

### **Saskatchewan Science Centre Presents Canada 150 Small Homes Exhibition**

**(February 1, 2018) – Regina, SK** – The average size of a Canadian house is 1,950 square feet. Do we really need all that space? What would our lives be like if we lived in a house with only one quarter or one half of that space?

The floorplans of 13 unique small homes make up the backbone of a new exhibition on now at the Saskatchewan Science Centre. Each of the homes, which were designed by Robinson Residential Design Inc., represents one of Canada's provinces or territories and were created to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017.

In addition to the floorplans there are several works of art based on the homes, including paintings and a stained glass window. 3D printed models of the homes show the relationship of each home design to the province or territory that it represents, and a detailed breakdown of the 3D printing process lines one side of the exhibition, showing the many steps required when 3D printing an object.

"We live in a world where it is easier than ever to add variety and flavour to our homes," explains John Robinson of Robinson Residential. "I hope that these houses can start a conversation around our living spaces. A home doesn't need to be larger than 1000 square feet to be beautiful and functional."

Robinson says these designs, which range from 400 to 1000 square-feet, could be built starting at \$150,000. In addition, their compact size means that they will be more efficient to heat and cool and maintenance costs will be lower. "The environmental impact of a home like this is much smaller, and the more affordable price tag means that more people will have access their own spaces."

Sandy Baumgartner, CEO of the Saskatchewan Science Centre explains that "These designs represent innovation in the way that we think about homes. More than that, they also represent a wonderful intersection of art and science. The creativity in the design combined with modern engineering and construction techniques sparks an interesting conversation about the future of home building."

This isn't the first foray into real estate for the Saskatchewan Science Centre. ***Building Connections***, a permanent exhibit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Science Centre opened in 2015 and explains the process of home building, community design, and providing electricity to those communities.

**Canada 150 Small Homes Exhibition** opens on Thursday, February 1, 2018 and will be on display until the end of March.

**About Robinson Residential**

Robinson Residential Design Inc is a home design and drafting company who provide creative designs and high quality blueprints to homeowners and builders through custom design as well as a proprietary stock plan collection. The company's focus is on "personalizing home design" and since 1996, has helped many individuals and families design the home that best reflects their unique lifestyle. Based in Regina, Saskatchewan, they have been featured on the Canadian HGTV show, Sarah's Farmhouse, and most recently on the American HGTV show, "Journey to the Tiny House Jamboree".

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**About The Saskatchewan Science Centre**

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