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Greetings,

We hope this finds you keeping well and coping with the new world we find ourselves in. Many used to find that the fast pace of life was pressure laden, pre-pandemic. Well, the pace has changed. Now, there are new sources of stress to confront us.

But we will get through this together, with an abundance of patience, resilience and careful attention to protecting ourselves and others from the virus. Past generations' examples of getting through natural disasters, wars and pandemics show us we can and will overcome this threat.

One thing that hasn't changed is our advocacy and consumer protection work. The building industry has forged ahead with its initiatives and CPBH volunteers have been as busy as ever.

In this bulletin, we'd like to bring your attention to radon gas and a special opportunity for homeowners across Canada. We have some thoughts to share on the Ontario Ford government's ramming through of Bill 159, as it relates to the new home warranty monopoly – Tarion – and are linking the two deputations we made on that subject. As well, the Ontario government received the submission we developed on Tarion and the new Home Construction Regulatory Authority (HCRA) regulations they are developing. You will recall that Ontario removed the responsibility for regulating builders from the home warranty monopoly, Tarion. HCRA is the new organization created to regulate builders. At this time, regulations are being developed for both organizations. Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make these initiatives possible. We appreciate your help!

As ever, we are inspired to continue our work by the heartbreaking stories we hear from families, seniors, and young people getting into their first homes, all thrust into the nightmare of working through the problems associated with homes riddled with building code violations. As the temperature drops, we are already hearing from people freezing in newly built homes due to inadequate or faulty HVAC systems. We hear from people who get sick needlessly because of mould in their homes, and others who are risking bankruptcy as part of the battle to get their homes fixed. We see the impacts on families and relationships as battle-weary consumers keep trying to get the home for which they paid so much money. Many will have mortgages for decades.

We hope the work we do will inspire you to [support us](#) in our fall fundraising campaign. We need your help to keep our doors open!

CPBH has helped thousands of Canadians get through their new home challenges over the years, and we want to be there for those who will inevitably continue to show up. The path to a better regime for consumers, you will recall, was set out by Justice Cunningham in his Tarion Review. That path is now set out in Bill 169 and there *will* be another provincial election. The contents of the then Bill 169 can also serve to inspire other provinces to improve their regimes. The groundwork is there. The support is there.

We're steadfast!

Karen Somerville and Alan Greenberg
Canadians for Properly Built Homes Co-founders

*#NeverGiveUp #ConsumerProtection #EnforceTheCode #TarionIsBeyondRepair #Don'tStopBelievin' #EndTarionMonopolyNOW
#DumpTheLAT #RadonActionMonth*



Radon is a serious health concern and November is Radon Action Month in Canada: two things

First, get your home tested! Radon is a radioactive gas emitted from the soil and rock. It exists across Canada in varying amounts. You can't detect it but it is the second leading cause of lung cancer in Canada, killing more than 3,000 Canadians every year.

November is the best time to get your home tested for radon levels according to experts, so please look into how to get that done here: <http://canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Oct.-2020-Radon-Bulletin.pdf> . A test is done with a device that detects radon in your home over a three-month period, so now is the time to get started.

Second, good news! Knowledge is power where radon is concerned, so we are delighted to tell you that an investigative journalist team is interested in doing a story about radon. To do this, they need homeowners who have radon test results above the recommended ceiling to speak with them and share their results – by **December 20, 2020**. If you want to participate or have questions, please contact us at info@canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com.



Prime Minister announces \$1 billion Rapid Housing Initiative

As part of the National Housing Strategy, the PM announced on October 27, 2020 a new initiative to provide permanent housing for vulnerable and homeless Canadians. The federal government is providing funds to help municipalities build long-term, affordable housing. This is part of the \$1 billion rapid housing initiative to create up to 3,000 new permanent, affordable housing units across Canada.

👍 CPBH is pleased to see this national initiative and that Canada is serious about eliminating homelessness. We hope the new units will be properly built in accordance with the Building Code.

More: <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/nhs/rapid-housing-initiative>

<https://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/covid-19-canada-responds/episodes/66283948/>

<https://twitter.com/JustinTrudeau/status/1321116254510469122?s=20&fbclid=IwAR1V1JEcoi1il4t1DUBINBiIPB0BXsPAWyzeBj86JdnrlUJNtKVcQ2MufG4>



Important update about Ontario's new home warranty monopoly, Tarion

The day the Ontario Ford government rammed through Bill 159, an omnibus Bill that contained a section on Tarion, was a sad one for all who had worked so hard to see the Tarion monopoly dismantled. Bill 159 did nothing for consumers and everything for builders. You will recall that the PCs said they supported an end to the Tarion monopoly before they were elected and did a complete about face on that once in power.

On the up-side, every single MPP outside Ford's conservatives voted against Bill 159: the NDP, the Liberals, the Greens and the one Independent. Consumers were against it. Indeed, the only people who supported Bill 159 were the builders. The PCs stood blatantly alone in this initiative.

An election will come to Ontario and we will remember this. The coalition of people who stood in favour of consumers on that day, or their colleagues, will still be there. Much has been accomplished and we will be ready to move forward again with a reintroduction of what was Bill 169 when the time is right. More here:

<https://www.change.org/p/doug-ford-end-tarion-s-new-home-warranty-monopoly-now-and-give-ontarians-a-choice/u/27321058>

Here is the content of the **CPBH presentation made in January 2020 to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy about Bill 159 and the Tarion Warranty Corporation**. For those not familiar with Daniel Brown-Emerly's story, please take a moment to read it here: <http://canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Jan.-22-2020-Bill-159-CPBH-Package-submitted-to-Standing-Committee-on-Justice-Policy.pdf>

CPBH also made a deputation to the Standing Committee on General Government in June 2020 on the same subject. Do you know the Wheelers' story? Read it here: <http://canadiansforproperlybulthomes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/June.-22-2020-Final-Bill-159-Presentation-to-the-Standing-Committee-on-General-Government.pdf>



CPBH input to Ford government's regulation development for Tarion and the new Home Construction Regulatory Authority (HCRA)

One might hesitate to call the Ontario government's recent process shrouded in secrecy and authoritarian direction a consultation, however, CPBH did spend a lot of time developing feedback to the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS) on their draft regulations. You will find here a good summary of the issues that should be addressed in the development of the regulations: <http://canadiansforproperlybulthomes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Oct.-19-2020-CPBH-input-re-HCRA-Tarion-Regulations.pdf>



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