



Canadian Home Builders' Association

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NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!!!

General Membership Meeting

Back by popular demand is our "Building Construction Industry Forum"

Date: January 11, 2007
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Meet & Mix
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Prime Rib Dinner
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - Meeting
Place: Nanaimo Golf Club
Cost: \$30 Members
\$40 Non-Members

Our January 11th dinner meeting will be the "Building Construction Industry Forum". This is one meeting not to be missed.

The Canadian Homebuilders' Association (CHBA) and the City of Nanaimo are co-hosting the 4th Annual Building Construction Industry Forum. The Forum will provide a review of the current status and up in coming challenges in the industry as well as what we can expect in 2007 and beyond.

This forum is open to all participants in the building construction industry, including general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, architects, engineers, surveyors, designers, developers, consultants, bankers, lawyers and municipal staff from the Regional District of Nanaimo and the City of Nanaimo.

The forum will consist of 15 three- and five-minute presentations from people involved in different aspects of the building construction industry. Presentations will focus on

trends, new innovations, up in coming challenges, and what can be expected in the building construction industry over the next one- and five-year periods. This forum is designed to be interactive and allow for questions, answers and discussion on issues affecting the building construction industry in central Vancouver Island.

You are encouraged to invite members of your company/organization, or all other members of the local building construction industry (please confirm names of all people attending). If you require further information and/or clarification regarding this forum or wish to participate as a presenter, please contact Penny McMann, CHBA-Nanaimo, at (250) 758-2256 or Toby Seward at the City of Nanaimo (250) 755-4424. Pre-registration with payment is required, cheques are payable to CHBA-Nanaimo.

There are still a few seats available for this meeting. To reserve a seat please contact the office by Friday, January 5, 2007. You MUST have a seat reserved to attend this meeting.

Name: _____

Company: _____

ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Your Board members will be having their annual planning meeting on January 30th. If you have ideas, comments or suggestions for the members, please contact the office prior to January 15th so they can be included in the Agenda.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Despite the snowy afternoon on December 14th we had a great turnout for our Christmas party. Thanks again to Fred Brooks for providing the poinsettias for the tables and congratulations to all prize winners. Thanks also to the members that donated draw prizes for the evening. A special thanks to Doug Bromage. Doug won the Texas Mickey and then proceeded to auction it off with the proceeds going to the Salvation Army. Duane Beausoleil was the high bidder and donated \$220 to Dawne Anderson of the Salvation Army. CHBA members and guests collected a large amount of food and toys for the Salvation Army. In addition the CHBA Executive donated a \$725 cheque to Dawne Anderson for the Christmas Kettle campaign. A very special presentation of a \$2000 cheque was made to Stacy Milne from Penny McMann. Penny presented the cheque to Stacy on behalf of Brad Harley. Brad won the Steve Marshall car at our golf tournament in June. He sold the car and donated the profits to Stacy Milne for the "Relay for Life" cancer fundraiser being held June 15, 2007.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

In December the Nanaimo City Council approved the zoning for the affordable housing project at the corner of Bowen and Meredith Road. Plans will now get underway as soon as possible. Further details will be coming and a task force will be appointed. Stay tuned for further developments with this great project.

CHBA-DIRECTORY – HOME BUILDING AND RENOVATION GUIDE

Our latest version of the CHBA-Nanaimo Membership Directory will be available at the office for members and local businesses soon. This is a very informative directory which highlights our association. It includes consumer articles, a complete membership directory and contact information for CHBA affiliates. Make sure you pick up your free copies to have available at your place of business and to distribute to all of your clients.

FINALISTS FOR THE 2006 NATIONAL SAM AWARDS

Finalists have been announced for the 2006 “National” SAM Awards. Our congratulations go out to Mountainvista Contracting Ltd. as a finalist for their Custom Home under 2,500 square feet. The winners will be announced at the National Conference in Quebec in February. Good Luck Gordon and Marilyn!

CODE CHANGE SEMINAR FOR 2007

An e-mail was distributed to members in December for registration for the Code Change seminar. It is being held in Nanaimo on February 9th & 10th at the Grand Hotel. To register for this seminar you must register directly with BOABC. Their contact information is 604-270-9116 or you can download the registration form at www.boabc.org, under “What’s new”.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

The Financial Management Seminar, which is part of the “Certified Residential Building” courses, will be held in Nanaimo on February 23rd and 24th. To register please contact the office. Deadline for registration is February 10th.