

# *Central Vancouver Island*

Canadian  
Home Builders'  
Association



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# NEWSLETTER

Now that the world has gone home, we've collected our gold medals (YAY CANADA!) and seemed to have skipped winter this year; we have a busy season ahead of us! The CHBA National Conference is all this week in Victoria, next week we hope to see you at our monthly Members Dinner Meeting, followed by Provincial Meetings in Vancouver, education, seminars and on and on... Please take a moment (or two or three) to update yourself through the memo below, then peruse the attachments for info on the National Scene, an Economic update and more.

Our Annual Supplier's Night & Auction is also quickly approaching. Please mark your calendars... the actual event date is Thursday, **APRIL 15TH** not the 8th as previously published. Again, we look forward to seeing you next week at our monthly dinner meeting. Please read on for more info...

## **CHBA-CVI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Meet & Mix:** 5:30 pm  
**Dinner:** 6:00 pm  
**Meeting Start:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Coast Bastion Inn

**Dinner by Reservation only - Contact 250.755.1366**

### **Guest Speakers for the March General Members Meeting:**

- Scott Manson of Smart Spaces
- Gail Hadfield of Access Nanaimo

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER:

- Mike Schwartz of **Schwartz Bros. Construction Ltd.**

## UPCOMING INFO & EVENTS

### **CHBA National Conference March 5th-7th \*THIS WEEKEND\***

The CHBA National Conference is in Victoria this year and this is the closest and most economical opportunity for you to attend and experience a conference presented by the National Association. Not only are these conferences very educational with the best guest presenters they are a lot of fun. For the latest Conference information and to book on-line go to [www.chba.ca/conference](http://www.chba.ca/conference)

### **Education & Training Seminars**

- Project Management & Site Supervision - **Wednesday, March 10th**

Early registration is a MUST for these programs to be brought to the Central Vancouver Island region. If you are interested in attending this seminar or would like a specific course brought back to our area (from Duncan, to Port Alberni, to Port Hardy) call Michelle Ripoli at CHBA BC directly at 1-877-568-9778 or register on-line at [www.chbabc.org](http://www.chbabc.org).

Reminder – members are invited to sign up for the **free** Safety Management training courses taking place this month in Victoria. (See attached for exact dates and outline of training). As many of you may know Safety Management Training and COR Auditor Training provides companies with essential skills for managing and improving their safety processes and safety culture in an effort to reduce injuries within BC's construction industry.

Also, if you aren't already COR certified this is a great opportunity for companies to get COR certified and get a rebate on their **WorkSafeBC** premiums. By putting an employee through the Auditor Training now this will give companies enough time to submit their audit and qualify for a rebate this coming year. 248 companies certified in COR last year for a total of \$3.2 million in rebates. To register or for more info contact:

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### **17th Annual Suppliers Night & Auction – April 15th (new date!)**

Mark your calendars, make a fabulous donation to this event and book your exhibition table now as there are only a limited number available for this exciting night. **Print off the attached notice for all the details...**

## **The Nanaimo News Bulletin's Coastal Living Full Page Ad**

"Coastal Living" is a feature section of the Nanaimo News Bulletin that comes out on the last Saturday of every month. The CHBA-CVI has embarked on a yearlong campaign to promote our association and become a recognizable face in the community. We have 8 advertising spots available per quarter for our members. Its only \$100per month = \$300 per quarter and there are a few spots still available for April-June. Please contact [Dayna@chbacvi.com](mailto:Dayna@chbacvi.com) to reserve a space or for more information.

## **Please Update your Payment Information**

To simplify collecting monthly dinner payments and clear up outstanding accounts, please fill out the Credit Card info form (attached) so that your dinner and payments can be billed directly to your cc for future meetings. Thank you.

Also, this year bidders at the Auction will be required to sign a fresh credit card imprint when picking up their bidding number at registration to streamline the event. 😊

## **CHBA Green House at Hawthorne**

The fundraising and demonstration house at Hawthorne is now underway. Please contact Penny McMann directly at 250-616-0313 to get involved with this project. A marketing and promotional plan and a donation form will soon be available on the website. Go to [www.chbacvi.com](http://www.chbacvi.com) for updates.

## **News from your Fellow Member...**

Gillingham Cabinets has Cut its "carbon footprint" in Half. It is the first major kitchen cabinet manufacturer on Vancouver Island to measure its greenhouse gas emissions, and on top of that – to implement a plan to eliminate more than half of them.

At the beginning of 2009, Gillingham Cabinets started using "low VOC" wood – standard in all cabinets. Low VOC wood has much lower "off-gassing" of VOCs (volatile organic compounds). They then looked into what recycling options this made possible.

It may seem simple enough to start a recycling program, but recycling the volume of scrap left over from building lots of cabinets every day isn't quite as easy as putting out paper & plastic at the curb. It is with great relief that they recycle this material now, because over 80% of their waste was organic matter that would decompose into methane - a very potent greenhouse gas. The result is that by making this change to the business, they were able to have such a big impact on their carbon footprint.

Gillingham Cabinets showroom in Nanaimo is on Mostar Road, and their manufacturing facility is in Duncan. They have resellers in Courtenay and Victoria. More information on their website at [www.gillinghamcabinets.com](http://www.gillinghamcabinets.com)

## **Train Station Restoration Update**

The response for expressions of interest has been very strong and we look forward to tendering the project in mid March. It has been so good in fact, that we are unable to keep up with the telephone messages. Please communicate via e-mail as much as possible to ensure we are able to address all of your questions ([nanaimotrainstation@tectonica.ca](mailto:nanaimotrainstation@tectonica.ca)).

There have been a number of interested parties requesting more information on what form their expression of interest should take. To help, please find attached a draft version of the CCDC 11 for reference. Interested parties are welcome to use a valid copy of the CCDC 11 OR summarize the information requested on the CCDC 11 in a letter. We do not need to have an exhaustive list of your experience, but there should be adequate information to prove your relevant experience.

All interested parties must submit a written expression of interest that outlines their relevant experience. It is important that this expressions of interest be more in depth than a simple e-mail or telephone call as the information presented will be the basis for the pre-qualification process. To maintain a fair process, we will be unable to pre-qualify any trade that has not submitted a written expression of interest. Thank you. (See attachments for details)

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**HST:** Below you'll find a couple of links for information regarding the HST which may be of interest for companies involved in construction and home building – thanks Marc.

[http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/documents\\_library/shared\\_documents/HST/new-housing-rebates.pdf](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/documents_library/shared_documents/HST/new-housing-rebates.pdf)

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