

Making Spaces Beautiful for over 20 years

All across Kitchissippi, contractors' signs and building permit notices are sprouting like spring flowers. Renovation and infill projects abound in our area, recognized by many as one of the most desirable neighbourhoods in Ottawa. If you're thinking about a renovation or custom build project, wouldn't you want to have Amsted Construction – recently recognized as having completed the best renovation in Canada – working on your dream home?

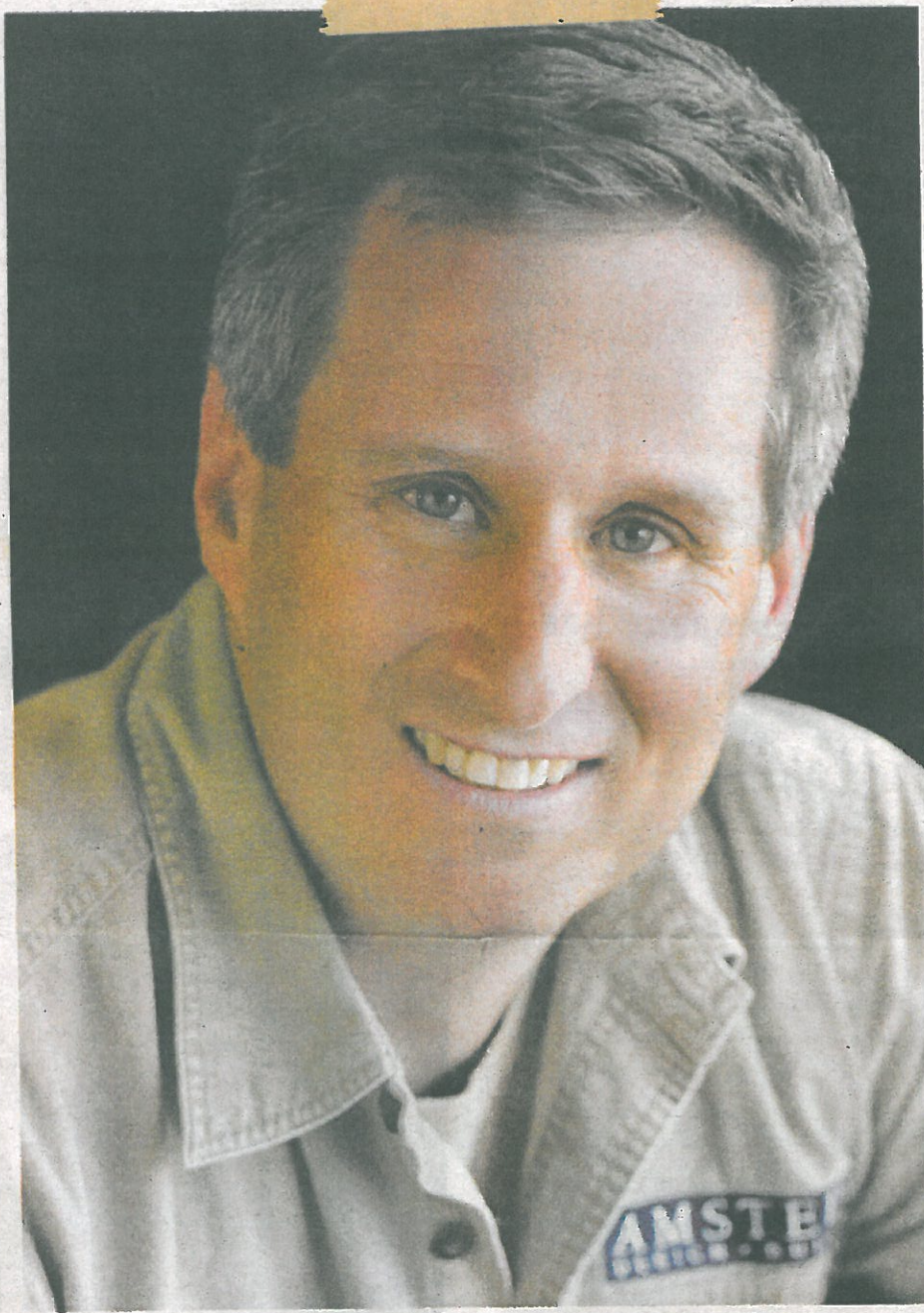
Having completed over 100 projects in the Kitchissippi area alone, the Amsted team is proud to have put its stamp on so many homes. Founded in 1989, the firm is now a full service design-build company, ready to see each project through from the conceptual stage to the finishing touches. "We have evolved to enhance our offerings because it just makes good sense," explains founder Steve Barkhouse.

There are multiple benefits to working with an experienced design-build firm. Chief among these are the cost savings, administrative ease and improvements in delivery time that come from working with a company that offers all key services in-house. "When we sit down with clients to plan a project, their budget is always on the table, right from the beginning. The design, planning and execution can thereby unfold in a very logical way, since we've worked to understand exactly what the client wants to accomplish and how much they wish to spend."

"Part of what makes our projects so hassle-free for clients is that our team is composed of highly skilled designers and builders, whom we bring on board from square one. These are folks who are experienced at assessing goals, exploring alternatives and recommending optimal solutions on everything from the design to the choice of finishes," says Steve. "Having our staff, who are all employees of the firm, involved collaboratively in the design process is invaluable. They are the ones who have the hands-on experience. They know what materials are available, which ones are good to work with and they offer so much in their conversations with clients."

Steve says an added benefit of having the workers who will actually be on the job site involved in the consultative process right from the beginning is that by the time the crew gets down to work, they've already built the job in their heads so everything goes much more smoothly.

The praise the Amsted team receives is substantial. Kate Whitfield and Rob



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Behrend, are delighted with the results of Amsted's work on their home overlooking Fairmont Park. "Your team was always professional and courteous; you exceeded our expectations in terms of attention to detail and professionalism. We would highly recommend Amsted Design-Build to anyone. Thank you for our beautiful 'new' home."

Steve is quick to credit his team with much of the firm's success. "I often tell people the greatest thing we've built in the last 25 years is not sticks or bricks, it's our team. We have many people who have been with us for 10, 15 and even 20 years. We are

grateful for their loyalty and I firmly believe our clients reap the rewards of working with people who are passionate about what they do and committed to Amsted's values."

One of those values is Amsted's long-standing commitment to eco-friendly work. "We have been green since the beginning. We built an R2000 house way back in 1990 before it was the popular thing to do. We stay abreast of all the latest innovations and can review with you all the green building options and related costs, and how they fit both your budget and lifestyle. Ultimately, it's up to you to decide how green you want

to go but we will provide all the guidance you need to make the right decisions."

Steve says in some ways green building is actually a very simple concept. "To us, green means sustainability, like using durable materials that are going to last. It's also thoughtful construction; we think it's more beneficial environmentally to build a project that is 200 square feet smaller but satisfies every need because of a fantastic, efficient design." Clearly, the experts agree as for the past four years, Amsted has been the winner of Ottawa's Green Renovation Project of the Year, just one of the many awards they've racked up.

Amsted's project roster includes more than just big renovations and custom builds, notes Steve. "We also have a full time team that does smaller projects; they service our existing clients who want something else done and also take on small projects for new clients, like a bathroom or a new deck, for example. We have been tremendously successful at this; we are now competing against companies that focus exclusively on kitchens and bathrooms, and winning awards for our work in these areas."

Amsted's commitment to Kitchissippi is perhaps best demonstrated by the opening last year of their Highland Avenue 'Amsted Living Room', a beautifully renovated home which serves as a local meeting point for prospective, current and even past clients. "Having this location helps us stay more connected and have a better local presence, not only for our clients but also for the numerous charitable organizations with whom we work very closely," says Steve. "People find our Living Room to be a convenient, cozy space to meet and finalize project details. "We are so pleased to now have an office in the community where we do so much work."

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