

Benefits of Membership

Credibility

As a member of CHBA Northern BC you are perceived by the consumer to be a professional, experienced, reliable builder or tradesperson. Use of the CHBA logo is available to all members in good standing. CHBA members agree to a voluntary Code of Ethics which is promoted to the public.

Education and Training

CHBA BC Northern BC regularly puts on two day seminars for Home Builders and related industry suppliers to assist them in keeping abreast of new technology, requirements and trends. Courses which lead to the Certified Residential Builder (CRB) and the Registered Housing Professional (RHP) are made available regularly in order for our members to upgrade their skills and stay ahead of the competition.

Ten General Membership Dinner Meetings annually

Build relationships with builders, suppliers and related professionals monthly by attending these complimentary dinner meetings for members. Each evening has a keynote speaker, relevant to the industry. Exclusive dinner meeting sponsorship opportunities are available to position your company strategically in front of the local home builders.

Annual Fun Golf Tournament

CHBA Northern BC coordinates a great, fun golf tournament annually for the benefit of its current and future members

Annual Membership Directory

Your company and contact information is listed under your category as well as alphabetically. You have the opportunity to take out an ad in the directory as a member for a nominal rate to give your company more exposure. Four thousand directories are distributed annually in key locations throughout the city as well as at the home show

Member Referrals

Often the Northern BC Home Builders Office is phoned by a consumer asking for a home builder or member trades person. We are quick to provide contact information for our members as a referral.

Web Site

Your company and contact information is listed by category on the Central Interior Home Builders website, www.chbanorthernbc.ca

Canadian Home Builders Association of BC and Canadian Home Builders Association

Your membership includes membership in CHBA-BC, the provincial organization that advocates for industry regarding appropriate education, training and the elimination of the underground homebuilders who jeopardize the whole industry. It also includes membership in CHBA, the national body that lobbies the federal government on issues relevant to the homebuilding industry like Insurance. These groups are well respected and influential with elected officials in advocating on behalf of the Home Builder Industry sector.

Leadership/Personal and Professional Growth

Every member has the opportunity to chair a committee or run for a Board Director position of

the organization at the local, provincial or national level. The experience and connections made are invaluable and are reflected in the success of your business

Advocacy

CHBA Northern BC is the voice of the residential builders for Northern BC and is often consulted by municipal departments and media on residential building topics and issues.

Standard Contract Documents

The following standards contract documents are available for a nominal cost to CHBA members:

- Construction Agreement
- Renovation Agreement
- Construction Specifications
- Builder & Sub Contractor Agreement
- Purchaser and Contractor Agreement
- Change of Work Orders
- Costing Estimates
- Offer to Purchase
- Sales Agreement

Your membership gives you advocacy at all three levels of government

CHBA Northern BC (75 members)

At the local level, our focus continues to be: monitoring and participating in discussions with our municipal counterparts regarding DCCs and other issues pertaining to local residential building, growing Annual spring Home Show to promote our members and to educate the consumer on 'green' alternatives for homes, and represent positively the residential housing industry to the media and all levels of government. Over the past several years, your local has developed a solid public profile in the community and actively participates at both the provincial and national levels of the organization.

Canadian Home Builders' Association of BC (1700+ members)

Our provincial association, CHBA BC, is focusing on our industry managing our own training and education needs via an **independent Builder's Institute**, assisting government with the implementation of the **Green Building Code**, promoting the **Built Green Program**, and lobbying government on providing **grants to municipalities for infrastructure development** related to growth so that DCC's are not used to totally accommodate infrastructure financial requirements. This past few months the focus at all three levels of the association has been the HST. We have been lobbying the Provincial and Federal Governments to try to mitigate the impact of this new tax on the consumer. The government is listening to our concerns.

Canadian Home Builders' Association (8000 + members)

At the National Level, CHBA's priorities for 2009/10 are: The **HST** and its impact on the housing market the **environment** – and more specifically, the energy efficiency of the homes we build, and the environmental responsibility of our industry, the shortage of skilled **people** that we need in all areas of our businesses, the **infrastructure investment** that is critical to the future prosperity and quality of life in the communities we build, and the **government-imposed costs** that continue to drive up home prices.