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Laurie Jamieson: Giving homes an eagle eye inspection

By L.M. VanEvery



Curiosity led Laurie Jamieson, 51, to be one of only a few female Home Inspectors in Ontario. "I've just always had an interest in seeing how it's done," says Laurie. She credits having an ironworker as a father who propelled her toward achieving her goal.

During her educational journey, she studied subjects that would add to the skills needed by a professional home inspector. In high school, Laurie enrolled in a drafting course and after two years, knew she wanted to continue on a path in the construction industry. She's worked for eight years as a carpenter's apprentice and she's also worked as a surveyor. In the late 1980s, Laurie attended Centennial College to study architecture.

In 1992, she graduated from a Construction Trades Orientation Program (CTOP) at Mohawk College that taught her 36 trades in 34 weeks, making the Dean's Honour List. In 1995, Laurie attended Working World to study computer literacy. Yes, home inspectors need to be computer savvy.

In 2004, Laurie enrolled in Mohawk College to begin earning a Home Inspection Certification. Laurie chose Mohawk College because it is recognized in the field as an excellent post secondary institution. Cognizant that the Home Inspection profession is one where women are underrepresented, credentials are important. Laurie graduated from the course in December 2008. During this time she also studied civil engineering strengthening her background for home inspection. Joining the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors (OAH) gave Laurie an opportunity to learn more and receive mentoring. OAH provides education on updates, trends and products. She's volunteered for the past four years on the OAH education committee and assists in organizing their annual conference. "I'm in charge of securing all exhibitors for the conference," she says. Volunteering also garners her mention in every conference program. "It's good for recognition," she says.

In 2008, with the help of Viola Hayde, Laurie participated in and graduated from **GREAT's** Self-Employment Assistance Program. She then started her business called Eagle Eye Property Consultants. The challenges she's experienced in establishing her business include maintaining business insurance which is expensive and on-going marketing. "It's difficult trying to keep up with professional development," she adds. Laurie has completed approximately 25% of the required home inspections needed for full certification and has recently secured a contract that will supply the remaining 75%.

In order to grow her business, Laurie became a Certified Energy Advisor in 2009 and completes energy audits for a non-profit organization. Last year, she graduated from **G.R.E.A.T's** Renewable Energy program where she made the Honour list again. She now sells solar and wind power. "I'm always learning," she says. For someone who wants to become a home inspector, Laurie's advice is to have a strong background in construction or engineering before entering the field. "You have to be knowledgeable and always be willing to learn." "If you believe, it will happen," she says. "A desire can overcome all obstacles."

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