

Alberta Radon Network

Date: August 17, 2016
Meeting Description: Alberta Radon Network
Location: Conference Call
In Attendance: Pam Warkentin, CARST and C-NRPP; (chair); Colin Dumais, RadonWest, CARST; Barry Obondo, Radontech; Joan Maissoneuve, AB-CHBA; Monte Weber, AB Lung Association; Kent Ma, Pinchin; Pat Lagore, Radon Control; Geoff Brownlie; Lindsay Smith-Monuz;

Item #	Topics Discussed	Action By:
	Sharing Challenges/Opportunities	
1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Joan Maissoneuve, CHBA<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Lack of gravel in areas; Looking for alternativeso Continuity with safety codes officers; challenges working with municipal affairs & municipalitieso Interested in what Policy Change Initiatives Manitoba is looking into- Monte Weber , AB Lung<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Budget season, working on including radon projectso Looking at radon program example with BC lung program- Geoff Brownlie, Senior Building Inspector for Province<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Anything wanted brought forth to safety codes office- Pat Lagore, RadonControls<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Industry; busy workingo Noticing more awareness & acceptability- Kent Ma, Pinchin<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Working with school's design and commercial buildings- Colin Dumais, RadonWest<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Activated one rough in / notice plugged pipeo Radon more legitimateo Looking for information to clear up building code issues/challenges- Barry Obondo, Radontech<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Fielding lots of codes from building codeo Working in testing- Lindsay Smith-Monuz<ul style="list-style-type: none">o One MLA is interested in tying radon to home saleso Looking at policy options/ communication tools	

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- Pam Warkentin, C-NRPP/CARST
 - o CARST works to raise awareness and connect stakeholders and so chairing this meeting is part of efforts to help connect stakeholders in Alberta
 - o C-NRPP is certification program and sets standards for Radon Measurement and Mitigation Professionals and Installers
 - o Working with other provincial groups and can share efforts

2.0 Discussion on Technical Solutions Issues with changes to Building Code

- Still in learning phase
- Gravel issues in Edmonton
- Consistency issues; working safety code officers & industry
- Rough-in issues
- NRC
 - Moving ahead
 - Commercial building code
- Radon working group
- Look at initiating a code change request
 - Contact Frank Lohman @ NRC on Radon changes
 - Check on code change requests
- AARST – EPA
 - US expertise
 - See if they can share information
- Homeowners need to test once they move in
- Note: Here are two research projects that have to do with the National Building Code:
 - [BC Lung Association - Radon Report #4 - Future Proofing: Protect Consumers from Radon in New Homes](#)
 - [Radon Demonstration Application of Building Code Changes in Winnipeg.pdf](#)

Other areas of opportunity for Radon Protection/Awareness:

- Look into accurate mapping
- Information sharing needed
- Education/getting information/increasing outreach
- C-NRPP certification course; should connect with trade schools
- Renters are in area that we don't seem to have any safeguards or awareness for radon; Ontario is in the process of bringing it into the Residential Tenancy act; in Alberta need to evaluate current legislation to see where and if it currently is covered
- Day cares in basement may have increased risk, although levels may have radon in upper floors; not just basement; area to increase awareness
- Seems that there is confusion by homeowner's on what to do when test are high; Officials still need more information

- Struck a committee to work on Radon Events across the province; will meet September 8

Discussion on Home Warranty Programs; Currently Ontario's Tarion covers radon: Tarion - Ontario Home Warranty Program

- [Radon and your New Home Warranty](#)
- [TARION 2013 Radon Gas](#) (Builder Information)
- CARST update 2017
 - "Conference Info"
 - Save the date
 - Info from past conferences
- Look to have a Face to face meeting for AB network
 - Calgary MU Affairs has a board room; Alberta Health may also have board room space

Supporting Documents: (requested or referred to in past discussions)

- Health Canada's [Cross-Canada Survey](#)
- Building Code Research
 - [BCLung Radon Report 4](#)
 - Radon Demonstration an Application of Building Code Changes in Winnipeg - attached
- [Ministry of Labour – Radon in the Workplace](#)
- [Municipal Act Changes in Ontario](#)
- [Guelph Radon Mitigation Program](#)
- [BC Building Codes](#)
- [C-NRPP list of professionals](#)
- [CARST page on Information and Research](#)
- [CARST page on past news articles](#)
- Radon Aware and its Research Articles
 - **[RadonAware](#)** (BC Lung Association)
 - [Castlegar Project](#)
 - [Prince George Radon Project](#)
 - [A Model for Radon Testing and Mitigation in Affordable Housing](#)
 - [Shared Services Radon Testing Pilot Project](#)