

Provincial Renovation Council Report to Local HBAs

The following information is from the National Renovation Council Meetings held on October 25th, 2013:

National SAM Awards:

The Call for Entries for the National SAM Awards has been sent out. This is a reminder to all renovators to submit their entries before November 8th, 2013. Don't forget about the NEW Green Renovation Award category. The Call for Entries can be found at www.chba.ca/SAMS.

RenoMark Update:

Advertising was placed in two issues of the Canadian House & Home magazine prominently featuring the RenoMark logo and website. RenoMark's website had 35,000+ unique visitors last year (an increase from the previous year). Each local is responsible for updating the content on their RenoMark website.

Reducing Floor Risk through Strategic Renovations:

The Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR) is a world-class centre for multi-disciplinary disaster prevention research and communications. The ICLR was established by Canada's property and casualty (p&c) insurance industry as an independent, not-for-profit research institute affiliated with the University of Western Ontario. Institute staff and research associates are international leaders in wind and seismic engineering, atmospheric science, risk perception, hydrology, economics, geography, health sciences, public policy and a number of other disciplines. Their website is: www.iclr.org

Renovation Month:

Home Hardware is once again coming to the table to support Renovation Month next year in October of 2014. Last year they gave away a Toyota SUV and provided a vast amount of educational video and on-line content for consumers to support CHBA and RenoMark Renovators. This year they are seeking ideas from the Renovators. Please send any suggestions to: todd@revisionrenovations.com.



CMHC:

CMHC's "Green Renovation Guide for Renovators" is expected to be ready for electronic distribution by the end of 2013. It will be available on their website.

National Building Codes:

NRCan (National Resources Canada) – Canadian Code Center is said to be working on tailoring building codes for Renovations. This is in the very early stages at the moment. The National Building Code can be viewed at www.nationalcodes.ca and is updated weekly.