January 2015 Newsletter

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BE A PART OF THIS INAUGURAL EVENT!

Toronto Green Homes Summit

The Toronto Green Homes Summit is a one-day education event that will focus on residential construction.

Toronto Green Homes Summit
Wednesday, January 28, 2015
7:45 AM - 4:30 PM
Black Creek Pioneer Village, 100 Murray Ross Parkway, Toronto (map)

The Green Homes Summit is a one-day, regionally-focused education event focused on residential construction, including both single-family and multi-family homes (up to mid-rise level).

Agenda

7:45 - 8:30 AM Registration and Networking
8:30 - 10:00 AM Conference Welcome and Keynote Presentation
  Chris Higgins, City of Vancouver
10:00 - 10:15 AM Break
10:15 - 12:00 PM Panel Sessions
  Click here to see the breakdown of panelists and topics
12:00 - 1:15 PM Lunch and Networking
1:15 - 2:45 PM Open Forum Panel Discussion
Click here to see the breakdown of panelists

2:45 - 3:00 PM Concluding Remarks
3:00 - 4:30 PM Trade Show and Reception

Cost
Members $125
Not-Yet Members $175
EGB Price: $80 (limited number of tickets at this price - act fast!)

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For more information on how to become a table top exhibitor, please contact Dana Sperling.

RENEW or JOIN with a 2-Year Chapter Membership and Receive 10% off of any event!

*Once payment has been received, you will receive a promotional code by email which will be valid for the full month of February.

LEED BREAKFAST SERIES SESSION I
We’re pleased to announce the first topic and speaker of the 2015 LEED Breakfast Series!

The NEW Dynamic Plaque

LEED Dynamic Plaque has been launched by the U.S. Green Building Council to drive a more performance-based approach to LEED and to continue to enhance interest in the LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance standard. It is evolving as an efficient option to maintaining LEED certification and is available to all previously certified LEED EB, NC, CS and CI projects.

Speaker

Scot Horst, Chief Product Officer, U.S. Green Building Council. Scot is responsible for all product research, development, implementation and execution at USGBC. In his previous position he oversaw LEED at the U.S. Green Building Council. He guided staff and volunteers in the development of LEED v4, and is chief inventor of the LEED Dynamic Plaque, a scoring device for whole building performance. Scot established LEED as a global benchmark through a global, regional and local growth strategy that includes the LEED International Roundtable, now comprised of 38 countries and responsible for LEED technical development around the world.

Come to this session to learn about the new opportunities it presents and delve into dialogue around the plaque’s value and use in the market! For more information, please click here.

NEWS

1) Green Professional Skills Training (GPRO)

Congratulations to the graduating class of the December GPRO Construction Management course!

GPRO is a comprehensive green building certificate program aimed at contractors and subcontractors, building construction trades, and building operators and managers who are seeking a simple and cost effective way to diversify their knowledge of new green technologies and techniques. Initially rolled out in the US in 2010, with already more than 5,000 participants, GPRO is the only existing credential eligible to earn LEED credits through the inclusion of building trades professionals on registered LEED projects.
Since its introduction in Ontario in January 2014 through the Greater Toronto Chapter of the Canada Green Building Council (CaGBC-GTC), GPRO has sparked a lot of interest with individual tradespersons, companies, unions and other organizations. Trainers are ready to deliver GPRO training for the six different modules: Fundamentals, Mechanical/HVACR, Plumbing, Electrical Systems, Operations and Maintenance, and Construction Management. For more information on upcoming courses, please visit [http://gprocanada.org/](http://gprocanada.org/).

2) The Sustainable Housing Foundation

Sustainable Housing Foundation (SHF) is a non-profit, grass roots organization of energy raters, architects, manufacturers, builders and contractors, and is the Title Sponsor of all three Green Home Summits in Canada, including the upcoming event in Toronto on January 28, 2015. John Bell, co-Founder of HTO Water Technologies Inc and Chair of SHF, will be speaking at the event about whole home labeling of sustainable homes.

Imagine a housing market where home buyers shop around based on the energy efficiency of the home and demand every house be labeled with a consistent, easily understood energy "score" that directly relates to how much it is going to cost to run that home. SHF's vision is to empower the building community to use a "whole house" approach to efficiencies; it is easily understood by consumers and offers flexibility to builders. Come hear John and other highly-esteemed speakers at the upcoming Toronto Green Homes Summit.

3) Figuring out how to get your LEED credentials can be confusing!

We've updated our 1 hour on-demand Lunch & LEED webinar to hone in on all aspects of the LEED v4 process. It's convenient and free for you to learn everything you wanted to know about becoming a LEED Green Associate and LEED AP.

[Check it out here.](http://gprocanada.org/)

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4) Call for Volunteers - Opportunity for Chapter Members

The Chapter is currently seeking volunteers for the following events.

- **LEED Breakfast Series - Sessions I, II, III and IV:**
  - Dates (TBC): February 25, June 16, September 23 and November 12
  - Time commitment: 6:45AM - 9:30AM during a weekday

- **Toronto Green Homes Summit**
  - January 28, 2014
  - Time commitment: 7:00AM - 5:30PM (this can be done in shifts)

If you are able to commit to any of the above events for the full listed time, please contact [info@gta.cagbc.org](mailto:info@gta.cagbc.org). Please note that to be considered, you must be a member.

5) The Chapter is seeking a Volunteer Outreach Intern to support the Greater Toronto Chapter of the Canada Green
Building Council (GTC-CaGBC) in delivering its winter programs and initiatives. To find out more about this opportunity, please visit the Good Work Posting.

DECEMBER CERTIFICATIONS!

Congratulations to the 47 Canadian projects that achieved LEED certification in December. Eight of these were in Ontario and have been listed below:

- 6 Eva Road (Toronto) - LEED Canada NC Gold
- 180 Coleman Street (Belleville) - LEED Canada NC Gold
- 51 Dockside Drive (Toronto) - LEED Canada NC Gold
- 45 Columbia Street East (Waterloo) - LEED Canada NC Gold
- 1357 Baseline Road (Ottawa) - LEED Canada CI Gold
- 850 Fountain Street South (Cambridge) - LEED Canada for NC Silver
- 1 Bridge Street (Point Edward) - LEED Canada for NC Silver
- 345 St-Denis (Ottawa) - LEED Canada for NC Silver

UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

- LEED v4 Green Associate Study Course
  January 20 & 21, 2015 – Evergreen Brick Works, Toronto

- Toronto Green Homes Summit
  January 28, 2015 - Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto

- GPRO: Construction Management
  February 4 & 5, 2015 - Ontario General Contractors Association, Mississauga

- Understanding the LEED v4 BD+C Rating Systems - Registration Open Soon!
  February 12, 2015 - Toronto

- LEED Breakfast Series Session I - The NEW LEED Dynamic Plaque
  February 25, 2015 - Royal York Hotel

PARTNER EVENTS

- OSEA'S Powering Prosperity Awards
  January 29, 2015 - La Primavera Hospitality & Convention Centre, Vaughan

- ASHRAE 2015 Career Fair
  February 2, 2015 - Sheridan College, Davis Campus, Brampton

- Green Cities Workshop
February 9, 2015 - Hilton Hotel, London

- **TRIECA Conference**
  March 25 & 26, 2015 - Pearson Convention Centre, Brampton

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