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Season's Greetings from the CAHPI Board of Directors

As we wrap up another productive year at CAHPI, the Board of Directors would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our members and partners this holiday season.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to professionalism, education, and excellence in the home inspection profession. Your engagement—whether through our weekly webinars, national conference, committees, or advocacy efforts—has strengthened our association and helped move our profession forward.

The holiday season offers a chance to reflect on the progress we've made together, and to express our sincere appreciation for your participation and engagement throughout the year. We are grateful for the expertise you bring, the time you invest, and the commitment you show to raising standards across Canada.

As 2025 comes to a close, we hope you find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the company of family and friends. We look forward to continuing this important work with you in 2026 and delivering even more meaningful educational opportunities, resources, and initiatives for our members.

On behalf of the CAHPI Board of Directors, we wish you a Merry Christmas, a peaceful holiday season, and a happy and healthy New Year.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2025 draws to a close, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all CAHPI members, partners, volunteers, and colleagues across Canada. This has been a year marked by progress, collaboration, and renewed momentum within our association, and I am deeply grateful for the dedication and professionalism each of you brings to the home and property inspection profession.

Looking back on the past year, I am incredibly proud of the work we have accomplished together. Our weekly Wednesday webinars continued to deliver timely, practical education to members coast to coast. The 2025 National Conference brought our community together once again to share knowledge, reconnect,

and explore the evolving challenges and opportunities in today's housing landscape. These initiatives—along with ongoing collaboration with government, industry partners, and consumer-protection organizations—reflect CAHPI's commitment to raising standards and supporting inspectors at every stage of their careers.

I would also like to recognize and thank the many volunteers who gave their time and expertise throughout the year. Whether you served on a committee, contributed to an educational session, provided feedback, or shared your experience with newer inspectors, your involvement strengthens our association in ways that cannot be overstated. CAHPI's impact is built on the energy, insight, and generosity of its members, and we are truly fortunate to have such an engaged and passionate community.

This year also underscored the importance of advocacy in our profession. CAHPI continues to represent inspectors nationally, reinforcing the vital role we play in consumer protection, homebuyer confidence, and the broader real-estate ecosystem. We remain committed to maintaining strong communication with policymakers, regulators, and industry stakeholders to ensure that the value of professional, qualified home inspection is recognized and upheld across Canada.

As we look ahead to 2026, we do so with optimism and a clear sense of purpose. CAHPI will continue to expand meaningful educational opportunities, enhance member resources, and deepen our partnerships across the sector. We are committed to building on the momentum of the past year and ensuring our association remains the national voice for home inspectors—supporting your work, your businesses, and your professional growth.

The holiday season offers a welcome chance to pause and reflect on the year behind us, and to look forward to new possibilities. I hope you find time over the coming weeks to unwind, enjoy the company of loved ones, and recharge for the year ahead.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, thank you for your trust, your professionalism, and your continued commitment to excellence.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, a joyful holiday season, and a healthy, prosperous New Year.



**Peter Weeks NCH, RHI
CAHPI President**

2025 CAHPI National Conference: A Year of Growth, Connection, Community & Forward Momentum

The 2025 CAHPI National Conference presented by Carson Dunlop brought together home and property inspectors from across Canada for three days of learning, collaboration, and forward-looking discussion. This year's event showcased the strength and resilience of our profession, highlighted new industry innovations, and reaffirmed CAHPI's commitment to raising standards and supporting inspectors nationwide.

The conference offered a robust mix of technical training, regulatory updates, business development insights, and hands-on demonstrations. Attendees had the opportunity to explore emerging technologies, discuss



The conference closed out with an exciting and informative panel discussion on the Future of Home Inspection with our panelists Alan Carson, Carson Dunlop, Graham Clarke, Clarke Engineering, and Darin Germyn, Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) facilitated by CAHPI President, Peter Weeks

evolving consumer expectations, and participate in conversations shaping the future of the home inspection profession.

Highlights from the 2025 Conference

Inspiring Sessions

Industry leaders and guest experts delivered thought-provoking presentations on climate-resilient housing, risk management in the inspection profession, and the growing role of digital tools in day-to-day practice. These sessions set the tone for a conference focused on innovation and preparedness.

Technical Workshops & Live Demonstrations

From electrical system diagnostics to advanced building science and moisture management, inspectors gained new insights they can apply immediately in the field. Demonstrations of new inspection technologies—including thermal imaging enhancements and emerging AI-supported tools—were particular crowd favourites.

Regulatory and Professional Updates

CAHPI provided important updates on advocacy initiatives, national standards, and ongoing efforts to strengthen consumer protection across provincial landscapes. Members also had opportunities to share feedback and help shape CAHPI's priorities for the year ahead.

Networking & Cross-Canada Collaboration

One of the most valued aspects of the CAHPI conference is the opportunity to connect with peers from coast to coast. This year featured dedicated networking sessions and social gatherings that encouraged knowledge-sharing and relationship-building within the profession.

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Celebrating Excellence

The conference also recognized outstanding contributions within our community. Congratulations to all award recipients, whose professionalism and dedication continue to elevate the home inspection profession for the benefit of consumers and colleagues alike.

Thank You to Our Sponsors & Partners

This year's conference was made possible through the generous support of our sponsors, speakers, volunteers, and exhibitors. Their commitment to professional excellence and industry advancement strengthens the entire CAHPI community.

Looking Ahead to 2026

Planning is already underway for CAHPI's 2026 Annual Conference, with even more opportunities for learning, collaboration, and professional growth. We invite all members to stay tuned for announcements and consider sharing topic ideas for future educational sessions.



Raising the Bar: How CAHPI Inspectors Strengthen the Reputation of Our Profession

It's no secret that the actions of a few can shape the public's perception of an entire profession. In home inspection, where consumers often rely on a single experience to form their opinions, questionable or unqualified inspectors can cast a shadow that feels unfair to the many professionals who work tirelessly to advance their skills and knowledge in order to better protect buyers.

But there's another side to this story—and it's one worth emphasizing: every time a professional, well-trained home inspector delivers a thorough, ethical, and unbiased inspection, they help elevate the reputation of the entire industry.

Turning a Challenge Into an Opportunity

Rather than focusing on the impact of those who fall short, this is an opportunity to highlight the strengths of CAHPI-trained and designated inspectors. Their adherence to Standards of Practice, commitment to ongoing education, and dedication to consumer protection create a powerful contrast—and ultimately help consumers understand what quality truly looks like.

This gap between questionable and qualified inspectors underscores the value of professionalism. It gives CAHPI members a chance to shine.

Building Consumer Trust, One Inspection at a Time

When consumers encounter a skilled, ethical home inspector, the result is more than just a detailed report. It's reassurance. It's confidence. It's the knowledge that someone has their best interests at heart during one of the biggest financial decisions they'll ever make.

Positive experiences travel quickly—through client referrals, real estate partners, online reviews, and word of mouth. And each of these moments helps reshape the public narrative: that good inspectors vastly outnumber the questionable ones, and that excellence is not the exception but the standard.

The CAHPI Advantage

CAHPI members are leading the way in defining what professional home inspection should look like in Canada.

By pursuing recognized designations, maintaining high ethical standards, and investing in continuous learning, they demonstrate that professionalism is not just a title—it's a daily commitment.

This commitment sets CAHPI Registered Home Inspectors (RHI) apart and reinforces to consumers why choosing a qualified professional matters. The stronger the contrast becomes, the clearer the value proposition is for homebuyers.

A Stronger Profession Through Leadership

Instead of allowing questionable inspectors to define the narrative, we can use their shortcomings to show why strong standards, proper training, and professional accountability are essential. And the good news is: CAHPI members are already doing this.

By embodying best practices, engaging in education, and supporting industry-wide improvements, CAHPI RHI's are actively shaping a stronger, more trusted home inspection profession across Canada.

A Positive Future

The presence of unqualified inspectors doesn't diminish the professionalism of the many—it highlights how important our high standards truly are. And every time a CAHPI inspector conducts a thorough, principled inspection, they help build a more resilient, respected, and consumer-focused industry.

Together, we raise the bar.

Together, we strengthen trust.

And together, we ensure that excellence—not inadequacy—defines our profession.

Why professional liability claims are rising...but payouts aren't

By Phil Porado | August 29, 2025

As Canada's legal environment starts to mirror the U.S., commercial claims departments watching for lawsuits

'I'll sue!' And they do. But are they winning?

When it comes to private sector coverages for professional liability, the answer is generally 'no,' says Oren Schemool, who heads professional lines at HDI Global SE – Canada.

While a tilt toward U.S.-style litigiousness means total numbers of claims are increasing in Canada, that's not translating to rising claims severity.

"We have not experienced increased payouts on claims, but we have seen a greater frequency of claims," he tells Canadian Underwriter.

Schemool adds his firm's lawyers are diligent on informing his team about incoming legal actions.

"It's not unheard of [in one year] to have...30, 40, 50 notices on a [single] law firm but...what we're seeing so far is [that] most of those go away, or they're settled within the LawPro layer [[Lawyers Professional Indemnity Company](#)], and it doesn't bleed into the excess layers," he says. (LawPro provides primary errors and omissions coverage for Ontario lawyers.)

Hints of change

While that's good news for now, Schemool says change could be coming.

Canadian insurance and legal professionals have long warned the U.S. brand of litigious behaviour is slowly


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making its way North. And, he says, mechanisms like litigation funding firms – [which provide plaintiffs with financing](#) to bring lawsuits in exchange for a share of the proceeds – are becoming more common in Canada.

"I do think that we are going to see an increase in severity down the line," he adds. "But I couldn't tell you if that's going to be in the next six months, 12 months or 36 months."

He adds U.S. private equity firms are getting involved in litigation funding programs.

"It is starting to happen in Europe," he says. "It's happened in Australia in years past, and that really did cause a rapid deterioration in insurance company earnings, and Australia has become far more litigious."

Another factor is inflation rates, which can increase hourly fees charged by lawyers and other participants and service providers within the legal system.

"In such a scenario, your lawyers costs go up and that causes higher limits erosion. Experts' fees go up. Our outside counsel fees would be going up. All that tends to ride along the same wave," says Schemool.

"And then, in such a scenario, we're telling our insureds, 'Inflation is going up 3% or 4% and we anticipate that lawyers' fees and our costs are going to go up 3% to 4%, so therefore we need to increase your rates accordingly.'"

"That's a losing argument sometimes...so that could lead to you eating costs."

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What you might have missed at the 2025 CAHPI National Conference



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Congratulations to our 2025 CAHPI National Award Recipients

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Andrew LaRoche



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Leigh Gate



Hugh Cairns



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"A National & International Home Inspector, Trainer, Building Construction Dispute Expert & a Pacifier"



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THE BILL MULLEN MEMORIAL AWARD



ALAN CARSON

"Alan Carson built a company that showed how to succeed by doing the right thing even when it was slower, harder, or less lucrative. He didn't chase attention. But he earned admiration. He didn't sell hard. But he built trust. He didn't run a business. He raised it, like a home worth living in."

CAHPI Annual Awards Program

The CAHPI National Awards Program recognizes individuals who have made a difference in the Home Inspection profession in the past year.

Take a moment to nominate a peer or colleague for a 2026 CAHPI National Award.

The CAHPI Awards will be presented at the 2026 CAHPI National Annual Conference in the Fall of 2026. Submit a nomination and celebrate their success at the conference!

[NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE ANYTIME - JUST CLICK HERE!](#)

Toronto again takes the top spot in ranking of Canada's 'rattiest' cities



By Maia Tustonic, Staff Reporter
Updated Dec. 9, 2025

Ten Ontario cities or regions, including Toronto, made the top 25 list and the majority of those were in the GTA.



Oh, rats! Toronto has taken the top step of a cross-country podium — but it may not be the trophy it would want.

The city once again took the No. 1 spot nationwide for being the “rattiest” city in Canada, according to a new ranking from pest control company Orkin Canada.

The ranking highlighted the top 25 rat-full cities in the country. Rounding out the podium were Victoria in second place and Vancouver in third.

Ten Ontario cities or regions, including Toronto, made the top 25 list. The majority of those were in the Greater Toronto Area, including Etobicoke, Brampton, Mississauga, North York, Scarborough, Markham and Oshawa.

None of the territories made the top 25 ranking. Saskatchewan, Quebec and the rat-free Alberta also did not have cities listed on the list.

The company ranked cities based on the number of rat and mice treatments it performed in residential and commercial buildings from Aug. 1, 2024 to July 31,

2025, the Monday news release said. Toronto claimed the top spot in last year’s ranking, too.

The company also released a ranking of the top 25 rattiest cities in Ontario — and Toronto obviously was atop the list.

Second place was awarded to Mississauga and third place was awarded to Ottawa.

Fifteen of the 25 places highlighted were located in and around the GTA.

In July, Toronto’s city council proposed hiring a “rat czar” to combat the city’s growing rat problem. It also proposed new rules that would require private and public construction projects to create rat management plan before digging.

To prevent rodent infestations, residents should cut shrubbery away from their building’s walls and clear out water clogged in trash or recycling bins, Orkin said. Residents should also clean up crumbs or spills, seal all cracks in the outside of the building and inspect baseboards and walls to catch rodents early.

Ontario moves to take over real estate regulator over handling of iPro Realty scandal

CP24

By Chris Fox

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Decisive action is required: Ontario moves to take over real estate regulator

RECO found on May 19 that the co-founders of iPro Realty allegedly used about \$8 million from trust accounts that were meant to be used for down payments and realtor commissions and instead set aside the funds for operating expenses and payments to investors.

[However, the regulator did not move to shutter the firm and freeze its assets until August.](#)

RECO subsequently brought in Dentons Canada LLP to conduct an independent audit into the iPro matter.

That audit found that the former registrar of RECO “deviated from RECO’s typical approach when dealing with situations involving misappropriation of trust funds.”

The audit also found that the board was not notified of the iPro issues until Aug. 10, two days after an agreement with its principals was executed.

In his letter, Crawford said the audit identified “significant issues” with RECO’s practices, processes and procedures and raised “serious concerns” about its organizational culture.

“Ultimately, the Dentons final report raises concerns about RECO’s ability to restore public confidence in the real estate services sector and to protect consumers during one of the largest purchases of their lives,” he wrote.

Crawford said that the administrator will “assume control of and responsibility for RECO, including all powers and duties of the board of directors, officers and members of RECO.”

In a statement, the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) applauded the move and said that it will help “ensure that the regulator delivers on the reforms they have committed to implementing.”

“This decision by the provincial government will ensure RECO can get back to the basics of fulfilling its consumer protection mandate. Ontario’s real estate regulatory

framework must protect both consumers and registrants, safeguarding families making the biggest financial transaction of their lives and shielding Ontarians from unethical behaviour,” the statement notes.

The decision to appoint an administrator to take over RECO’s operations comes on the same day that dozens of protesters gathered outside Queen’s Park to speak out about the iPro scandal and RECO’s handling of the matter.

Ontario NDP Shadow Minister for Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement Tom Rakocevic and MPP Peter Tabuns joined the protesters and issued a statement after the fact.

“A six-month wait for action following the worst regulatory failure in the history of Ontario’s real estate sector is unacceptable. RECO failed to protect the public interest, and the Ford government turned a blind eye,” they said. “This scandal hurt not just home buyers, but the vast majority of realtors who operate with honesty and integrity. Why did it take the Conservatives so long to stop dismissing the victims of this massive fraud? Today’s news is not enough — they must urgently deliver justice.”

RECO has not yet responded to the appointment of an administrator to take over its operations.

In a [statement](#) released earlier this month, the real estate regulator said that it was “fully committed” to implementing all the recommendations made by Dentons on an “expedited timeline.”



AND ANOTHER ONE...

BCFSA freezes trust accounts, suspends B.C. broker over alleged misconduct

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Jordana Springgay
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The B.C. Financial Services Authority (BCFSA) has issued “urgent orders” suspending Realtor Balpreet Singh Bal and his brokerage, Fraseridge Realty Ltd., over allegations of serious financial misconduct.



The provincial regulator has also frozen trust accounts connected to Fraseridge Realty (operating as Amex-Fraseridge Realty), Bal Realty Services Inc., Jovi Realty and Lighthouse Realty Ltd., citing concerns that millions of dollars in client trust funds may have been mishandled

“BCFSA has frozen the accounts of Bal’s brokerages to proactively ensure that trust funds are preserved while it continues its active investigation,” BCFSA said in a news release.

Alleged mishandling of millions in trust funds

[In a written decision dated Oct. 30](#), BCFSA hearing officer Gareth Reeves said there were “reasonable grounds” to believe Bal had engaged in deceptive dealing, mishandling of trust funds and failing to act honestly

The regulator said the investigation began after a complaint that Amex-Fraseridge Realty was improperly withholding \$2.75 million in a trust account from a real estate transaction in Surrey, B.C. According to the decision, those funds were held despite a written direction to release them to the buyer if the sale didn’t go through.

Reeves also found evidence that Bal used trust accounts to hide money from the Canada Revenue Agency, and that he had taken steps to relocate to California, raising “a

real risk that he may move beyond the jurisdiction of the superintendent and appropriate Amex’s and Bal Realty’s funds in the process.”

Additional freeze orders for Jovi and Lighthouse Realty

A [subsequent ruling from Nov. 6](#) extended the freeze to Jovi Realty Inc. and Lighthouse Realty Ltd., where Bal had previously been a director and shareholder. Reeves found that \$2.75 million from the disputed Amex transaction had been transferred into Jovi Realty’s operating account, where it remained for more than a month..

Reeves wrote there were “reasonable grounds to believe that Jovi improperly received these funds ... and plans to transfer those funds contrary to the requirements of RESA.” He also said that both Jovi and Lighthouse lacked proper managing-broker oversight and that some trust accounts were not even identified as trust accounts, a violation that could expose client money to seizure or mismanagement.

The orders prohibit Jovi and Lighthouse from withdrawing or transferring any funds held in their bank accounts until further notice.

Penalties and consumer protections

BCFSA said its investigation into Bal’s conduct is ongoing and that penalties under RESA can reach \$250,000 for individuals and \$500,000 for corporations.

Consumers who deposited funds with the affected brokerages may be eligible for compensation through the Special Compensation Fund.

“BCFSA is communicating directly with licensees at the impacted brokerages to ensure they can effectively support their clients during this time,” the regulator said.

Most Ontarians aren't telling their insurers about major home renos: survey

By Jason Contant | August 22, 2025

Only 47% of Ontario homeowners informed their insurer after completing a major home renovation

If your home insurance clients in Ontario just finished a major home renovation, there's a good chance they didn't tell their insurer about the upgrade, says a recent survey by LowestRates.ca.

Just 47% of Ontario homeowners notified their insurer after completing major home upgrades, leaving many exposed to potential coverage gaps, the survey found. Whether it's finishing a basement, remodelling a bathroom, or updating plumbing or electrical systems, failing to report these changes can leave homeowners underinsured — or worse, lead to denied claims if something goes wrong, LowestRates.ca warns.



Twenty-six percent admitted they didn't inform their insurer at all about the upgrades. A similar percentage (27%) were either unaware of the need to notify or chose not to answer.

"Many homeowners don't realize that upgrades like finishing a basement or adding a bathroom can affect their insurance coverage," says Steven Harris, a licensed insurance broker and LowestRates.ca expert. "If providers aren't informed of major changes, policies

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may not reflect the home's true value or risk — leaving owners exposed when it comes time to file a claim."

The survey polled 731 Ontarians who used LowestRates.ca's home insurance quoter between June 28 and July 3, 2025.

Added protection

Do-it-yourself (DIY) projects like painting, flooring, or tiling are "generally safe from an insurance perspective," Harris says. But more significant renovations — such as adding units, finishing a basement, or fully remodelling a bathroom — require notifying your insurer.

Most policies require the homeowner to disclose major changes; failing to notify could lead to claim denials and policy cancellation. Additionally, if your insurer discovers undisclosed renovations, they may retroactively increase your premium.

Harris recommends discussing planned renovations within 12 months with your insurer to avoid policy issues. "It's a simple step that can prevent financial headaches down the line," he says. "And if you're hiring a contractor, make sure they carry their own liability insurance, so you aren't held responsible for any damage they cause."

Larger renovations require builder's risk insurance — a specialized policy protecting homes under construction or renovation from risks like fire, theft, and vandalism. For homeowners, this coverage can also safeguard materials and property from unexpected events, including certain types of water damage, such as burst pipes. However, flooding may require additional endorsements depending on the policy and provider.

LowestRates.ca's survey found 59% of Ontario homeowners polled reported tackling small DIY projects. Twelve percent reported taking on both small and large renovations, while 5% focused solely on large-scale projects.

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Alanna Smith
Health reporter
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Best foot forward: Your toenails could hold the secret to a leading cause of lung cancer

Your toenails could hold the secret to a leading cause of lung cancer – and Calgary researchers really want a cut of that action.

Across Canada, more than 10 million people live in houses with dangerously high levels of radon, an odourless gas that’s released when uranium breaks down in rocks and soil. Radon sneaks into our homes through cracks in the foundation or cavities in the wall, and when we breathe it in, the gas quickly transforms into solid radioactive lead that settles in our lungs.

That’s why radon is the main cause of lung cancer in people who’ve never smoked, killing more than 3,000 Canadians each year. But it’s been nearly impossible for scientists to measure decades-long exposure to radon – at least, as The Globe’s Alanna Smith discovered, until now.

Why toenails?

Our bodies can store the lead from radon in slow-shedding tissue like nails and hair. The trouble for environmental cancer researchers, though, is that our fingers come into direct contact with all sorts of signal-muffling noise, including food, dyes, cleaning products and household chemicals. Happily, our feet tend to be tucked away from those contaminants. And since basically everyone still has their toenails – which cannot be said of their hair – University of Calgary scientists suspected some decent data might lurk in the clippings.

They weren’t wrong: A small 2024 pilot study showed that toenails can provide a 15-year archive of a person’s exposure to radioactive lead. “This is, theoretically,

going to be magic,” lead researcher Aaron Goodarzi said. Their attention now turns to a much larger validation trial, funded by the Canadian Cancer Society and expected to wrap up in 2028. To get there, the researchers need samples from 10,000 participants willing to donate their nail clippings to a good cause.

Intrigued – and fungal-infection-free? You can still sign on to the study, after which you’ll receive a radon detector for your home, baggies to collect four months’ worth of clippings, and a return envelope. Each person’s trove of toenails will make its way to a \$4-million University of Calgary lab, built exactly for this kind of cutting-edge research.



These could be your toenail clippings! SARAH B GROOT/THE GLOBE AND MAIL

The tipping point

So how do scientists actually distinguish the radon from the nail? It starts in what co-principal

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investigator Michael Wieser calls “Magneto’s prison,” a metal-free room (plastic shelves, special paint) that prevents toenails from being tainted by other lead. The clippings are carefully cleaned with organic solvents, then mixed into a cocktail of nitric acid and hydrogen peroxide before being nuked by a fancy microwave. “What comes out is a super-small vial of yellow goo, which a technician in a plastic lab coat places into a drive-through window,” Smith told me. “People in a different room, on the other side of the window, then take the goo and put it a mass spectrometer.” This instrument determines the specific composition of the lead, allowing researchers to measure an individual’s long-term exposure to radon decay. And that discovery could transform cancer prevention in Canada. Today, two out of every five people who develop lung cancer don’t meet current screening criteria, either because they’ve never smoked or because they gave up the habit too long ago. As a result, most lung cancer cases in non-smokers are caught at Stage 3 or 4, where the survival rate tops out at 16 per cent, rather than at Stage 1, where it’s higher than 70 per cent. Goodarzi and his team hope their data will lead to more patients being included in early cancer screening and detection. “That’s the magic this promises,” he told Smith. “If we can diagnose it soon enough, we just cut it out and you go on with your life.” For her part, Smith has become equally bullish on the research. “I’m truly obsessed with it,” she said. “I’m grabbing every friend and family member by the shirt and yelling, ‘Do you know what your toenails can do?’” Sometimes, science hides out in the most unpromising of places – and then marches ahead at a rapid clip.

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The Drone Zone newsletter is a platform that the RPAS Task Force uses to communicate monthly with stakeholders (drone operators, industry, law enforcement, other government departments (OGDs), provincial/territorial contacts, academia, etc.) and serves as a central mechanism for outreach and engagement. The newsletter was first launched in 2019 and has since grown to over 1200 subscribers.

Topics covered each month typically include any news on engagement efforts and the RPAS Task Force’s presence at major events (e.g.: International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) meetings, summits, conferences, etc.), regulatory program updates, and any other items of interest for stakeholders. On occasion, “special editions” of the newsletter will be sent out if something needs to be communicated outside of the regular publication cycle.”



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Get Ready for CAHPI's 2026 Weekly Wednesday Webinar Series!

CAHPI is excited to announce the return of our Weekly Wednesday Webinar Series for 2026—your opportunity to stay informed, sharpen your skills, and stay connected with Canada's home inspection community.

Building on the success of previous years, our 2026 lineup will deliver a fresh mix of technical training, business development insights, and emerging-issue briefings—all designed to help you stay ahead in a rapidly evolving industry.

Learning Delivered One Wednesday at a Time

Every week, CAHPI brings together knowledgeable experts, seasoned inspectors, industry partners, and professional educators to share practical information you can apply immediately in your day-to-day work.

Our 2026 series will continue this tradition, featuring sessions on topics such as:

- Advanced building science and defect recognition
- New construction and renovation trends
- Energy efficiency, climate resilience, and environmental risks
- Tools, technology, and reporting innovations
- Health and safety best practices for inspectors
- Business management, marketing, and client communication
- Legal updates, risk mitigation, and professionalism

Whether you're a new inspector building your confidence or a seasoned professional looking to stay sharp, there will be something for everyone in this year's schedule.

Why Attend?

- Stay current with industry standards, regulatory changes, and emerging issues.
- Earn Membership Renewal Credits (MRCs) simply by showing up and engaging.
- Learn at your convenience—sessions are virtual, accessible, and recorded for later viewing.

- Ask questions in real time and gain insights directly from subject-matter experts.
- Connect with peers from across Canada and strengthen our national inspection community.

Shaping the 2026 Lineup Together

This year, CAHPI is putting an even greater emphasis on member-driven content. Have a topic you want covered? A challenge you'd like guidance on? An expert you want to hear from? We want to hear from you! Your input helps us ensure each Wednesday session is relevant, practical, and valuable for inspectors working in every region and every type of home.



Mark Your Calendar

The CAHPI 2026 Weekly Wednesday Webinar Series kicks off in January 2026, with new sessions posted as confirmed on the CAHPI website. Registration is always simple—just log in and reserve your spot.

Make 2026 your strongest professional year yet by joining us every Wednesday for focused, timely, industry-leading education.

Let's continue raising the standard of home inspection in Canada—one webinar at a time.

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WELCOME to CAHPI's NEW MEMBERS

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Adithya	Kovuru			Candidate
Christopher	D'Souza	Grand Prairie	AB	Candidate

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAHPI'S NEW NCH & RHI'S

First Name	Second Name	City	County	Designation
Geoff	Chowen	Paris	ON	NCH, RHI
Clayton	Sherman	Chilliwack	BC	NCH, RHI
Zachary	d'Entremont	Kingston	NS	NCH, RHI
Kent	Nolan	Fort St. John	BC	NCH, RHI
Sohail	Ahmed	Mississauga	ON	NCH, RHI

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VOLUNTEER WITH CAHPI!

CAHPI is calling all volunteers! We have recently restructured our Committees in the hopes of encouraging more members to participate. Our doors are open and we want to hear what you have to say.

Joining a CAHPI committee is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the home inspection industry in Canada. Whether you're passionate about professional development, training, mentoring, public relations, or marketing, there's a committee that aligns with your interests and expertise. By volunteering, you not only help advance and protect the home inspection profession but also gain access to valuable industry information, networking opportunities, and best practices.

If you're interested in learning more about available volunteer opportunities and finding the best fit based on your interests and availability, you can [review the options here](#) and reach out to Anne at anne@cahpi.ca for more information. Your voice and expertise can make a significant difference in shaping the future of the home inspection industry in Canada.



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CAHPI MEMBER BENEFITS

VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors strives every year to continuously build a professional association and create meaningful value that leads to a sustainable organization. The home inspection industry is changing, CAHPI is monitoring and responding strategically to meet the association's key objectives. The association has many valuable assets and benefits, some tangible and some not.

As a member, you'll be recognized as belonging to a respected professional association.

CAHPI BRANDING

Canada's Voice Of The Home Inspection Industry – CAHPI is a professional National association with recognized standards.

Registered Home Inspector (RHI)® Designation - Home Inspectors meeting CAHPI membership criteria earn this valued and recognized RHI designation.

Highest Industry Membership Qualification - includes respected training institutions providing high quality educational programs; written examination; field training and mentorship; peer-evaluation and field testing. Because CAHPI members meet these high qualification they are the primary source of competent home inspectors across Canada.

Media – CAHPI is seen as the industry leader that the media seeks out when reporting home inspection news.

ADVOCACY

Government Relations – CAHPI collaborates with government through participation on expert panels and technical advisory committees. As a National association our connection with stakeholders gives CAHPI a unique ability to add value, provide our insight and expertise to Provincial and Federal Governments.

Industry Stakeholders – CAHPI continues to build a network of industry stakeholders; real estate, appraisers, insurance, mortgage professionals, standard development, franchises and home builders. This is evidenced by the signing of a memorandum of understandings with Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists.

New Business Services – CAHPI advocates on behalf of the members with stakeholders to develop new opportunities to provide new services in new markets.

Consumer Protection – CAHPI maintains a professional website providing Canadian homebuyers with the resources they need to feel confident when looking to hire a professional home inspector.

**THIS COULD BE
YOUR PHOTO!**



We're always looking to feature 'Photos from the Field' from our members. Share with us a photo from your repertoire that tells an interesting story about a recent home inspection. Please include your name and a brief (50 word) overview explaining the photo to info@cahpi.ca. Do you have home inspection content you've authored and would like to share? Contact us to see how you can get involved info@cahpi.ca.

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Health Canada warns that various Radon Gas Detectors sold on Amazon.ca may pose a health and safety risk due to inaccurate detection of radon levels

Sampling and evaluation by Health Canada's Radiation Protection Bureau has determined that these products measure inaccurate radon levels and likely pose a danger to human health or safety.

[More information here.](#)



Vesta Tankless Hot Water Heater recalled due to carbon monoxide poisoning hazard

Product: Vesta Tankless Hot Water Heater
Issue: Poisoning hazard
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