired, '60s bungalow that was totally transformed into a modern, sophisticated residence designed for elegant entertaining and casual living. The exterior was entirely redesigned with new, steeper rooflines, a distinctive front entry and new finishes of stone, stucco and shingle siding, tying new to old.

The interior was also redesigned to create an open-concept living space with an array of classic and contemporary features.

"I worked closely with the clients in the renovation of their home, and they were very, very pleased with the results," Mills says.

"Winning awards at the provincial level simply confirms that the design decisions we made were the

right ones, and that made them even happier.”

Christopher Simmonds Architect won in the Room Design category for Most Outstanding New Home Kitchen for a stylish design in Manotick that features warm cherrywood millwork through a modern kitchen custom-made for contemporary living and entertaining. It features a walk-in pantry, white quartz stone counters, glass tile backsplash, and a tiered breakfast bar handy for both children and adults.

Oakville-based Mattamy Homes captured top honours as Home Builder of the Year, increasing its market share of new home sales in the Greater Toronto Area this past year, while expanding its efforts in Ottawa, Calgary and the United States with innovative and community-specific designs.

And for the third time in four years, Minto Group was honoured with the prestigious Ontario Green Builder of the Year award. Judges of this award included senior representatives from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., Tarion Warranty Corporation, the Homeowner Protection Centre and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The association praised Minto for significantly lowering the environmental impact of its land development, construction and building operations, as well as for achieving cultural shifts with customers and residents through the company’s Green Champion program and its internal green website.”

The awards were presented Sept. 22 in Toronto.

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Architect Chuck Mills says he worked closely with his clients to create an open-concept living space with classic and contemporary features. Courtesy, Chuck Mills Residential Design & Development Inc.

