



**James Bazely  
President  
Gregor Homes Ltd.**

From the tallest teenager in Sault Ste. Marie to the tallest builder in Ontario, James Bazely has certainly grown to his potential. Being among the oldest of 12 children, James learned his exceptional communication skills at a young age. What started as a small Landscaping business in Northern Ontario, eventually grew James' career and opportunities into much more. When he started 'Bazely Landscaping' in 1985, he had no idea how far it would take him, and had not imagined the impact he would have on the entire housing industry of Ontario.

James' passion for excellence and unrelenting drive is evident in everything he does. He has demonstrated on many occasions that with the right people and the right cause, anything can be accomplished.

Gregor Homes was established in 1982, and has constructed hundreds of homes in the Barrie area. James started his career with Gregor Homes subcontracting 'Bazely Landscaping' and taking on the lawn maintenance at the company's model homes. Eventually James gave up his business to come on full time at Gregor Homes. Over the next 17 years with the company, he emerged as a leader, and in 2003, bought partial share of the company. Over the following years, James complimented Gregor's reputation of quality with one of after sales service. He also predicted the need for diversification, and launched two additional divisions, Outdoor

Living Landscapes, and Renovations, which now account for more than half of total annual revenue. In early 2009, James became sole proprietor of Gregor Homes.

James is a leader in promoting environmentally conscious building techniques, demonstrated by the efficiency and high performance of Gregor homes, and has proven that status quo is not acceptable in facing the challenges of today. Under James's guidance, Gregor Homes constructed the first "Green" certified home in Barrie and the first "Leed" certified home in Simcoe County.

Not only is James an extremely driven businessman, he is also a dedicated husband to his wife Gail of over 30 years. Together, they have three children, Melissa, David and Kathleen. James has been an inspiration to his family with his passion for helping the community, on a local and global basis.

As President of the Greater Barrie Home Builder's Association from 2004 to 2006, James was the catalyst for launching a campaign to build a home in less than 60 hours, with all proceeds going to the RVH Cancer Center. Under James' supervision, a second house was constructed in 2008 in less than 60 hours with proceeds going to the Guilda's club of Barrie.

Most recently, James co-chaired a project with his local builders association to completely reconstruct a home, all labour and materials donated, making it accessible. The home was for a local gentleman who at the age of 70, had fallen, and become a quadriplegic. .

Over the last 6 years, James has also launched and co-chaired annual ice fishing tournaments that combined, have contributed almost \$250,000.00 to local charities.

James was appointed President of the Ontario Home Builders Association in the term of 2009-2010, and during this time he became a member of the Executive Board of Directors with the Ontario Home Builder's Association. During this time he organized and chaired a provincial conference in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic where 180 members of the OHBA and family, constructed 6 houses in an extremely poor neighbourhood. Recently, between February of 2014 to present, James has been instrumental in the construction of a Youth Development Center for a charity operating in Puerto Plata.

As Second Vice President, First Vice President and as President of the Ontario Home Builder's Association, 2007 – 2010 James has represented the home building industry, working with all levels of government to review and create building guidelines that are reasonable, and ensure the sustainability of the industry as a whole. He has worked to alleviate the impact of HST on new homes and renovations, as well as the impact of inclusionary zoning and college of trades on the residential construction industry. James also chaired the Ontario Home Builder Accessible Housing Committee. During his time at the provincial level, James was also appointed to sit on the Lake Simcoe Advisory Committee by the Provincial Minister of the Environment.

James has come a long way since the days of 'Bazely Landscaping', and his voice and passion remains a continuum in the building industry.