



Newsletter

Canadians for Properly Built Homes

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### A message from our co-founders

Consumers from across Canada communicate with CPBH regularly, raising their issues and concerns and asking for assistance. CPBH reviews the information received and suggests offices that may be able to assist.

*"CPBH helped me by providing unlimited support, put me in touch with the right people and helped moving things along with my home issues. I would have done nothing without the help and the support I received from CPBH."*

*CPBH's work is important because they increase awareness amongst homeowners, work with officials across Canada, spend lots of time and efforts to promote legislations to ensure that home buyers receive quality built homes and most importantly better protection and real warranty."*

Tarek El-Cheikh, London, Ontario

*"CPBH has helped me immensely by knowing I am not alone. And I appreciate its efforts."*

John Dixon, Edmonton, Alberta

Have you been helped by CPBH? If so, please do make a donation.

**We need your help. CPBH needs funding for basic operating costs like web site hosting and maintenance, Directors' liability insurance and general office expenses. Our funding comes exclusively from donations from folks like you. We receive no government support and, while we are proud of our independence and non-partisanship, we must ask you to help us keep the doors open.**

We are grateful to be able to keep costs at a minimum through the goodwill of our volunteers. CPBH has about 40 volunteers across the country who give their time – no one gets paid a cent. That speaks volumes to their commitment to CPBH and certainly inspires ours!

Let's keep working together toward our vision: Healthy, safe, durable, energy efficient residential housing for Canadians.

***Karen Somerville and Alan Greenberg***





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## Ontario

### Update on the Tarion Review

The Government of Ontario has appointed Justice Douglas Cunningham to conduct a review of the Tarion Warranty Corporation and the legislation it administers, The Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act. Justice Cunningham is wrapping up a series of town hall meetings held in numerous locations across the province. He is also accepting input via e-mail at [Tarionreview@ontario.ca](mailto:Tarionreview@ontario.ca).

Recently, Justice Cunningham encouraged CPBH to conduct a confidential consumer survey and submit the results to him as part of his Tarion Review. CPBH agreed to do this. We received an enthusiastic response and are now analyzing the results with a view to submitting a report to Justice Cunningham by June 1. Thank you for responding and helping us to provide valuable information to this Review in this way.



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## National

### CPBH Spring Fundraising Campaign is underway now!

May 20, 2016 marked CPBH's 12 anniversary! Homeowners know that we'll be there when they are facing challenges with their new homes, raise awareness through the media, advocate for change and participate in government initiatives to bring lasting change. We have connected with thousands of people over the years and know how devastating the problems with improperly built homes can be – that's why we started CPBH!

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*"CPBH's work is important because they are an organization for support and not a business to make money. They are there just to help and provide guidance and not to sell you a product. Their only profit is getting homeowners what they deserve."*

Tarek El-Cheikh, London, Ontario

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*Please take a moment to show you value CPBH's work:*

<http://www.canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/html/donate/index.html>



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## Manitoba

### **Count down to the New Home Warranty Legislation with Multiple Approved Warranty Providers!**

Starting on Jan. 1, 2017, Manitoba's New Home Warranty Act will come into effect. It will offer Manitobans a choice of warranty providers!

Did you know the province of Manitoba asked CPBH for information and recommendations as it developed its new warranty program? CPBH is recognized as an authority on consumer protection among governments. They kindly sent a letter of thanks for the input they received.

“Manitobans who buy a new home can be assured they have a strong warranty with their purchase after the legislation comes into force Jan. 1, 2017, Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport and Consumer Protection Minister Ron Lemieux announced today.

The legislation will be administered and enforced by the Consumer Protection Office. The minister said an easy-to-use online public registry will allow Manitobans to look up the address of any home registered in the system to find out information regarding the builder and warranty coverage.”

More: <http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=37357>

British Columbia and Alberta have multiple home warranty provider programs in place now. They avoided a monopoly model and instead offer competition to the market place giving builders and consumers choice. Competition means striving for better quality and service to consumers and keeping prices down.

Ontario and the rest of Canada deserve no less!

Have you signed the petition to #EndTarionMonopolyNOW? Do you know someone who would?

Now's the time! Do it now at <http://tinyurl.com/z6ysez8>



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## Alberta

### **Alberta Fires and Rebuilding Fort McMurray**

Like all Canadians, CPBH has been watching the devastating fires in Alberta with hope and best wishes for all Albertans. Soon the rebuilding will begin. CPBH wrote to Minister Danielle Larivee who is responsible for the Building Code in Alberta and asked her to ensure that as the new construction occurs, that the Building Code is met.

CPBH has received numerous reports that when the original housing boom in Fort McMurray took place, there were far too many homes with shoddy construction and Code violations. CPBH understands that this is a challenging time, and that many Albertans need housing urgently. But Codes are focused on health and safety, and there should be no corners cut in this regard.

[http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/cp\\_building](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/cp_building)





## About CPBH

Canadians for Properly Built Homes (CPBH) is a national, not for profit corporation dedicated to healthy, safe, durable, energy efficient residential housing for Canadians, and is the only organization of its kind in Canada. Working for consumer awareness and protection, CPBH is run by a volunteer Board of Directors and is supported by a volunteer Advisory Council of industry experts and other key stakeholders. CPBH earned "partner" status with the Canadian Consumer Information Gateway (Industry Canada).

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