

Minister Coleman Interviewed on Shaw TV-House Inspectors

On Thursday, July 4th The Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development, Minister Responsible for Housing & Deputy Premier, appeared with Vaugh Palmer, host of the Shaw TV Show 'Voice of BC'. While touching on all the Minister's portfolios, House Inspectors & Accountability was addressed. Rich Coleman focused attention on the task of professionalizing the industry and need for errors and omissions insurance. "Usually when you professionalize an industry, like giving them licensing, usually tied to a professional organization, it comes with errors and omission insurance, similar to real estate," said Coleman.

The Minister spoke about consultations with the four associations involved with certification leading to a Consumer Protection BC (CPBC) license. "I think as we come through the discussions with the four industry groups that are involved in home inspectors in BC, it'll be about: how do you professionalize and standardize your training? How are you going to protect the errors and omissions for what you do say in your home inspections? That qualification will then gear to whether the individual can be licensed within British Columbia, and because of where they're affiliated the license will be."

Speaking about professional associations, Coleman said, "They all have packages of professional designations, governing bodies, plus they have the errors and omissions to protect the consumer."

ASTTBC has advised Government that the Association is pleased with the Premier's decision to tackle the serious issues with the current Regulation as identified by ASTTBC and CAHPI(BC) - the other BC-based association certifying inspectors. ASTTBC is confident Minister Coleman will 'get it right' this time around and that he will consult widely as changes to the current model are developed.

Meetings with CPBC and Government staff are being convened this summer.

View the Rich Coleman [INTERVIEW](#) in its entirety (or for the House Inspector clip go to 47.24 minutes.)