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HRAI was proud to co-sign the May 30, 2013, *Joint Statement by the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) industry in Canada*: <http://www.canadiansforproperlybuilt homes.com/html/HVAC/2013/May302013HVACIndustry-final.pdf>

The following is a list of activities and initiatives that HRAI has led or participated in that demonstrate the association's ongoing support for the principles embodied in the Joint Industry Statement:

- Held discussions with the Ontario College of Trades (OCOT) on industry concerns regarding enforcement of licenses, apprenticeship ratios, OCOT governance and accountability, fees, and how better to work with TSSA.
- In partnership with the Standards Council of Canada and other stakeholders, worked on an approach to achieving better alignment in codes and standards, as well as energy efficiency regulations, between Canadian and U.S. as they affect the electrical, plumbing and HVACR sectors.
- Made a submission to the Ontario Tarion Warranty Corporation on the training and certification needs of new home builders including a recommendation that HRAI's training programs be considered as part of the builder education program.
- Updated and improved the on-line HRAI worksheets available to designers which are now available in fillable pdf format and added new ventilation worksheets that have airflow labels that allow municipalities or companies to track critical installation details.
- At the request of the Manitoba Building Officials Association, developed and delivered a one-day information session for their membership that outlined the proper method for sizing and installation of Heat and Energy Recovery Ventilators.
- Delivered a one-day Residential Mechanical Ventilation Information Session in Saskatoon for 27 members of the Saskatchewan Building Officials Association and in Halifax for 28 building inspectors from the Halifax Regional Municipality.
- Developed a new half-day training program for installers that focuses on the proper sizing, installation and balancing of Heat and Energy Recovery and piloted the training in Winnipeg.
- Presented a half-day session on ventilation/ HRVs and a one-day session on IAQ for the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch of Health Canada in Winnipeg.
- Succeeded in having Newfoundland Power require contractors to have HRAI certification in residential mechanical ventilation installation when installing high efficiency HRVs within their takeCHARGE HRV Rebate Program.
- Launched a consumer awareness campaign to communicate the benefits of hiring an HRAI member contractor for their HVAC needs. The campaign consisted of public relations with News Canada to showcase articles related to HVAC consumer issues. This was a web-based campaign that directed audiences to the HRAI website for more info or to find a qualified contractor. HRAI has witnessed unprecedented growth to the HRAI consumer section of the website from these campaigns which indicates that the public is not just seeing the HRAI communications but making an informed decision to find qualified contractors for their HVAC needs. In addition, a specific article was also created and used to address new home consumer HVAC issues.

HRAI remains committed to the goals of the Joint Statement, and looks forward to continuing to work with other stakeholders in the Canadian HVAC industry to fulfill the goals of this important initiative.

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