



CHBA Fall Meetings in Ottawa – The CHBA’s Board of Directors, Standing Committees and Councils will hold their fall meetings this month at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel. In addition, the CHBA Vision Action Committee met this month to review strategic priorities, the status of recommendations from 2010 and develop new recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval. Members will get a full report from the Vision Action Committee at the Annual Meeting of Members in Mont-Tremblant in March, 2012.

Stairs, Handrails and Guards - The Canadian Code Centre has formed 4 subtask groups to consider changes to the requirements in the National Building Code for stairs, guards and handrails. These include increases in guard height, graspability of handrails and changes to wider stair dimensions. The CHBA is represented on all 4 subtask groups which meet via conference call on a regular basis.

CHBA Urban Council – The CHBA Urban Council will meet this month and undertake a review of key current and emerging issues. Provincial HBA Presidents or representatives will be commenting on recent provincial elections and note how the results may affect Urban Council priority issues. A major new research report by the Altus Group on Community-Wide Benefits of Basic Urban Infrastructure will also be discussed. The Council will also hear from Chris Lorenc, author of a major report on infrastructure financing for the City of Winnipeg and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. A panel of Alberta-based Urban Council members will describe changes underway in their province, again from an Urban Council perspective. Wrapping up, Ed Charlton, Senior Manager of Devon Estates Limited, an Imperial Oil subsidiary will outline opportunities and barriers relating to residential development on brownfield sites. Members interested in any of these topics will find relevant documents from the meeting posted in the Members’ Area of www.chba.ca (Under Committees and Councils).

October is Renovation Month – Special thanks to this year’s national sponsors: Home Hardware Building Centre, Genworth Financial Canada and Delta. The theme this year is “Your Home Deserves a Pro” to draw attention to the benefits of hiring a professional renovator for home renovation projects.

CHBA National SAM Awards – The deadline for entries for the 2011 CHBA National SAM Awards is November 4. Entry forms and detailed information is available from www.chba.ca/SAMS.

2011 CHBA National Awards – The work of our dedicated national volunteers makes a huge difference to our industry and deserves both appreciation and recognition. The CHBA National Awards Program offers a tangible way to show how much we value their work of those that serve on our national Board, Standing Committees and Councils. It’s also a great way to recognize the tremendous achievements of our provincial and local HBAs in the important work and community service that they do. Members of the national Board of Directors, local and provincial HBA Presidents and Executive Officers are encouraged to nominate a hard-working volunteer, or a HBA, for a prestigious national CHBA award.

All of the entry forms and background material that you require on the CHBA National Awards Program are available now in the Members’ Area of the CHBA website. Please be sure to review the Eligibility Requirements carefully as you prepare your entries. Contact Michael Gough at the national office (gough@chba.ca) with any questions or to seek assistance in completing the entry forms. The deadline for entries is December 16.

Create and Transform in Mont-Tremblant – ‘Create and Transform’, the theme of the 2012 CHBA National Conference, March 16-18, 2012 at the Fairmont Tremblant Resort in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec. Confirmed Conference speakers include General Rick Hillier, Former Chief of the Defence Staff for Canadian Forces, Mitch Joel, author of the business best-seller Six Pixels of Separation and columnist on digital media, Sean Wise, venture capitalist and known for his role on CBC Television’s Dragon’s Den, and Dr. Nick Bontis, ranked among the Top 30 management gurus world-wide, and recognized by the Harvard Business Review and Fortune Magazine as "a pioneer and one of the world's real experts in intellectual capital." All Conference attendees registered by December 14 can take advantage of reduced early registration fees and also be eligible to win one of two prize packages courtesy of Stanley Black and Decker. Each of these great packages includes the Grayson Handleset by Weiser and the Mystique Spring Kitchen Faucet by Pfister. Visit www.chba.ca/conference to register and for more details.