

# CAHPI NATIONAL ADOPTS CSA A770 HOME INSPECTION STANDARD

At the National Annual General Meeting held on October 21<sup>st</sup>, CAHPI chose to adopt the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) A770 Home Inspection Standard as the National Standard of Practice (NSOP) of the Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors.

I am proud to see CAHPI positioning itself as a first adopter of a document like a National Standard of Canada. Many home inspection associations will face challenges and questions about our relevancy in the next few years as licensing laws are enacted and revised. CAHPI has positioned itself as a leader, rather than a follower, in the industry. CAHPI's leadership, exemplified by its continued participation in the development and maintenance of the Standard, has been recognized by the CSA.

In making this decision, the board members of CAHPI considered our mission statement and objectives and concluded that if we believe in these principles, then adopting A770 is the best option for our National association.

There are numerous reasons for the decision made by the CAHPI Board. One of those was the expectation that A770 is almost certainly going to be adopted by those provinces that are currently licensing home inspectors. While I cannot predict the future, I find it hard to believe that the regulators who paid for and participated in the development of A770 would not then adopt the standard, especially since it is now a National Standard of Canada. It is telling that several provincial governments contributed financially to the development of the standard, including Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario.

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If it does come to pass that provincial licensing requires compliance with A770, the development and maintenance of a separate association standard such as the NSOP will turn into a redundant and irrelevant exercise with no significant benefit. As proud as we are of our National Standard of Practice, we have to accept the reality of its benefit in the modern marketplace.

I believe that the A770 standard will become the de facto standard for home inspection anyway, because there will be (and already are) home inspectors who advertise that their inspection meets A770. That gives them more credibility and a marketing advantage. The same holds true for home inspection associations. Those who adhere to a National Standard of Canada, developed by home inspectors and stakeholders alike, will benefit from enhanced credibility. And this benefit is one of the critical objectives of CAHPI.

Adapting to a changing world and meeting market needs is critical for success, and I firmly believe that CAHPI's adoption of the CSA A770 Home Inspection Standard is a positive leap ahead for our association.

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