



HAVAN

Homebuilders Association Vancouver

STANDING STRONG

- **1,100+** Members
- **391** Licensed Builders & Developers
- **236** Professional Renovators
- **493** Suppliers

ADVOCACY FOCUS

- Municipal Best Practices
- Anti-Development
- NIMBYism
- Government Imposed Taxes
- Permit Processing Times
- Industry Tariffs
- DCC and CAC Rates

BUILDING METRO VANCOUVER

 **119,368** RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION JOBS

 **\$15** BILLION IN INVESTMENT VALUE

2.8 NEW JOBS CREATED PER NEW HOME BUILT 

\$7.1 BILLION IN WAGES

65% LOWER MAINLAND HOMES ARE MEMBER-BUILT

*SOURCE: https://www.chba.ca/CHBA/HousingCanada/InformationStatistics/CHBA/Housing_in_Canada/Information_and_Statistics/InformationStatistics.aspx?hkey=0cec0938-c402-44bd-b316-96bd03998782

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WINS

HAVAN's Government Relations goal is to minimize the cost of working with government by advocating for housing policy that is **transparent**, **predictable**, and **accountable**.

HAVAN influences policy at municipal, provincial, and federal government levels in collaboration with CHBA-BC on provincial issues, and CHBA on federal issues.

HAVAN leads advocacy efforts for Part 9 housing issues and works collaboratively with partners (such as UDI) on Part 3 housing.

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PERMIT PROCESSING TIMES



THE ISSUE

2018: Municipal housing permit processing times.



HAVAN'S INITIATIVE

- HAVAN publishes the Housing Approvals Study (HAS) comparing the time and expense of working with each of the 23 cities of Metro Vancouver.
- HAVAN lobbies City of Vancouver to review/improve permit approval process.



WHY IT MATTERS

- Province-wide review of application processing time and costs currently under way.
- City of Vancouver initiates the Applicant Supported Approval Process (ASAP) Pilot (reducing approval times by 75%), and the Regulation Redesign initiative.

ANTI-DEVELOPMENT



THE ISSUE

2017/2018: Surrey community groups lobby city council to halt new development in communities with overcrowded schools.



HAVAN'S INITIATIVE

- HAVAN helps form coalition of builders, Board of Trade, and parents.
- Meetings held with provincial officials during the 2017 provincial election campaign.



WHY YOU CARE

- Commitments gained from each of the major parties to invest in new school infrastructure.
- Surrey development moratorium is avoided.
- The provincial government commits \$200 million toward new school construction.

DOUBLING DCC RATES



THE ISSUE

2016: The City of Surrey proposes doubling current DCC rates.



HAVAN'S INITIATIVE

- HAVAN/UDI collaborate on in-person advocacy and letter writing campaigns opposing the timing of the increase.



WHY IT MATTERS

- Three-year staged introduction of the rate increase is adopted, rather than an all-at-once increase.

SPECULATION TAX



THE ISSUE

2018: The provincial government announce a new "speculation tax" including development lands.



CHBA-BC'S INITIATIVE

- Pro-active, behind the scenes meetings held with minister and government staff, with HAVAN staff participation.
- Public statements note policy will worsen the affordability of new market housing.



WHY IT MATTERS

- Government exempts development lands from the new tax.
- Home buyers' save a tax hit of ~\$7000 per new home built in BC: \$287 million per year total for all new homes built.

BC LEGISLATURE DAY



THE ISSUE

2018: BC Legislature Day



CHBA-BC'S INITIATIVE

- HAVAN works with CHBA-BC to plan inaugural Provincial Legislature Day lobbying session



WHY IT MATTERS

- Members meet with Cabinet Ministers and MLAs to advocate for market housing, and engage in the discussion on housing affordability.

DRYWALL TARIFFS



THE ISSUE

2017: Private company (CertainTeed) convinces federal government to impose a drywall tariff.



CHBA'S INITIATIVE

- Organizes cross-country letter campaign along with in-person advocacy and testimony before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal.



WHY IT MATTERS

- Tariff eliminated.
- New home buyers save more than \$25 million per year.

BC ENERGY STEP CODE



THE ISSUE

2016 - Ongoing: BC Energy Step Code



HAVAN & CHBA-BC'S INITIATIVE

- HAVAN actively participates in the Energy Step Code Council.



WHY IT MATTERS

- HAVAN Advocates for local governments to consult with building industry, prior to implementation of Step Code requirements, to seek feedback and evaluating of local capacity.