

Welcome to the National Association of Green Agents and Broker's January newsletter.

## **Green Real Estate News**

With economies in the U.S. and Canada still suffering the effects of the recession, it appears that the main concern for the real estate professional who attended the Real Estate Forum in Toronto in December was the economy and the impacts on the market. Ann White, a blogger on the Real Estate News Exchange site notes that we ignore the environment at our peril. For more information, refer to her [blog post](#) on how the economy trumped the environment in discussions at the Forum.

## **Government News**

The popular Home Renovation Tax Credit offered by the federal government officially ends at the end of this month. Encourage your clients who have not yet taken advantage of this offer to use it to offset the cost of making energy-efficient upgrades to their homes. They may be able to claim a grant or rebate through municipal or provincial plans in addition to the tax credit. Encourage your clients to visit <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/hrtc/> for more information.

## **New Products**

Solar tubes are an energy-efficient way to provide natural lighting in a variety of rooms in your home. They are installed in a similar manner to skylights, but are easier to install, and provide a significant amount of natural light in almost any room in your home. For more information on solar tubes, visit [www.solatube.com](http://www.solatube.com).

## **Association News**

NAGAB has begun the webinar series designed to introduce you to broad issues in the green real estate market. Please take a look at [www.nagab.org](http://www.nagab.org) to see when upcoming webinars are being held and plan to join us.

## **Membership News**

NAGAB is pleased to inform you of a new preferred Home & Automobile Insurance Program offered to our members. This program is available to all members, their spouse and all dependants living in the same household. Novex Insurance and Primetime offer competitive group rates, superior service and many value added features. The program is intended to insure all your personal automobile and personal property needs. Please visit <http://www.primetimeinsurance.com>, or simply call Primetime Insurance to obtain your free no obligation quotation. In Ontario call 1-877-482-7463 & outside Ontario call 1-888-776-6839.

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