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Edmonton-based ReNu Engineering is achieving the sustainable ideal – building a solid, environmentally responsible engineering practice on sound scientific knowledge.

Principal Stuart Fix is a pioneer in the Canadian Passive House movement, turning the energy savings concepts into a diversity of successful projects in the western provinces. "ReNu's focus has always been on pragmatically delivering the most cost effective, high performance buildings possible," Fix says. "We use a blend of building science and mechanical engineering to find the right balance between building envelope and HVAC systems to deliver comfortable, healthy and low-life cycle cost spaces for our clients."

"Sometimes the outcome is a Certifiable Passive House building, sometimes it is a Net Zero Energy building, and other times it is simply a 'damn good' building," he said.

The story behind ReNu's practice goes back a decade, when Fix was focusing his career as a mechanical engineer designing oilfield sector machinery, clearly at the opposite end of the environmental movement. "It was enjoyable work, and I learned a lot about detail-oriented, practical design in an international setting," he recalls. "I didn't, however, enjoy the boom/bust cycle of that industry, nor that I was ultimately contributing to a sector that we know must eventually play a lesser role in global energy supply."

"I sought out a new industry, and decided that buildings would be something we'll always need, and that the construction sector is a focal point for a large portion of the environmental movement."

Fix moved to Toronto for two years and completed a master's degree in building science. He also connected with the Passive House movement in its earliest days, founding Passive Buildings Canada (PHC) in 2009. (He has served on PHC's board for many years since, and he continues to serve on the US Passive House Institute's technical committee.)

Fix returned to Edmonton in 2010 "to practice the blend of building science and mechanical engineering that we still use today."

Today, ReNu Engineering has a team of five with technical, engineering, and sustainable construction ex-

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