



Tarion and Ongoing Changes in the New Home Construction Industry

Moderator(s): Angelo Diccio

DATE: Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024 TIME: 10:30 am

LOCATION: Salon H,J

GUEST SPEAKERS: Andrew Donnachie - Tarion, Brian Raymond - Tarion

DESCRIPTION: As a critical part of the new home construction industry in Ontario, Tarion will provide an update on the state of new home construction in the province, changes to the New Home Warranty Program and how Tarion works with Municipalities, an overview of our Risk-Based Inspection Program, and lessons learned about current construction practices from those inspections.

BIOGRAPHY: Andrew Donnachie, Manager, Media & Stakeholder Relations
Andrew is a public affairs professional with experience leading policy development, rolling out communications campaigns, and engaging with stakeholders through a variety of outreach initiatives. Since joining Tarion in 2020, Andrew has played a lead role in the policy development and public consultations on Tarion recent modernization efforts, as well as providing education and outreach to various stakeholder groups. Prior to joining Tarion, Andrew served in a number of roles across different levels of government and the broader public sector, including Chief of Staff to the Mayor of Cambridge and Director of Communications to the Provincial Minister of Transportation.

BIOGRAPHY: Brian Raymond, Director, Risk Based Inspections
Brian is a former Chief Building Official, and has also served as a Commissioned Officer in the Army Reserves. Brian started at Tarion in December of 2019, and has been central in developing Tarion's new Risk Based Inspection program. He is also Tarion resident Building Code expert and delivers building code courses to Tarion Staff. In addition to his experience and specialty training in leadership, employment law, and the Ontario Building Code, he has a Bachelor of Commerce degree at York University, with previous Diploma's in Civil Engineering and Municipal Management.