



Builders' Letters

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Our next General Meeting is on

**February 21st,
6:30pm
at
Esther's Inn**

Our February 21 Meeting will feature guest speaker, from Telus, **Ken Perka**.

Ken Perka has been with BC Tel / TELUS for 32.5 years. His entire career has been involved in the Residential and Small Business arena, from installations and repairs to Customer Service to Standards. Now Ken is working with all the CHBAs in BC and any other avenues to meet with Single Family Builders and the Electrical Wiring Contractors to inform them about minor changes in the way communication wiring needs to be done inside the home.

The next **Builders' Liaison Meeting** will be **February 23rd, 7:30am**, Esther's Inn Restaurant.

Federal government pulls plug on ecoENERGY Retrofit program

News has come down that the Federal Government has decided to cancel its \$400-million ecoENERGY Retrofit program ahead of schedule, a move eco-building experts and environmentalists argue sends a dismal message about the country's commitment to energy-efficient building. Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver announced Sunday, January 29 that the Conservatives will no longer accept new registrants to the initiative, which encourages building and home owners to retrofit old roofs, windows and insulation with eco-friendly alternatives.

The End of RCITO

In a statement released February 1st, 2012, Mary Kenney – CEO of RCITO said "we were advised that the ITA would not provide continued funding to RCITO after March 31st." Kenny went on to state, "The ITA indicates that there are options for how our apprenticeships will be handled in the future but there is a vulnerability that concerns us. I am discouraged for all of our industry people, and our steadfast partners including all of you, who have invested so much into impressive program development for our trades." The ITA decision to end RCITO funding comes on the heels of several meetings held across the province to determine how Industry can better fill vacant jobs in BC.

2012 Northern BC Building Excellence Awards

It's happening again! The Northern BC Building Excellence Awards are set to take place on March 29th. The deadline for entries is February 29th, so get your entries in soon. To pick up your entry form, along with all submission guidelines either stop by the CHBA Northern BC Office, or go to www.chbanorthernbc.ca and download a copy. The Building Excellence Awards have been established to recognize and honour excellence in the home and commercial building industry in northern British Columbia

Start Date for PBI Is Almost Here

The Professional Builders' Institute is nearly online. Go to www.pbibc.ca to find out how new provincial requirements affect your business and how CHBA Northern BC can help you.

Built Green™ Builder Training
Prince George – April 25 & 26, 2012
8:30am – 4:30pm

Gram's Inn
901 Central Street
Prince George, BC

Instructor: Einar Halbig

Members - \$699.00 (Plus HST)
Non-Members - \$899.00 (Plus HST)

Registration Deadline is April 13th, 2011

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