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RAHB AGM Recap, Recording, & Survey

ICYMI: Last Thursday, nearly 250 members attended RAHB's virtual Annual General Membership meeting. Members in attendance approved the proposed Bylaws, heard an update on RAHB's strong financial position, approved the auditor for 2022, and received exciting updates in the MLS® Report, including the announcement of new services that will be available to all RAHB members later this spring. Stay tuned for more details. Thank you to all members that attended this important meeting. To watch the recording, click the button below.

Watch the Annual General Meeting Recording

To read the new bylaws, click the button below.

Read the New Bylaws

For members that registered and/or attended, RAHB would greatly appreciate your feedback regarding the meeting. Please click the button below to complete the short survey.

Fill out the Survey Here!

RAHB Rendezvous



Check the "RAHB Rendezvous" section of NewsReal each week to see what RAHB is up to!

Upcoming Events, Professional Development and Meetings:

- Thursday, April 7, 2022: New Member Orientation from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022: **Branding Yourself in Media** with Katharine Loucaidou from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, April 14, 2022: **Getting Started With Matrix** with Eric Meek from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 19, 2022: **Hot Sheets and Market Watch** with Eric Meek from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 27, 2022: **Real Estate in 2025** with Valerie Garcia from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

*Committee members should consult their RAHB staff liaison for meeting schedule changes.

RAHB 2022-23 Committees and Task Forces - Call For Volunteers!



Are you ready for a new opportunity to give back to your profession? Consider serving on a 2022-23 RAHB Committee, Task Force or Focus Group! A sample of some of RAHB's opportunities are listed below:

- Audit, Finance and Risk
- Professional Standards
- Member Engagement
- MLS® Committee
- Regional Commercial Network
- Government Relations (general issues or elections)
- Statistical Package Review

Complete the volunteer form by clicking the below button by April 8, 2022. Volunteer assignments will be communicated in early May.

Volunteer with RAHB

Thank you for making a difference! If you have any questions, please email volunteer@rahb.ca.

Members in Motion Report



Check out this resource to see RAHB's newest members, transfers, and deletions. To review the report from the last seven days, click here:

Review Members in Motion Report

LAST CHANCE: Enter to Win a \$25 Gift Card to Nickel Brook Brewing Co.



Here at RAHB, we love the local businesses in our jurisdictions and want to support and celebrate them in anyway we can!

For every month of 2022, we will be featuring a "local love" contest that offers our followers to win a gift card to our local business pick of the

month. For the month of March, we're picking our favourite brewery and that is @nickelbrookbrewing - Nickel Brook Brewing Co. was founded by John and Peter Romano in Burlington, Ontario in 2005. They are committed to using only the finest natural ingredients from around the world, and brew them in small batches for the highest standard of quality. Nickel Brook continues to be an award-winning Ontario craft brewery that constantly strives to push the boundaries of brewing culture.

How to enter to win a \$25 gift card to Nickel Brook Brewing Co.

- Follow @RAHBNews on Instagram
- Tag a friend who you'd share a pint with! 🥬

Contest ends on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Winner will be chosen at random and will be notified via Direct Message from **@RAHBNews**. Winner must be okay with either providing their email address for an e-gift card or picking up the gift card from the RAHB Realty Shoppe. Nickel Brook Brewing Co. gift card is eligible for their online store *ONLY*

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

Check out what is coming up later this spring! Your Q2 Professional Development line-up is here!

Q2 2022 Education

Questions?

For more information or assistance with registering for any professional development courses, please contact Alex Hill at 905.529.8101 ext. 294 or email alexh@rahb.ca.

All-Access Pass



Our Professional Development All-Access Pass returns for another year in 2022 and we are offering it at a reduced price of \$75+HST! That's over an \$800 value in webinars for just \$75 plus HST. An All-Access Pass gives you access to watch webinars at YOUR convenience whenever life or business gets in the way. The All-Access Pass is valid for courses with a value of \$45 or less held up to December 31, 2022, and as an added bonus you'll have access to the full library until March 31, 2023. *Terms and conditions may apply*

Instructions to purchase a 2022 Professional Development All-Access Pass

- 1. Sign into http://my.rahb.ca/
- 2. Click on "my portal" icon (located under "RAHB News & Membership Services")
- 3. Click on "PD All-Access Pass" under "Upcoming Courses"
- 4. Click on the "register" button and follow the prompts
- 5. Once the transaction is finalized, start registering for courses and enjoy your savings!

For more information or assistance please contact Alex Hill at 905.529.8101 ext. 294 or email alexh@rahb.ca.

New Ontario Housing Legislation: More Homes for Everyone Act

Today, Ontario's housing minister introduced new legislation to increase the supply of housing in the province. The plan outlines three key areas the government focuses on to address the issue. The province said it is making a host of changes to cut red tape, create more homes, make it easier to build community housing, and protect homebuyers, homeowners, and renters. Some of the efforts include:

- launching new consultations on increasing "missing middle" housing, including supports for multigenerational housing, access to financing for not-for-profit developers and the housing needs of rural and northern communities
- investing more than \$19 million over three years to help the Ontario Land Tribunal and the Landlord and Tenant Board to reduce their backlogs
- a goal of building 1.5 million more homes in 10 years, and to "update planning guidance to make this a priority"

 increasing the non-resident speculation tax rate from 15 per cent to 20 per cent, expanding the tax beyond the Greater Golden Horseshoe and closing loopholes to fight tax avoidance

For more information, read the news release by clicking below.

Read the News Release

City of Hamilton Vacant Home Tax Update

Today, Hamilton City Council received a letter addressed to Mayor Fred Eisenberger from Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, that the province has signaled that it is supportive of the city of Hamilton implementing a Vacant Home Tax. Council had decided in February to seek provincial approval of the tax before putting it into action to ensure a smooth implementation. Council expects the tax to pay for itself and reduce housing prices as units are freed up by investors seeking to divest their additional, unused properties.

Rental Scam in RAHB Jurisdiction

Recently RAHB received communication that the con artist "James Regan" contacted a RAHB REALTOR® about leasing properties in the Burlington area.

RAHB REALTORS® have had experience dealing with "James Regan" previously he has contacted REALTORS® about renting properties, as well as calling around to brokerages looking to purchases a property and was noted to be quite aggressive.

RAHB asks that members please stay alert during this time. If you see or are affected by a rental scam, Hamilton Police Services suggests reporting the ad to the website where the rental is posted, working with your financial institution if money has been sent, and reporting incidents to local police services and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at http://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/. Please note there are no telephone lines for the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at this time.

To read the article involving "James Regan" please click the button below.

"James Regan" Article

News

Ford government unveils plans to fix soaring Ontario housing prices - CBC News

Ontario raises foreign-buyers tax to 20 per cent for home purchases - The Globe and Mail

Federal government to release budget on April 7 - CBC News Hamilton made a splash in building permits last year - The Hamilton Spectator

Hamilton board of health considers decriminalizing drug possession - CBC Hamilton

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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