

## Lively resident going green with solar panels



Boris Iotzov, solar adviser with Grasshopper Solar, stands in front of his Lively home as crews work to install solar panels on his roof. Photo by Martha Dillman.

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Going green with solar panels was only a matter of time for Lively resident, Boris Iotzov.

"I've been for alternative energy and solar energy for many, many years," he said. "Last fall I decided to go ahead and look around for somebody to put a solar (panel) system on my roof."

Iotzov is a part-time solar adviser for Grasshopper Solar, a Toronto-based company that recently signed a deal with Forest & Lawn in Greater Sudbury to sell the solar panel systems in northern Ontario.

Workers began installing the 26 solar panels on his roof April 12. He estimates he should generate 20 to 30 kilowatts of electricity per day, on average.

Iotzov said once the panels, which cost \$43,000, are installed, a second hydro meter will be placed in his home.

He will still continue to pay Hydro One for electricity, but the power he generates from the panels will be sold back to Hydro One for 80.2 cents per kilowatt. He will make about \$550 per month from the electricity generated from the panels.

"The two systems are completely separate," he said. "It's not a net metering system. You sell everything you generate to the grid."

Although it's expensive to install the panels, Iotzov looks at it as a long-term investment, as they will pay for themselves in about seven years.

"It's definitely a great investment," he said.