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NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

**DATE: WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

Best Western Hotel
19 Holiday Dr. Brantford

Social 6:30 – Dinner 7:15 P.M.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF MEMBERS**



**THIS IS YOUR ASSOCIATION
YOUR INPUT TO THESE
DECISIONS IS NEEDED AND
REQUIRED**

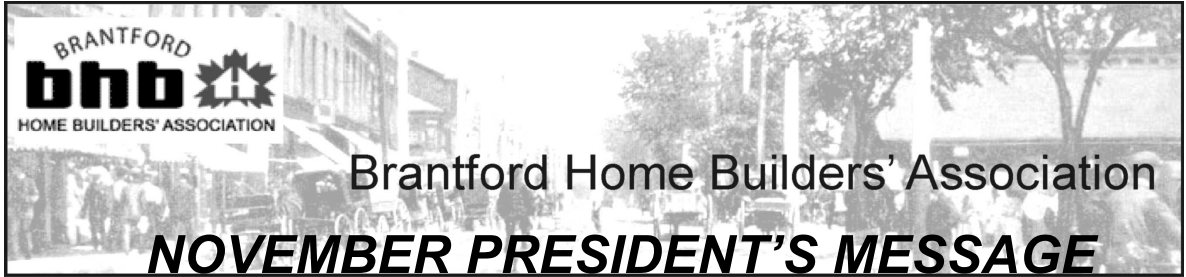
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freddecator@rogers.com

**NOMINATION
COMMITTEE
PROPOSED SLATE
2024-2025**

Past President: Matt
Ninomiya
President: Jolene Koch
1st Vice President: Kristin
Boughner
2nd Vice President: TBD
Treasurer: TBD

Directors

Odete Gomes
Connie Martin
Jayne Smillie
Bob Stewart
Jennifer Stuart
Steve Szasz Jr.
Open for nomination



Hello Fellow Members!

Just a bit of a recap for you since my last message. The County has passed the new DC Charges at Council on October 22, 2024 and come into force on November 1, 2024. Please note that there is a 40 day appeal period from the date of approval by the County. The City of Brantford has completed their New Zoning By-Law Companion and Official Plan Amendment and passed the Zoning By-Law on September 24. The official Plan was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on August 4, 2024.

A reminder that our AGM will be held at the Best Western in Brantford on November 13. Please RSVP with Fred so we can confirm numbers. Also, mark your calendars for November 29th for the BHBA Christmas party. There is **LIMITED** spots available, and they go quickly so please claim your spot now

This president's message is a bittersweet one as this is my last one with Fred at the helm. I want to convey my utmost gratitude for his assistance, guidance and advice. It means more to me than you could know. Fred, although you aren't going far you will be missed in this role.

Lastly, I want to warmly welcome Angela DeVries as she formally steps into the EO role on November 1st. We are already excited to start a new chapter and look forward to making just as many memories together.

We are here to listen to you but more importantly to take action. Let us know if we can help. **Please, call a member first!**

Yours truly,

Jolene Koch, 2023-2024 President

Please feel free to contact me at any time:
jkoch@livhere.ca

Ontario Home Builders Conference Niagara Falls – September 23-25, 2024



Executive Officer Fred DeCator receives the “David Horton Leadership Award” from OHBA President Mike Memme



Executive Officer Fred DeCator
CHBA President Matt McCurrach,
BHBA President Jolene Koch



Rob Barnett (L) Matt Ninomiya Past President
OHBA Service Professional of the year Award to
Walter Fedy



The newly elected Board of Directors
Ontario Home Builders' Association

JOINT MEETING WITH HNHBA MEMBERS OCTOBER 9, 2024 ERIE BEACH HOTEL, PORT DOVER



We were fortunate to have CHBA President Matt McCurrach as our guest speaker.

Above Matt (R) and Jolene BHBA President (L) present an Award of Honour from CHBA to retiring BHBA Executive Officer Fred DeCator



From left Jolene Koch, BHBA Pres., Sam Bunting HNHBA Past Pres., Fred, Ike Keesmat HNHBA Pres. and Matt McCurrach CHBA Pres.

Past Pres. Sam Bunting presented retiring BHBA Executive Officer Fred with a Gift Basket on behalf of Haldimand Norfolk Home Builders' Association



We had a full house for the meeting in Port Dover. Lots of networking taking place.



With thanks to all who purchased draw tickets at our Build Brantford Industry Lunch in April we were able to support the Stedman Community Hospice with this cheque from the proceeds in the amount of \$ 2,860.00. From the left: Julie Powell, President and CEO of St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation, Odete Gomes, Chair Build Brantford and Fred DeCator, Executive Officer BHBA



BHBA President Jolene Koch presents a cheque in the amount of \$ 730.00 to member Shawn Stuart who is the Executive Director/Founder of Organized Kaos. This money is the proceeds from the Putting and Chipping contests at our annual Golf Tournament held on June 20, 2024. Shawn and his team spent the day at both of these events to raise the awareness of OK. **“Organized Kaos exists to apprentice young people in life and trade inspiring hope and purpose. We offer a safe environment in which young people work and learn alongside skilled trades persons from local churches”.**



Retirement Dinner October 25, 2024
 Retiring Executive Officer Fred DeCator



Will Bouma MPP Brantford Brant presents Fred with Congratulations on Retirement



Angela DeVries, Incoming E.O., Jennifer Stuart, Odete Gomes, Fred & Dorothy, Jolene Koch, Bob Stewart and Matt Ninomiya – BHBA Board Members



From left: Odete Gomes, Dorothy & Fred DeCator, President Jolene Koch presents flowers and Recognition Plaque



Aggie Tose, Executive Officer Haliburton HBA presents Fred with picture of all Ontario Executive Officers taken at the OHBA Conference in Niagara Falls

As I leave the Executive Officer Position

I take this opportunity as I send you this last Newsletter that I will prepare to thank you for allowing me to be your Executive Officer for the past 35 years. I have had the privilege of working with fantastic presidents and board members during this time and would even go so far as to consider them not only members but friends.

There are so many special moments in the 35 years that I would do a disservice to some of them if I tried to put them all in this last note. There are just too many for the space.

It does not seem possible that 35 years have passed so quickly, but that is the way time works. When you are doing something you love time really has no meaning.

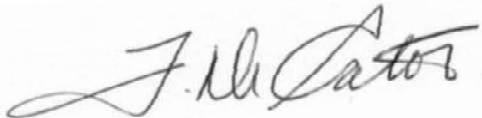
I have enjoyed attending the Provincial and Federal level OHBA and CHBA Conferences and have seen this wonderful country from coast to coast and met many wonderful people along the way.

I am not leaving the Association as your board has retained me to act as Treasurer/Bookkeeper so will continue to do your invoicing and receive your payments throughout the years to come. I will also be exercising my long standing Honourary Life Membership to attend meetings.

As I stated at the Retirement Dinner. The Association as a whole is poised for some great things in the future and I wish you well as they are brought to life. As always there will be some bumps in the road, but you have had them before and you will have them again. You are strong and will overcome the obstacles. Keep your stick on the ice and all will be good.

I wish you well in the future and leave you in good hands with your new Executive Officer Angela DeVries.

Sincerely



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The following member has applied to become a member of BHBA. If you have any comment regarding their application, please forward it in writing to E.O. Angel DeVries freddeicator@rogers.com

Bobcat of Brantford Inc.,
566 Oak Park Road,
BRANTFORD, ON N3T 5L8
Representative: Craig Buckles, General Manager
Category: Supplier
Phone: 519-752-7900

Welcome to our newest member



Sensity,
50 Main St.,
Paris, on N3L 2E2
Representative: Connie Martin
Category: Professional
Phone: 226-387-8255



You are Invited to Attend

BHBA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, November 29, 2024

Brantford Golf & Country Club,
60 Ava Road, BRANTFORD, ON

SOCIAL: 6:30 P.M. – DINNER 7:15 P.M.

MEMBER AND SPOUSE – NO CHARGE
GUESTS \$ 65.00 Plus HST

Please confirm your attendance to Treasurer Fred
before November 22, 2024 via e-mail.

Only 60 Seats Available

freddecator@rogers.com or phone 519-755-9690

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