

Member Heads Up

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<p>Heads Up</p>	<p>On May 4, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Shaye Anderson, announced the proposed New Home Buyer Protection Amendment Act that would enable a builder licensing program in Alberta.</p>
<p>Details</p>	<p>The proposed New Home Buyer Protection Amendment Act would enable a builder licensing program to recognize upstanding builders and remove builders who demonstrate a proven, negative track record.</p> <p>The Bill would create an online registry of licensed builders. The registry will be designed to help home buyers find a builder and view the track records of those involved in residential construction.</p> <p>The disclosure that will provide information for this registry is largely based on the Builder Declaration forms being used as part of the Fort McMurray rebuild.</p> <p>There will be a fee associated with the licensing regime - as proposed, this would be \$600 initially, and \$500 each year for each licensed builder.</p> <p>Supposing the legislation is approved, there are substantial details to be determined by regulation. Once the regulation development is completed and the regulation is approved by Cabinet, a transition period will begin, with the goal of having builders licensed in time for the 2018 build season, approximately May 2018.</p>
<p>Next steps</p>	<p>A substantive regulatory development discussion is set to take place from May until the fall, in order to provide clarity, detail and parameters for a licensing program. As outlined previously, CHBA – Alberta will be relied upon heavily during this process, as the Province respects our knowledge in this area and would like the process to go as seamlessly as possible for our members.</p> <p>CHBA – Alberta has already been heavily involved in discussions on the licensing proposal and will continue to be front and centre as the process moves ahead.</p>
<p>Get involved</p>	<p>CHBA – Alberta has created a builder licensing Task Force to help review materials, messaging and provide input. If you would like to participate in the Task Force contact T.J. Keil.</p>
<p>Resources</p>	<p>Government of Alberta News Release: https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=46842547E3899-D593-68D7-8557180F39E86D34</p>