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Meet your Acclaimed 2022 Board of Directors!



To learn more about Krysta, Michael, and Rochelle - click the button below to read their candidate profiles.

Read Candidate Profiles

REALTORS Care® Week - Volunteers Wanted!





REALTORS Care® Week

November 15 - 19, 2021

Volunteer at the:







RAHB is thrilled to be participating in REALTORS Care® Week this year and we have lined up a few volunteer opportunities for our members to participate in.

We are offering the following opportunities:

Monday, November 15 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
Good Shepherd Food Bank (155 Cannon Street, Hamilton)

Wednesday, November 17 (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) - ONLY 10 SPOTS Habitat for Humanity Build Day (134 Catherine Street, Hamilton)

If you would like to reserve your spot for either of these opportunities or if you have any questions, please email Alex Hill at alexh@rahb.ca before November 5. Space is limited.

Reserve Your Spot

Members in Motion Report



We are excited to present a new standing feature in NewsReal, called Members in Motion! Each week we will feature new members, transfers, and deletions. To review the report from the last seven days, click here:

Review Members in Motion Report

RAHB Thanksgiving Cook and Bake Off Contest Winners Revealed!

Thank you to all RAHB members who participated in RAHB Gives Thanks and who entered our Thanksgiving Cook and Bake Off Contest!

Our winners were picked by Anna Olson herself, please give a round of applause to ...

Hank Balfoort and Nikola Bucalo!









Again, thank you to all our contest participants and attendees of our RAHB Gives Thanks Event!

If you were unnable to attend the event, you can watch the event video below.



Education Roundup





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.

If you want the full webinar description or to see any of the upcoming courses, please click the button below.

Upcoming Education

RAHB Revealed Series: Introducing Maggie Inglis



Get to know the incredible staff at RAHB!

Name: Maggie Inglis

Title: Computer Graphic Design **Start Date:** September 5, 1975

Local Love: The Cannon (coffee and waffles) and Hambrgr Restaurant on

Ottawa Street

Fun Fact: I dislike shopping

New Report Suggests Banning Blind Bidding Will Increase Home Prices

During the recent federal election campaign, the Liberal Party of Canada promised to include a Home Buyers' Bill of Rights that would ban blind bidding, potentially under the federal *Criminal Code*, arguing it drives up home prices.

CREA heard from members who vehemently oppose this proposed ban on blind bidding and understand it would greatly impact how Canadians choose to sell their home, and how our REALTOR® members aid in the journey to homeownership.

CREA's immediate response included a **statement on CREA.ca** and across social media in opposition of the proposed ban and encouraging all parties to instead focus on the primary issue: relieving the bottlenecks preventing an adequate supply of housing across the housing continuum.

Knowing the possibility of this proposed ban, CREA commissioned a study from an independent think tank, **Smart Prosperity Institute**, to explore how a ban on blind bidding would impact real estate prices.

The report finds that although it's possible the blind bidding process can cause higher prices, the evidence to support that claim is limited and, in fact, increased bid transparency leads to higher prices in a hot real estate market - not lower.

In addition to the study, CREA is working with provincial associations and regulators (under whose jurisdiction real estate practices fall) in the review of real estate activities to ensure the interests of buyers and sellers are balanced and protected.

Read The Full Report

CREA will use the data from this report to continue to focus on the issue of housing supply and further their advocacy efforts as Parliament resumes.

Important Update for Condo Owners

The Government of Ontario has introduced new changes to the Condominium Act, 1998 related to an expansion of the jurisdiction of the Condominium Authority Tribunal (CAT) - the Province's virtual tribunal that helps resolve condo-related disputes.

As of **January 1st, 2022**, the CAT will be granted the authority to handle disputes **involving nuisances**, **annoyances**, **and disruptions**. Specifically, prescribed nuisances under the Condominium Act 1998 will now include "unreasonable" instances of:

- Odour
- Smoke
- Vapour
- Light
- Vibration

Previously, these issues were dealt with through mediation, arbitration, or the courts, leading to costly and time-consuming proceedings. Under the current rules, landlords and condo owners often have to foot the bill for these types of disputes.

The new rules will provide a faster and more cost-effective dispute resolution mechanism for condo owners and their tenants. It is important to note that the expanded jurisdiction of the CAT will not have a direct impact on eviction proceedings, as those issues are still governed by the Landlord and Tenant Board.

Applications for condominium-related disputes can be found on **CAT's online portal** and dispute resolution services are offered at a total cost of \$200.

OREA will be releasing more information on updates to the CAT's jurisdiction as they become available. For more information about the CAT, please visit the Condominium Authority of Ontario's website

at: www.condoauthorityontario.ca.

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