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Education from coast to coast: CHBA British Columbia education program now offered to Newfoundland and Labrador builders

Ottawa, Ontario. 26 October, 2016 – An official memorandum of understanding was signed today between the Canadian Home Builders' Association of British Columbia (CHBA BC) and the Canadian Home Builders' Association of Newfoundland & Labrador (CHBA-NL) at the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) national meetings in Ottawa. This agreement signifies that CHBA Newfoundland & Labrador members will now be able to access courses and certifications through the CHBA British Columbia continuing education program.

Neil Moody, CEO of CHBA BC, and Victoria Belbin, CEO of CHBA-NL officially signed the memorandum on behalf of the two associations. CHBA BC President Gordon Bliss and CHBA-NL President Sheldon Colbourne were also in attendance for this important event.



From Left to Right: CHBA BC CEO Neil Moody, CHBA BC President Gordon Bliss, CHBA-NL President Sheldon Colbourne, and CHBA-NL CEO Victoria Belbin.

"Industry-specific education is very important for builders and there are many similarities with training needs across the country," said Neil Moody. "Our courses and certifications were designed by builders for builders, and we are happy to partner with our industry colleagues at CHBA Newfoundland & Labrador to offer our education program to its members."

"We are excited that our members will be able to access additional training opportunities through this program," said Victoria Belbin, CEO of CHBA Newfoundland & Labrador. "We will be able to work with local instructors from Newfoundland & Labrador and offer course sessions across the province. This permits us to offer a full range of professional courses from CHBA BC and tailor the delivery to fit our provincial and industry needs."

The partnership was formed at the CHBA National Conference held in May 2016 in Kelowna, B.C. CHBA BC past president Simon Howse was also instrumental in taking the CHBA BC education program across the country with this agreement at the conference. "This is a great opportunity for B.C. to share our expertise in delivering education to our industry colleagues. We are helping to raise the bar of professionalism in our industry, by expanding the CHBA BC education program to other provinces," said Simon Howse.

CHBA BC has offered a continuing education program for over 20 years. A suite of 12 courses is currently available, in addition to five professional certifications such as the Master Residential Builder program. CHBA BC also has an agreement in place with the Ontario Home Builders' Association for the continuing education program.

"Our education program is now officially in place from coast to coast. This is very important milestone for CHBA British Columbia and we look forward to working with CHBA Newfoundland & Labrador in the months ahead to launch and deliver this program," said Neil Moody.

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