



Newsletter

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Welcome!

As President of Canadians for Properly Built Homes (CPBH), it is my pleasure to welcome you to this first edition of our e-newsletter.

CPBH operates on a volunteer basis, and our Board of Directors has the benefit of an Advisory Council made up of experts in their fields from across the country. Since CPBH was founded 18 months ago, we have garnered the attention of key government organizations at all three levels. Not a week goes by without hearing from consumers in different parts of the country whose lifesavings have been put into houses they cannot or should not sell because of serious, frequently dangerous, deficiencies – affecting their health in addition to their pocketbooks. As consumers, we can make a difference by spreading the word to other consumers, and getting together to tell governments that this is unacceptable and the time for properly built homes is now. That's why CPBH is here.

To do this, I'm counting on you to get on board by spreading the word, encouraging your friends, family members and colleagues to sign up for this free e-newsletter, and by supporting CPBH in the other ways noted on our Web site. Together we can effect positive, meaningful change!



### Upcoming Federal Election: CPBH Takes a Stand

CPBH has identified six important issues for the federal government relating to new homes. Responses from the national parties are expected in the near future.

CPBH calls on the federal government to:

Revise the National Building Code, e.g., relating to energy efficiency.

Take the lead in the development of a builder rating system.

Ensure affordable housing units are properly built and go beyond the minimum of applicable Building Codes.

Conduct a national study on the health effects of improperly built homes and their impact on Canada's health care system.

Consult with consumers prior to finalizing housing policies.

Work with other levels of government to ensure Building Codes are enforced.

Read more:

<http://www.canadiansforproperlybulthomes.com/html/elections/index.html>



## Jan. 11, 2006 Breakfast Event at the National Press Club in Ottawa: CPBH and the Federal Election

Ottawa West – Nepean candidates will respond to the issues identified by CPBH on behalf of their parties. Please join us for this important event.

Details here:

<http://www.canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/html/upcoming/electionbreakfast.html>

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## Feb. 4, 2006 Ottawa Seminar: Essentials for Purchasing a Newly Built Home

Back by popular demand, information in this seminar is not provided in any other forum. Home purchasers cannot afford to miss this session! Discount for early registration!

Details here:

<http://www.canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/html/upcoming/seminar.html>

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## British Columbia class action suit launched against CMHC re the "leaky condo" crisis

A newly-elected Surrey, B.C. councillor and her husband are the representative plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit recently filed against the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation on behalf of all B.C. leaky condo owners.

Read more:

<http://www.canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/html/letters/condoclassaction.html>

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## Disappointments in Ontario in relation to consumer protection for new home purchasers

The McGuinty government recently introduced new consumer protection legislation, however, it contains no new protection for home purchasers, despite requests from many Ontarians for additional protection in this area. As well, in a reorganization of the McGuinty government, consumer protection is now buried in Ministry of Government Services.

Read more:

<http://www.canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/html/developments/thumbsdown/consumerprotection.html>

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## Americans are also struggling to get better consumer protection related to their newly built homes

Nancy Seats, President of Homeowners Against Deficient Dwellings (HADD) in the United States, provides a brief overview of some of the experiences and disappointments of our friends to the south.

Read more:

<http://www.canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/html/whatsnew/nancyseats.html>



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## CPBH Photo Gallery

See the new photos in our photo gallery!

To view:

[http://www.canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/html/photo\\_gallery.html](http://www.canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/html/photo_gallery.html)



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## Calling all Lawyers!

CPBH is encouraging all Canadian lawyers to support CPBH through our new fundraising initiative for Canada's legal community.

Details here:

<http://www.canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/html/getinvolved/corpprogram.pdf>

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