

# NHICC Rationale

## **In view of the facts that:**

1. CAHPI National and its provincial units have decided that they will no longer support or promote the National Certification Program for Canadian home inspectors
2. CAHPI National and its provincial units consider the NCP to be a competing entity to their inspectors.
3. CAHPI National has disbanded the National Certification Authority and dismissed its various committees and volunteers.
4. CAHPI National has established an Interim Steering Committee to wind down the affairs of the NCA and the program.
5. CAHPI National has declared that as of March 2011, the NCP as we know it will cease to exist.

## **In consideration that:**

1. The reasons for the National Initiative for Canadian Home Inspectors are still very much in place, and might be even more pronounced today.
2. Millions of dollars of public money, inspectors' and stakeholders' financial and in-kind contributions are in jeopardy of being wasted
3. The NCP/NCA has been impeded by being tied too closely to one association, namely CAHPI. Since there were many individuals holding positions on both boards, sometimes fairness and objectivity suffered.
4. Hundreds of Canadian home inspectors have in good faith paid fees, taken educational courses, undergone peer review field testing, and are now proudly National Certificate Holders.
5. Several course providers have submitted course material and information for accreditation, investing large sums of money and time.
6. Government agencies, licensing bodies, insurers and other stakeholders have acknowledged the value of the NCP for recognition of inspector competence and consumer protection.
7. Our industry partners in ACBOA and FNNBOA, who worked with the private home inspection industry to create the National Home Inspector Model are disappointed that the program is being threatened.
8. The NCP is the only verifiable, rigorous credential available in Canada that is consistent in every region and is available equally and inclusively to every home inspector in Canada, whether they are members of an association or not.
9. No other home inspector designation is rated higher in Canada and supported by as many stakeholders, like CMHC, CREA, CSC, mortgage lenders, insurers and the legal community.
10. Although CAHPI National was the body originally named to administer the NCP through the NCA, CAHPI has publicly renounced and relinquished that right and responsibility.
11. No one body, including CAHPI, has a monopoly on the NCP. The NOS (National Occupational Standard) and the program are public assets. Any valid, recognized body, comprised of and representing National Certificate Holders and willing to adopt and strictly adhere to the NOS and the values and spirit of the 'National Certification and Accreditation Model for Home Inspectors' that was developed during the CHIBO (Canadian Home Inspectors and Building Officials) projects has a right to offer a version of the National Certification Program.

## **T**herefore:

1. The **National Home Inspector Certification Council (NHICC)** has evolved out of the original NCA. The NHICC will administer the program in place of the NCA which no longer exists.
2. The NHICC will be comprised of several experienced home inspectors, all who are National Certificate Holders and who will have voting privileges. There will also be some non-voting members of the NHICC, and they might include a consumer representative, a CMHC representative, one or two other non-inspection stakeholders, as well as the Presidents of nationally recognized home inspections associations, providing those persons are NCH's. ( To ensure the credibility and integrity of the program, it is essential that all home inspectors on this board should have attained their National Certification)
3. The NHICC will administer the NCP faithfully following the spirit and intent of the CHIBO initiative.
4. Every Canadian home inspector will have an equal and fair opportunity to achieve their National Certification credential.
5. The original positions on the NHICC will be held primarily by individuals who were elected to positions on the previous NCA, but some new members will be added to replace persons who were considered to be appointed by CAHPI.
6. In the future, all voting positions on the NHICC will be decided through regularly scheduled elections. Voting representatives on the NHICC will be chosen from and by the National Certificate Holders across Canada.
7. Every voting member of the NHICC must pledge in writing that he/she fully supports and will promote the NHICC without regard for any association or other affiliation. All decisions and policies of the NHICC must be in favour of growth of the NCP and adherence to the CHIBO values.
8. No member of the NHICC (voting or otherwise) may use his/her position for personal financial or other gain.
9. National Certificate Holders will be 'Registrants' within the NHICC. Since the NHICC is a Certifying Body and not an Association, it will not have members.