

# BRINGING HOPE TO EDMONTON HOMEOWNERS



## GERRY'S STORY

Gerry originally applied for the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP), but was denied when the federal program was cancelled. Fortunately, the City of Edmonton rolled out the HOPE program and kept a list of RRAP applicants. He received a letter and application package from the City.

“the HOPE program does not waste taxpayer money, includes disability modifications and reduces utility costs.”

Typically, Gerry is not interested in government programs, but once he understood what HOPE offered, he responded differently. “I got my application in and received a call ten days later—no one operates this quickly,” he says.

He liked how he was able to use the assets he has in his home to get the money he needed and when he passes on, the money goes back into the program for another resident in need to access. “A bunch of my assets are wrapped up in my house, so why not use them?”

Gerry suffered a couple of bad falls, so he decided to get a special non-slip flooring (vinyl plank), giving him a safer accommodation.

For many years, he worked as an Environmental Consultant, which makes him interested in the energy efficient upgrades and reducing his carbon footprint. “What I’m looking for is a reduced utility bill,” he adds.

Gerry is so pleased with the HOPE program and the support he received from Dennis Lee, City Safety Codes Officer and HOPE Inspector, he says, “Seniors and citizens should take a hard look at the HOPE program.”

Gerry had his son, who happens to be a lawyer, review the contract before signing. He bought his condo 20 years ago in Edmonton south and lives alone. He was born and raised on a farm south of the city.