





Project In Progress: Nova Scotia

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Whether you're searching for inspiration or already have a set idea of what you want your timber frame home to be, there are many factors that will influence your design and final finished home.

One of the most important factors is the building site itself. The contours or slope of your lot, view corridors and the location on the site where you want the house to go can all play a significant role in both the design and construction phases of your project.

In this issue, we've chosen to highlight a project in progress located in Nova Scotia. Read about the homeowners' journey and how multiple factors, including the site itself, played a key role in the creation of this new home.

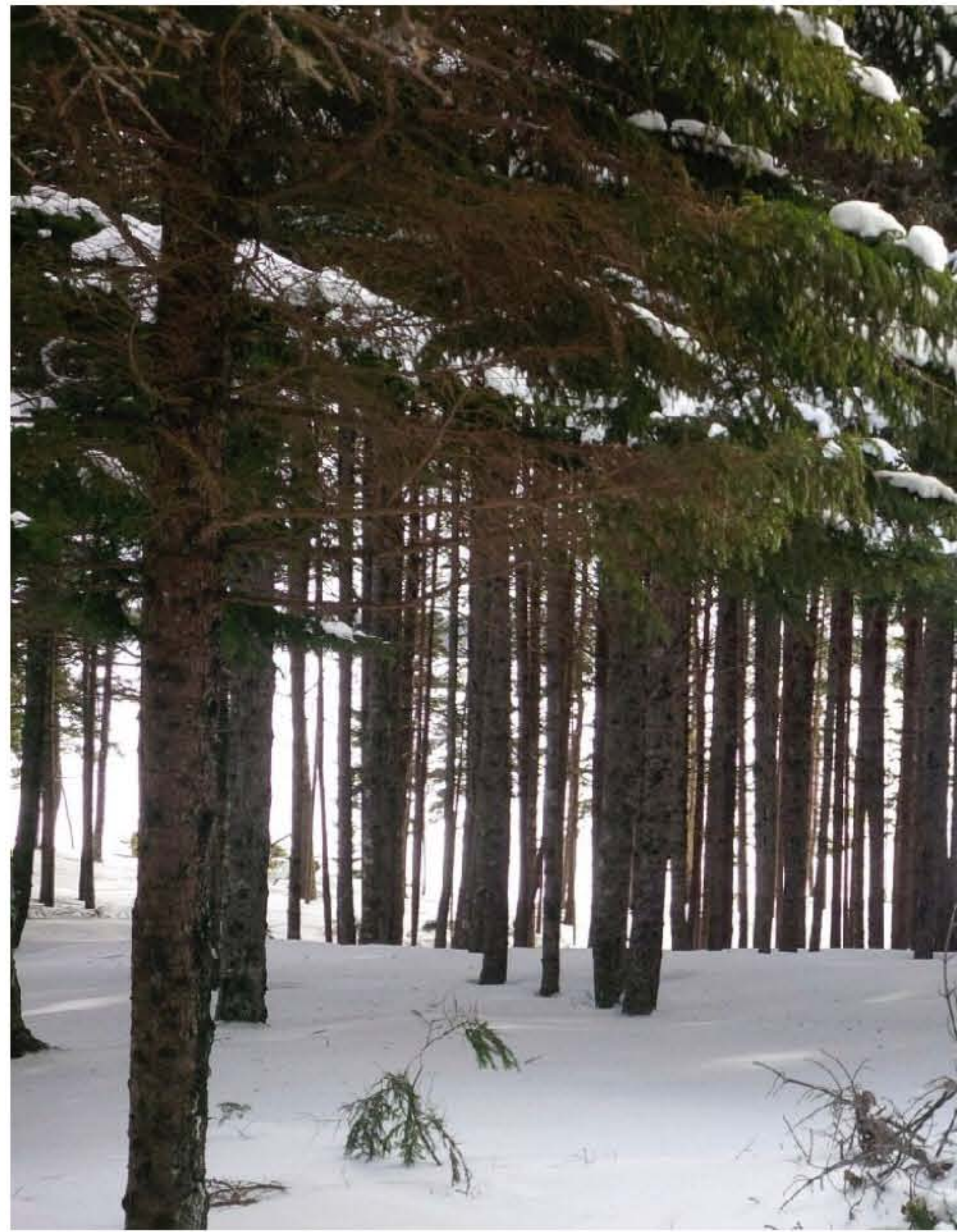


Photo of previous home in England

ANDREW AND JENNY, HOMEOWNERS

"We have always desired to build our own home from scratch. In the 20 years we spent living in England we fell in love with the region's architectural heritage, but there was just no property to purchase that was big enough to construct a new home on. We ended up converting a timber frame barn into our home instead. However, we immediately took advantage of the wide open spaces once we moved to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, following a job opportunity. The day after we moved we began to search for the perfect waterfront property to build our own timber frame home. Our real estate agent helped us find a forested 7 acre lot with 1,000 feet of shoreline," said Andrew

"Before we left the UK I saw an advertisement from Riverbend Timber Framing and the name stuck with me, once we purchased the property we contacted them and started working with Brent Cooper. He flew all the way from Calgary to walk our site and set up an online meeting to begin our home's design. Since then everything has happened so fast. I have been on site almost every day of the build and was even able to see the timbers go up. Our builder, Cocks & Delaney Construction, has been exceptional. Currently they are working on the rough-ins for electrical and plumbing so they can put up the drywall and begin finishing the inside. Our vision is starting to come together and we are excited to move in later this year," Jenny said.





BRENT COOPER, SALES MANAGER

"Andrew and Jenny called us after they had secured land and wanted to know more about our offerings and process. They were also interested in knowing more about our Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs) as they had used a similar panel product to insulate the barn they renovated and were impressed with how their previous home maintained its temperature. When they were ready to move forward with their project I visited their site to get a better idea of what their property looked like. Even though the land was covered with snow we trekked to where they wanted to put their home," said Brent.

"The view of the Atlantic ocean from the site was amazing. It made me think of how Lunenburg was one of the first English settlements in Canada, much like the Plymouth Colony in the States, and I couldn't believe I was getting to be a part of building a traditional timber frame home there. Later that day we sat in one of the town's historic buildings and began the home's design. Troy, the designer, sketched what the home would look like sitting on the land. It was the perfect end to the day and I can't wait to see Andrew and Jenny's finished home."





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TOM SCHROCK, PROJECT MANAGER

"I had an eye on Andrew and Jenny's project from when they first started design. Since the couple had a good idea of what they wanted their new home to be they were able to quickly make decisions regarding their design. I didn't get deeply involved in the project, however, until the design was completed and it was time to start discussing a construction timeline with Andrew and Jenny's builder. It's extremely important to have the timber frame and SIPs that Riverbed provides at the building site when they are needed so the crew isn't waiting on the materials to arrive. In construction, time is money," said Tom.

"Both the timber frame and SIPs were produced at our Blissfield, Michigan location, where I am located, so I was able to be right on top of the timeline. When construction began on site I stayed in touch with the builder who had an extremely accurate projection of when the foundation and floor deck was going to be ready to install the timber frame. At just the right time I shipped the materials to Nova Scotia, four semi-truck loads in all, so they would arrive on our target delivery date. With my many of experience shipping to Canada, the materials went through customs without a hitch and arrived at the site exactly as I had expected."

