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June Housing Starts in the Lower Mainland

Vancouver, July 9, 2010 – According to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), 1,250 housing starts were recorded in June 2010 across the Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area (CMA), bringing the total number of housing starts for the first half of the year to 6,881 homes.

“We have had a steady pace of new projects breaking ground, and together with a significant increase in the value of residential building permits recorded in May, we are well on track for total housing starts in 2010 to surpass the 10,000 mark” noted Robyn Adamache, Senior Market Analyst with CMHC. “But the current rate still suggests that we are likely to remain under the ten-year average level of 15,360 units.”

“Rental housing starts have totalled 475 units so far this year,” remarked Adamache, “surpassing the levels seen for the same period over the past five years. Given the steady pace of immigration adding to the region’s population, builders are responding to demand for this type of housing.”

In the Abbotsford CMA, 32 homes were started during June, all of which were single-detached houses. There have been 238 housing starts during the first half of 2010 in Abbotsford.

Nationally, housing starts were down slightly in June, slipping to 189,300 units, seasonally adjusted at annual rates (SAAR). In urban British Columbia, the seasonally adjusted annual rate of housing starts moved higher, edging up to 23,600 units, SAAR.

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Vancouver CMA Housing Starts

JUNE 2010						
	Single-Detached		Multiples		TOTAL	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
Bowen Island	2	0	2	0	4	0
Burnaby	36	7	154	6	190	13
Coquitlam	3	19	219	2	222	21
Delta	16	7	15	52	31	59
Langley City	1	0	0	0	1	0
Langley District	24	15	14	13	38	28
Maple Ridge	24	19	4	40	28	59
New West	20	1	34	0	54	1
North Van. City	0	1	4	11	4	12
North Van. District	7	5	0	36	7	41
Pitt Meadows	3	1	0	0	3	1
Port Coquitlam	1	1	8	7	9	8
Port Moody	1	0	0	0	1	0
Richmond	34	7	102	49	136	56
Surrey	192	78	195	91	387	169
Vancouver City	60	45	51	46	111	91
West Vancouver	10	3	0	0	10	3
White Rock	0	3	4	2	4	5
Other	10	4	0	0	10	4
Van CMA TOTAL	444	216	806	355	1,250	571
TOTAL Change	106%		127%		119%	
Abbotsford	29	8	0	6	29	14
Mission	3	6	0	0	3	6
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abbotsford CMA	32	14	0	6	32	20
TOTAL Change	129%		-100%		60%	
Chilliwack CA	50	28	11	8	61	36
TOTAL Change	79%		38%		69%	

Source: CMHC

##: Greater than 200 per cent

YEAR-TO-DATE JUNE 2010						
	Single-Detached		Multiples		TOTAL	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
Bowen Island	6	4	6	0	12	4
Burnaby	138	50	497	435	635	485
Coquitlam	92	54	446	35	538	89
Delta	88	63	154	105	242	168
Langley City	1	1	69	134	70	135
Langley District	111	53	216	179	327	232
Maple Ridge	176	71	56	63	232	134
New West	70	16	143	0	213	16
North Van. City	1	1	32	19	33	20
North Van. District	32	18	151	91	183	109
Pitt Meadows	10	2	0	20	10	22
Port Coquitlam	3	1	31	36	34	37
Port Moody	8	4	13	0	21	4
Richmond	137	38	458	327	595	365
Surrey	1,113	336	764	308	1,877	644
Vancouver City	321	131	1,357	608	1,678	739
West Vancouver	44	19	0	0	44	19
White Rock	1	4	53	61	54	65
Other	21	9	62	46	83	55
Van CMA TOTAL	2,373	875	4,508	2,467	6,881	3,342
TOTAL Change	171%		83%		106%	
Abbotsford	145	38	45	95	190	133
Mission	48	16	0	0	48	16
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abbotsford CMA	193	54	45	95	238	149
TOTAL Change	257%		-53%		60%	
Chilliwack CA	210	110	201	15	411	125
TOTAL Change	91%		##		##	

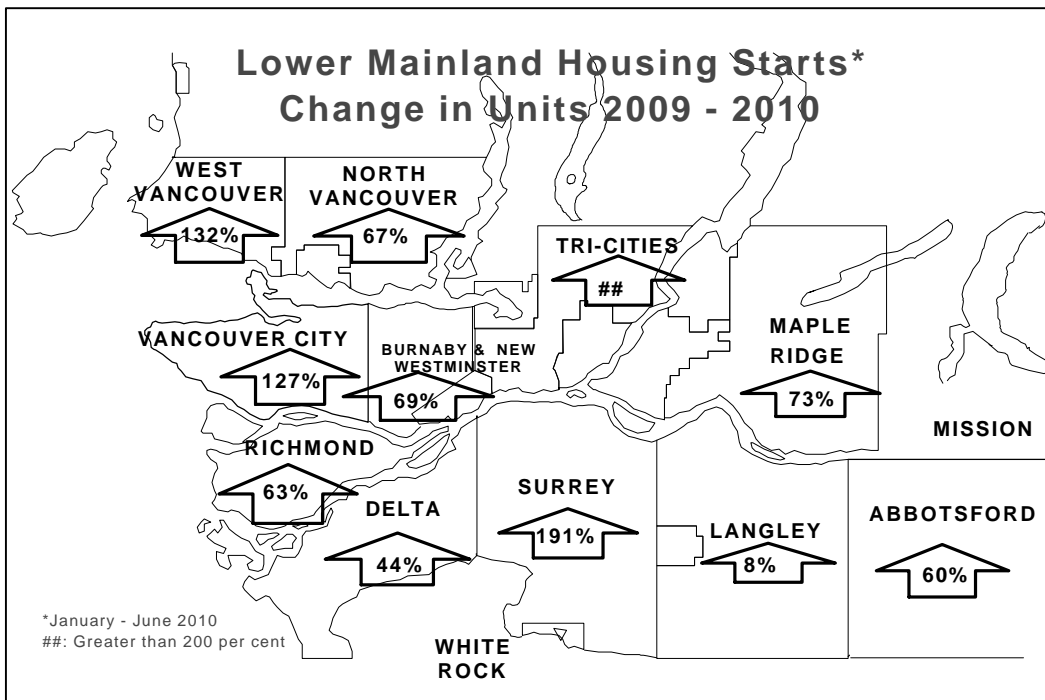
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Vancouver - Other incl. Anmore, Belcarra, Lions Bay, UEL, Unorgan.

Abbotsford - Other incl. Fraser Valley H.

* Single Detached refers to single family homes

**Multiples refer to semi-detached, townhouse and apartment units



British Columbia - Urban Areas (10,000+ population)

Housing Starts (Units) - B.C., June 2010

Area	Single Detached			Multiples			Total		
	2009	2010	%Chg.	2009	2010	%Chg	2009	2010	%Chg
Vancouver CMA	216	444	105.6%	355	806	127.0%	571	1,250	118.9%
Victoria CMA	50	100	100.0%	29	73	151.7%	79	173	119.0%
Abbotsford CMA	14	32	128.6%	6	0	-100.0%	20	32	60.0%
Kelowna CMA	24	52	116.7%	4	79	##	28	131	##
Chilliwack CA	28	50	78.6%	8	11	37.5%	36	61	69.4%
Kamloops CA	12	54	##	49	2	-95.9%	61	56	-8.2%
Nanaimo CA	20	41	105.0%	96	23	-76.0%	116	64	-44.8%
Prince George CA	9	16	77.8%	14	0	-100.0%	23	16	-30.4%
Vernon CA	10	20	100.0%	7	2	-71.4%	17	22	29.4%
Other Centres	95	180	89.5%	16	111	##	111	291	162.2%
Urban B.C.	478	989	106.9%	584	1,107	89.6%	1,062	2,096	97.4%

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Source: CMHC

Housing Starts (units) - Urban B.C., January - June 2010

Area	Single Detached			Multiples			Total		
	2009	2010	%Chg.	2009	2010	%Chg	2009	2010	%Chg
Vancouver CMA	875	2,373	171.2%	2,467	4,508	82.7%	3,342	6,881	105.9%
Victoria CMA	196	498	154.1%	105	654	##	301	1,152	##
Abbotsford CMA	54	193	##	95	45	-52.6%	149	238	59.7%
Kelowna CMA	133	288	116.5%	34	251	##	167	539	##
Chilliwack CA	110	210	90.9%	15	201	##	125	411	##
Kamloops CA	48	194	##	153	178	16.3%	201	372	85.1%
Nanaimo CA	85	241	183.5%	315	213	-32.4%	400	454	13.5%
Prince George CA	26	60	130.8%	14	18	28.6%	40	78	95.0%
Vernon CA	44	107	143.2%	75	15	-80.0%	119	122	2.5%
Other Centres	345	796	130.7%	98	432	##	443	1,228	177.2%
Urban B.C.	1,916	4,960	158.9%	3,371	6,515	93.3%	5,287	11,475	117.0%

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Source: CMHC