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BUILDERS SAVE ON CITY OF EDMONTON PERMITS FOR BUILT GREEN™ HOMES

Edmonton, Alberta – On Thursday, April 12th, the City of Edmonton announced rebates for homes built to bronze, silver and gold Built Green™ standards. This rebate will be retroactive and include all homes certified from January 1st, 2007 onward within Edmonton City limits.

The Canadian Home Builders' Association - Edmonton Region (CHBA-ER) is happy to have the City of Edmonton join leaders such as Strathcona County, the City of Lethbridge and the City of Calgary in creating incentives for environmental building initiatives. Vince Laberge, the President of the CHBA-ER, is pleased that the City of Edmonton is taking positive action in this important area.

The Built Green™ program concentrates on five areas of environmental concern; Energy Efficiency, Indoor Air Quality, Resource Use (including Waste Management) Water Conservation and Overall Environmental Impact. One of the Strategic Objectives of the Provincial Home Builders' Association is for all homes to be rated and labeled by Built Green™ in Alberta.

Benefits to Municipalities include:

- Every home uses less energy and produces lower greenhouse gas emissions.
- Every home is third party tested and certified for energy efficiency and air tightness.
- Every builder must successfully complete the mandatory Builder Training before they can start building Built Green™ homes. This helps the builders to understand the "house-as-a-system" Building Science approach.
- Every builder must take steps to lower the amount of waste materials generated on the jobsite thereby reducing the amount of construction waste going into landfills.
- Every home must lower water usage.
- Every home addresses indoor air quality.

In addition to the health and environmental benefits of a Built Green™ home, financial incentives for homeowners include lower energy costs, higher resale value and, for homes that achieve 77 or higher on the EnerGuide scale, homeowners can apply for a 10% mortgage insurance premium rebate through either CMHC or Genworth Financial. More information can be found at www.BuiltGreenCanada.ca.

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