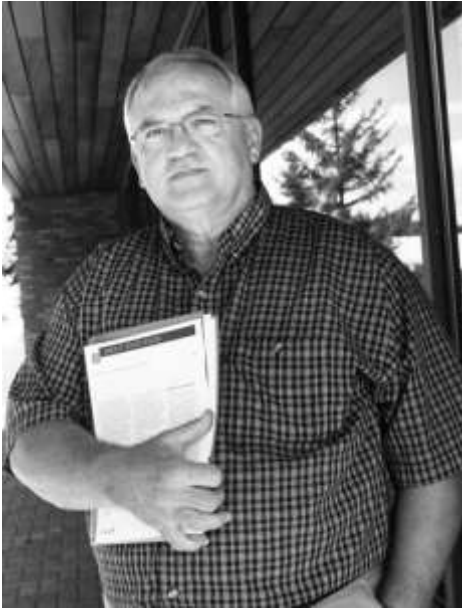


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Re: Holmes on Scoundrels, July 5.

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Both of these designations are referred to in Mike Holmes' new book, *The Holmes Inspection*, on page 29.

As chairman of the Ottawa Regional Meeting Group of CAHPI-Ontario, I assure readers that there are tens of thousands of satisfied clients who have retained the services of NCHs or RHIs for their home purchases over the past 20 to 30 years here in Eastern Ontario and West Quebec.

We are the pros that Mike Holmes is referring to. We are the generalists who know when to call in a structural engineer, an HVAC expert, plumber or electrical contractor if necessary. We are the GPs of home inspections.

Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation's article No. 62839 on hiring a home inspector recommends that home buyers retain the services of a "qualified" home inspector. The article contains 10 questions to ask a home inspector before you hire one and references CAHPI inspectors.

Knowing Mike Holmes and having had several conversations with him on this subject over the years, he will confirm that we are the pros, something that was not mentioned in the Citizen article. His concerns and ours as professional home inspectors are that there are fly-by-night unqualified charlatans posing as home inspectors and duping the public similar to what he experienced in the renovation business.

So for all home buyers, hire a pro, hire a CAHPI-Ontario NCH/RHI home inspector and you will be in good hands.

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