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Registration Now Open:
RAHB Community Open Forum 2021

Featuring Local Economic Development Update Presentation

Haldimand and Niagara North

Join us on June 24 for RAHB's next Community Open Forum as we welcome **Lidy Romanuk - Manager, Economic Development and Tourism, Haldimand County,** as she provides the latest updates regarding investment and business resources and opportunities. More speakers to be announced soon!

Registration is now open for the Haldimand and Niagara North Community Open Forum! Virtual **networking starts at 9:30 a.m.** and **the presentations begin at 10:00 a.m.**

Register Now!

Testimonial from the Hamilton and Burlington Community Open Forum

"The Open Forum featuring the Economic Development offices of both Hamilton & Burlington was incredibly informative and definitely gave me information that will enhance my services to my clients. There was so much information provided that I'm happy to have it all in video so I can review it a few times. These updates should be must-attend for Agents looking to stand out from the crowd!"

MLS® Data Feeds: Which One is Right for You?

RAHB members have the option to showcase RAHB's database of listings on their website in a variety of ways. Please find a brief overview below.

iFrame: this a self-serve option that is best suited for those members who have created their own website using a DIY domain such as Wix or Squarespace, and simply want to display their individual or brokerage listings. iFrame codes can be generated in Matrix by going to Settings in the top right corner, selecting IDX Configuration. Fill in the form on the IDX Configuration page, making sure to select IDX Enabled under the Activation section. Once that is complete, you can copy the text from the HTML textbox which contains the iFrame code which can then be embedded on your website.

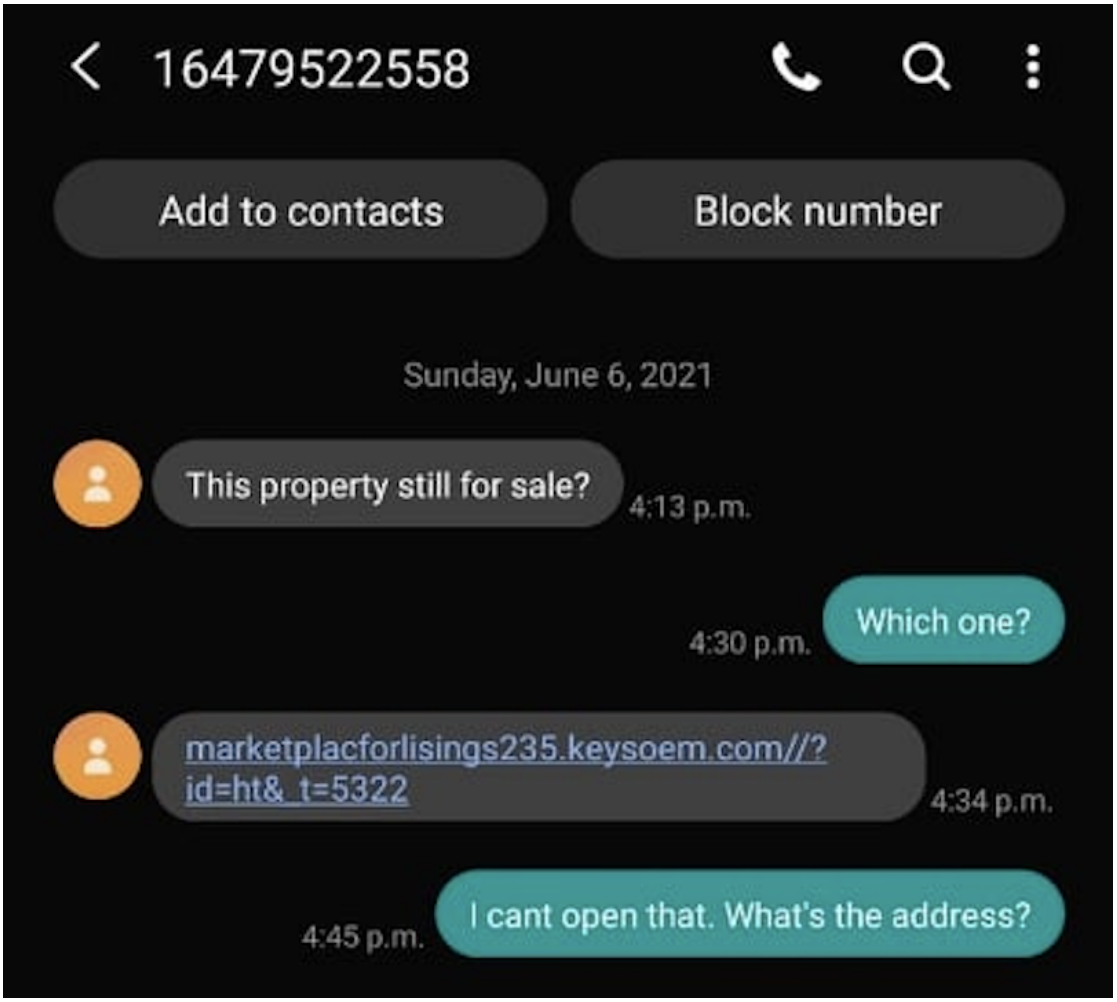
RETS Feed: If you have a more elaborate, paid website that was created by a web developer, you may want to consider a RETS or IDX feed. This option requires an agreement signed by your Broker of Record, and should be handled by a web developer or third-party marketing company who understands the complexities of RETS/IDX. Once RAHB staff has received the signed agreement, we will enable the feed on your behalf, which will allow your web developer to incorporate RAHB listings onto your website.

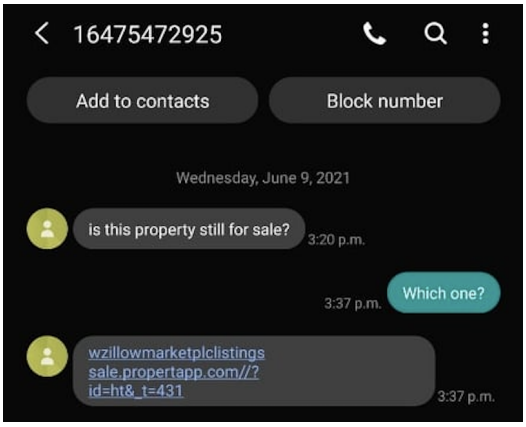
CREA DDF®: the Data Distribution Facility is managed and supported by CREA and is available through CREA Member Tools (found in Matrix under the Tools menu). Data Feeds can be set up to enable the sharing of listings on your website, and you can also enable sharing your own listings on the curated list of third-party websites. *Note: your Broker of Record determines which third-party sites are enabled for the Brokerage, and you can then enable or disable sharing to those sites.

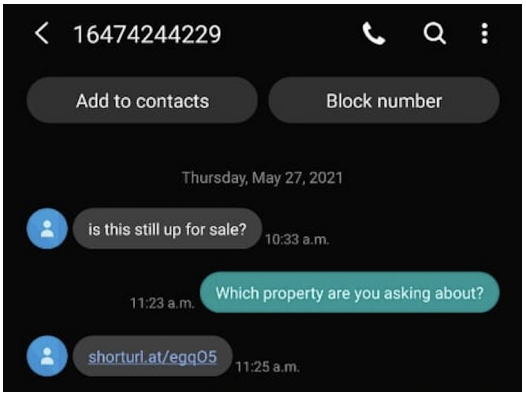
For support with RETS feeds, or generating an iFrame code, please contact the RAHB IT Dept at 905-529-8101. For support with the CREA DDF®, please contact CREA's member support at 1-888-237-7945

Text Scam Reported

RAHB is warning members that a new texting scam is taking place. RAHB has received reports from members who have been contacted via text from potential buyers interested in various listings.







RAHB encourages it's members to verify who has contacted them via text or email before clicking any attachments or links. Try to get proof of identification through a call or ask them to send it through email if you don't want to come off as rude or suspicious. This latest scam has been identified

as **Smishing** which is a scam that the sender uses SMS text messaging to send a compelling message with a link with the goal to steal personal information. This scam may become more prevalent as REALTOR® contact information is easily available.

Stolen Lockboxes

RAHB has received another report of lockboxes being stolen at a Catharine Street complex in Hamilton. The police have been notified. RAHB reminds members to remain diligent with checking on listings, especially condo units, and to contact police with any suspicious activity.

Education Roundup

Check out these upcoming webinars that RAHB is offering next week. Remember these webinars are included in the 2021 Professional Development All-Access Pass for $100 + HST.

Course: Know Thy Enemy: Social and Anti-Social Violence
Speaker: Rob Andress, SAFE International
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021
Time: 10 a.m. - Noon
Location: Webinar
Cost: $30+HST

Course: Getting Started With Matrix
Speaker: Eric Meek

Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021
Time: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Webinar
Cost: Free

Course: Measurement and Floorplans
Speaker: John Amendola, LooOK Inside
Date: Thursday, July 8, 2021
Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Location: Webinar
Cost: Free

If you want the full webinar description or to see any of the courses until the end of June 2021, please click the button below.

To register for any RAHB professional development courses, please access the RAHB member portal via **https://my.rahb.ca**, click on the **RAHB Member Portal** icon and then click on **Education** at the top header menu.

Upcoming Education

Minister of Municipal Housing and Affairs Announces Burlington Can Adjust UGC Boundary

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark joined Burlington MPP Jane McKenna and Burlington Mayor Marianne Meed Ward on June 15 announced that Burlington will be able to adjust the boundary of its existing provincial Urban Growth Centre (UGC) designation.

The adjustment of the boundary of the UGC, once centered on the downtown core, will put the focus of the designation on the Burlington GO Station, allowing the city of Burlington to direct future height and density near mass transit and help build more complete communities.

This decision supports the work already incorporated into Burlington's revised new Official Plan (OP), already approved by Halton Region. Burlington's new OP includes stronger protections for green space, heritage, jobs, the rural community, established low-density neighbourhoods and a special focus on preserving the character of the downtown.

News

GIC vote to accept $3.4B offered for Hamilton LRT, council votes next week - Global News
$1.1 million for housing research will pay dividends, says Hamilton housing research guru - Hamilton Spectator
CREA revises home price forecast higher, sees 19% increase this year - The Globe and Mail
Could Canada's high-flying housing prices come crashing down? - Financial Post
CMHC says annual pace of housing stats rose 3.2% in May compared with April - The Globe and Mail

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RAHB Advantage

Check out the local businesses offering discounts and special deals to RAHB members - just click the RAHB Advantage icon on your dashboard at my.rahb.ca or **click here**.

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