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Kamloops, B.C. Kamloops MLAs and Home Builders to Develop Public Awareness Campaign

At a recent meeting with MLAs Terry Lake and Kevin Krueger, a delegation of builder and developer members of the CHBA CI voiced their concern about the confusion around the HST and the implications going forward for the home building industry.

According to CMHC Analyst Paul Fabri, in September there were 147 new homes unabsorbed in the Kamloops area. In a recent short straw poll of CHBA CI builder members, 70 new homes have been built and are currently unsold.

The facts are that when the old PST and GST system is reinstated in March 2013, new houses will cost as much then as they do now. They may even cost more depending on interest rates and cost of land & materials which are demand driven. The MLAs confirmed that the old system would be returned in its entirety as promised in the referendum.

New Home Price	With HST, Rebates & Property Transfer Tax	With PST + GST, Rebates & Property Transfer Tax
*\$300,000.00	\$319,600.00	\$319,912.00
*\$400,000.00	\$430,850.00	\$431,914.00
*\$500,000.00	\$543,000.00	\$543,700.00

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was agreed that a clear simple public awareness campaign needs to be developed and launched to inform the public of these facts. The CHBA CI will take the lead in striking a committee to get this initiative underway.

¹In 2010 in BC, the residential construction industry created 21,075 new housing starts, 133,300 jobs in new construction, and \$6.8 billion in wages. This generated \$1.1 billion in Federal and Provincial Income Tax Revenues, \$560 million in Canada Pensions Plan Premiums, \$860 million in GST Revenues and \$700 million in Provincial Sales Tax and Projected HST Revenues.

CHBA Central Interior is a vibrant active association of 200 members, the voice of residential construction in this region.

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*Table Information taken from New Home Tax Calculator www.hstinbc.ca

¹Economic Significance and Contribution of Residential Renovations in BC – August 2010 Report

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