

## THE WAY WE WERE

As Second World War veterans returned to Canada, the need for more housing became paramount. The Veteran's Land Act provided funding for projects such as this, and Victory homes resulted in small subdivisions springing up everywhere, including Georgetown. Walls and roofs were constructed at a central factory, then shipped to a final location for assembly. This 1947 photo shows Victory homes under construction on Normandy Boulevard, the first of four streets in Halton Hills to feature wartime housing, with many of the remaining homes listed on the Heritage register. Submitted by Heritage Halton Hills.

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## OPINION

# ONTO THE NEXT

AS ONE PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION, WE BEGIN PLANNING ANOTHER, WRITES TED BROWN



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Column

Back in May, I wrote about The Sidekick and I sprucing up the garage by cleaning it out and pouring a new concrete floor.

The process took longer than anticipated, but the floor is simply amazing, so smooth it almost shines.

We had two new garage doors installed, complete with electric door openers and we now feel like we're only slightly removed from royalty.

OK, I'm sure most of you already have garage door openers and probably have for years, so it might seem a bit frivolous that The Sidekick and I are almost giddy about these doors and their openers.

But we've been waiting for them for a long time, while the rest of my family have enjoyed pulling up to their garage as the door opens and closes behind them.

I can relate to a recent TV commercial in which a woman is talking to her

colleague at work about her new security system that is operated through an app on her smartphone.

She demonstrates it to her colleague, as she flips the app and says "Lights on, lights off."

Meanwhile, back at home, the lights are going on and off, and one kid says to her dad, "Mom's showing off the security app on her phone again..."

The first night The Sidekick came home after the garage door opener was installed, the door "magically" opened for her as she pulled up to the driveway.

So we're pretty pleased.

As with most upgrades

to a property, once one project nears completion, we scan the property for other possible things we could do before the snow flies.

After the garage was cleaned out, we realized how much space can be generated by eliminating useless stuff.

And peering across the yard, we looked at the driving shed as the next logical project.

The shed has a dirt floor, and that dirt has a nasty habit of tracking in to the house, especially when I've been in the shed in damp weather.

It's a problem that is more prevalent in the winter, when I use the tractor and snow blower to clear out the snow, then return to the house.

On top of that, my F150 pickup truck has traditionally sat outside in all sorts of weather since I bought it - simply because the garage doors are too

small and it's already filled with cars.

But the truck fits in the shed like a glove.

And since I recently sold off a couple of pieces of farm equipment I no longer use, I have ample space for the truck.

The best part: When it's in the shed, I don't have to clean the snow off it after a storm.

So the next project is a no-brainer: Pour a concrete floor in the shed.

Simple.

But like every project that starts out as a simple concept in one's mind, the next logical step was to add a roll-up door to the shed, and naturally, equip it with an electric door opener.

I now envision driving in the lane and pulling up to the roll-up door and driving right into the shed. Well, that will be so cool.

And not having to clear a foot of snow off the truck

after a storm is a huge bonus.

I haven't even mentioned that the snow blower will also be sitting on concrete - no more dirt tracked into the house. It's a win, win, win project.

So it's official. I look forward to OI' Man Winter blasting us, while the truck sits in the shelter of the shed, on a nice, clean concrete floor.

Oops, sorry, I just got carried away.

I'll take back that OI' Man Winter comment.

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