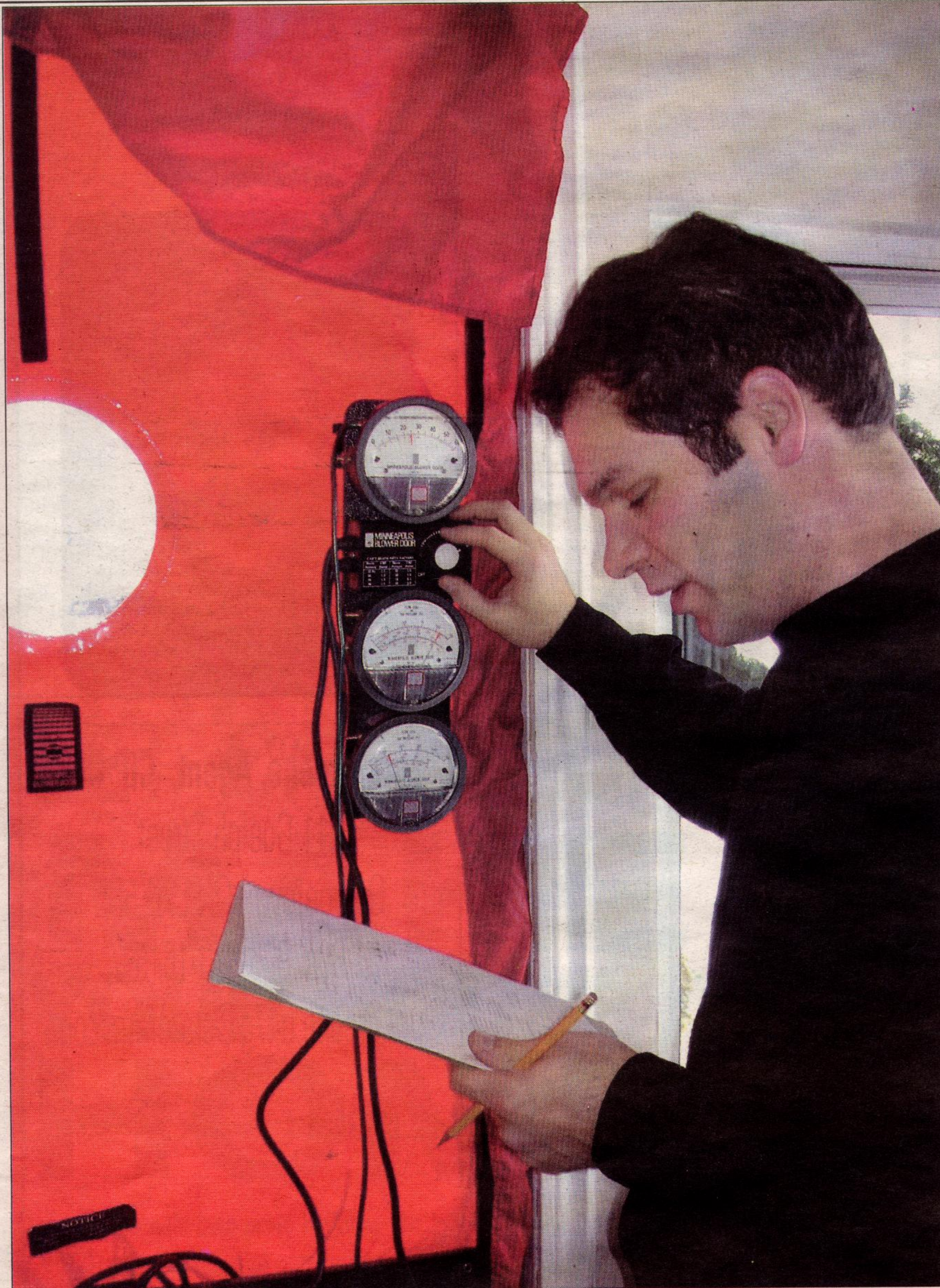


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Halton REEP certified energy advisor Shawn Powell takes readings during the blower door test during an EnerGuide for Houses visit.

Town and Hydro aid residents hit by heating costs

The Ontario Energy Board projects that energy prices will increase and homeowners will be paying more to heat their homes this winter. In response, the Town of Halton Hills and Halton Hills Hydro have joined together to increase the subsidy provided to homeowners getting an EnerGuide for Houses assessment through the Halton Residential Energy Efficiency Project (REEP).

There will be a special low price between now and December 31, for a limited number of households.

Since February, Halton Hills Hydro has been contributing \$25 towards an EnerGuide through Halton REEP. Starting November 1, the Town of Halton Hills will also contribute \$25 towards the energy efficiency assessment service. The combined subsidy will total \$50 and is available for the first 100 households who have their evaluation completed between now and December 31, 2005.

The Town of Halton Hills and Halton Hills Hydro recognize the value of the EnerGuide for Houses service provided by Halton REEP. Homeowners who follow through with the recommendations of their Certified Energy Advisor can reduce their energy costs by as much as 50 per cent, while at the same time earning a grant reward from Natural Resources Canada in the range of \$215 to \$4,580. The average grant amount earned is \$750. This is money returning to the community and available to support the local economy.

Homeowners and landlords wishing to take advantage of this offer can contact Robin Cooper, Halton REEP Program Manager at 905-873-2761 or book through www.thereep.ca.

EnerGuide for Houses was created in 1999 by the Government of Canada to help homeowners get independent, expert advice about the energy efficiency of their homes. Developed by the Office of Energy Efficiency of Natural Resources Canada in co-operation with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the program aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from the energy used in Canada's housing stock by improving their energy efficiency.

The program uses a 0 to 100 point scale for evaluating a home. Trained advisors, certified by licensed EnerGuide trainers, conduct the evaluations and provide recommendations. Advisors are not permitted to do any renovation work themselves, nor are they permitted to recommend contractors, thus ensuring independent and unbiased advice.

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