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**Home Shipments ease off
as economic growth is
moderating**

**2011 Annual Meeting - mark
May 15 & 16, 2011 on your
calendar – Kamloops, B.C.**

LATE NEWS...

**Premier Gordon Campbell
announced the largest
reorganization of ministries
since 2001...then a 15%
income tax cut...then, with
his popularity still at 9%, his
retirement.**

**Now added to the HST un-
certainty, B.C. will await the
selection of a new Liberal
Leader and Premier before
the course is reset once
again...**

**2011 GOLF TOURNAMENT
Tuesday, May 17th**

Quarterly News

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MHABC New Home Shipments Slow in August and September

The reports by Members of new home shipments since March 1st show that 349 new homes were shipped through September. While more single-section, more multiple-section, more built in B.C. and more homes built outside B.C. were reported in the period, new home shipments tapered off in August and September to a total of 50 new homes versus 49 in the same months last year.

Despite an overall decline in the last two months, single-section homes were up 100% in August and September from a year ago and are up almost 38% over last year. On the other hand, multiple-section homes shipments fell 12% in August and September and are up just 28% year over year. The outlook is for a similar moderating of shipments through year end.

The B.C. economy still awaits the uplift of demand for forest products in the United States. The US economy is finally showing some signs of growth apart from stimulus spending and the Federal Reserve is “creating” more funds for lending. US job creation in October was a positive sign.

Kamloops Green Dream Home

MHABC Board of Directors toured the Green Dream Home on October built by CHBA-Central Interior and Thompson Rivers University. It is one of CMHC’s Equilibrium Projects.



Loaded with green technology, at the time of the visit to the 'Green Dream Home' in the adult Sun Rivers development, the combined output of the solar panels on the roof and deck railing was over 6 kilowatts. It has everything from in ground heat pump system to recycled rubber tire shingles.

For a virtual tour of the house visit www.kamloopscity.com ... and for CMHC's EQUilibrium™ Sustainable Housing Demonstration Initiative go to: www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca



From tour guide Brian Hayashi on the right – Directors Kim Loudoun, Walter Fontinha, Vice-President Sandra Knopf, Directors Cathy Corbin, Doug Fisher, Al Lutz, President Terry Weicker and Rick Higgs, Exec. Dir.

BC Housing/CMHC Affordable Seniors Housing well underway

Fourteen housing projects to use 198 of the small multi-units purchased from MHABC Members Britco, Chaparral, Freeport and Northern Trailer are now into various stages of on-site construction, with some completed.

The projects and units: Fort St. John – 8, Keremeos – 16, Lillooet – 8, Logan Lake – 12, Lumby – 16, Mackenzie – 8, New Hazelton – 10, Prince George – 30, Prince Rupert – 10, Revelstoke – 16, Taylor – 8, Terrace – 24, Tumbler Ridge – 12, and Valemount – 10.

Complete in Keremeos...



The B.C. Housing/CMHC Seniors Housing program will deliver more than 350 of the small multi-unit housing modules in groups of 2 to 8.

They offer the opportunity for factory building to be seen in yet another attractive form in large and small communities throughout the province. Housing Minister Coleman was a key proponent of using factory built modules.

Foundations in Prince George...



Assembly of modules and common roof structure in Mackenzie...



Members are encouraged to visit a nearby project to see how the various partnerships have come together to deliver affordable housing to communities with a real need.

MHABC Writes to Hon. Stephanie Cadieux about local government transport permits

The association has written to B.C.'s new Minister responsible for communities to address the hodge-podge of local transport permits, with copies to her colleagues, Ministers Hansen (Manufactured Home Act), McNeil (Manufactured Home Registry), Coleman (Housing) and Bond (Transportation).

It became clear following inquiries that manufactured home loads were uniquely targeted by local transport permits that varied in amount, attached conditions, fees, other charges, delays and enforcement. MHABC is asking that they be discontinued.

Members of the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) were challenged by Housing Minister Rich Coleman

There are 180 local governments in B.C. all with bylaws, plans, processes and charges, all of which impact the cost of new housing in the province. At this year's UBCM Convention, B.C. Housing Minister Rich Coleman asked local governments to help reduce the cost of new homes. CMHC has reported that various taxes and imposts add up to \$90,000 to the cost of a new home in some municipalities.

5-Metre wide home loads can move west to Terrace on Hwy. 16

Hwy. 16 – The Yellowhead - from Terrace to the B.C. Alberta border is now open to the movement of 5-metre wide home loads. The successful test move on August 11th from Vanderhoof was the last hurdle to opening the route. CVSE's Form T-69A has been updated to include the route.

First 5-metre wide home load moves onto the Sunshine Coast

The first 5-metre wide home load moved onto the lower Sunshine Coast after a barge trip from Richmond to Port Mellon. The relatively short move was accomplished without incident as traffic was virtually non-existent at 2 a.m.

MHABC provides Input to the initiative to harmonize transport policy in western Canada

MHABC has been active in providing input on transport policy in the last two years. The association was among a very small number of groups that took up the opportunity to meet with and submit advice to the Council of Deputy Ministers' Working Group in 2009 and has been active in addressing transport policy in B.C.

In response to the new initiative, in which Greg Gilks former Director of CVSE will provide B.C.'s lead, the association resubmitted all of the documents that went to the Deputies' Council to Minister Shirley Bond, to Assistant Deputy Mike Proudfoot and senior ministry staff.

The current work on harmonization is being done by the three western provinces – Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C.

Britco's 2010 PNE Prize Home advertises 'Factory Built'

Tens of thousands of people attending the 100th anniversary of the annual Pacific National Exhibition, visited the prize home that was again built by MHABC Member Britco Structures. Prominent in the brochures given to all those touring the home were the words Factory Built. This year the home is being delivered to property near Kelowna on Kirschner Mountain.

On the PNE grounds in Vancouver...



The PNE Prize Home featured a double deck at the rear off the master suite and leading to the outside entertainment patio



Ever popular, the prize home had a long line of patient visitors wrapping around the house.



Win Accommodation at 2011 AGM

Complete your **Questionnaire** and let the Board know what you think should be on the agenda in 2011. One lucky respondent will receive free accommodation at the Kamloops Towne Lodge in May 2011. Get your ideas into the hopper! Send by email, fax or post dated by November 15th.

Membership Drive Underway

Membership invitations are going to all those suppliers identified by Members so far. There could be many more invited – send in the names and addresses of your key contacts. Send an email note with contact information and an invite will be sent.

PIONEER BURSARY UPDATE

Maneek Chahal is now at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.



Cyrene Larson is attending the University of Calgary in Alberta.



Are your homebuyers getting the advantage of a quality factory build and excellent service?

