

FROM THE FOUNDATION UP

NOVEMBER 6TH AND 7TH
2009

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The 13th Annual CCI/ACMO Joint Condominium Conference was held on November 6th and 7th at the Markham Hilton Suites Hotel. As evidenced by the highest attendance numbers to date – 778 delegates, speakers and exhibitors, the conference was a huge success!

The conference was officially launched on the morning of November 6th with a welcome speech presented by the Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Immigration and MPP for the Markham riding. Also in attendance on November 6th was Jim Brownell, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Consumer and Business Services. Mr. Brownell offered delegates an update from the Ministry with specific reference to the HST. The room was filled to capacity

with delegates eager to hear their messages and begin two days of learning and networking. This year's theme of "From the Foundation Up" was extended into many of the session topics spread over the two-day period. Back by popular demand this year, were the Round Table Discussion tables first introduced at the 2008 conference. The performance on early Saturday morning by Canadian comedian Gerry Dee was another highlight of the conference, which started Saturday off on a lighter note. We extend our sincere appreciation to the 68 speakers and moderators who participated this year and all the committee members from both CCI and ACMO who contributed countless hours planning for this year's conference.

The wrap-up luncheon and closing session: "Condo Law Update Supersession: Two Panels, Two Moderators and a Facilitator", offered a new twist on the 'grande finale' of the conference and it was a huge hit! Congratulations and thanks to moderators Armand Conant and Bob Gardiner and facilitator, Lisa Kay for a job very well done.

An important part of the conference is the trade show. Delegates were treated to a wide array of products and services on display by the over ninety exhibitors who supported the conference this year. In case you missed any of them, be sure to check the conference website at www.condoconference.ca for a full list of exhibitors, along with their contact information.

A sincere thanks is also offered to our conference partner, Rogers Cable. Our partnership with Rogers and their continued commitment toward condominium education is truly appreciated. The financial support they contribute significantly increases our ability to offer quality programming each year at reasonable prices.

Mark your calendars now for next year's conference taking place on **Friday, November 5th and Saturday November 6th, 2010** at the Markham Hilton Suites hotel. We hope to see you there!

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L-R: Minister Michael Chan; ACMO President, Chris Antipas; Parliamentary Assistant, Jim Brownell and CCI Toronto President, Armand Conant at the Conference opening.



Round table discussions offered small group settings to ask the experts questions on various topics.



Educational sessions were the main focus of the conference and over 12 sessions on various topics were offered this year.



The trade show offered information on new services and products as well as valuable networking time.



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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



2009 Conference Co-Chair and CCI President, Armand Conant welcomes delegates to the 2009 Annual Joint Conference.



ACMO President and Conference Co-Chair, Chris Antipas provides closing remarks on Saturday, November 7th.



Rogers Cable representative Adam Newhook (left) draws the name of a lucky prize winner who will take home the large screen television donated by Rogers Cable.



CCI National President, Janice Pynn welcomes Comedian Gerry Dee on Saturday, November 7th.



Closing supersession panel
L-R: Moderator, Bob Gardiner (at podium), Geoff Penney, Harry Herskowitz, Brian Horlick, Carol Dirks, James Davidson and Jonathan Fine



Additional networking time was available to delegates and exhibitors during the late afternoon wine and cheese reception on Friday, November 6th.



The session on Tarion was well attended.

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