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St. John's Area June Housing Starts

ST. JOHN'S, July 9, 2010 – Urban housing starts increased during the month of June, according to preliminary data¹ released today by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). June's housing starts totaled 232 throughout the St. John's area versus 183 starts in June of 2009. There were 53 additional starts recorded outside the St. John's area, for a total of 285 provincial urban starts compared to 230 last June.

"The number of new homes started in June represents a significant increase compared to June 2009. Year-to-date starts are up 25 per cent within the St. John's region, with 822 starts recorded during the January to June period," said Chris Janes, senior market analyst with CMHC in Newfoundland and Labrador. "Healthy economic and demographic trends have supported new home demand during the first half of 2010," added Janes.

In urban centres across Canada, total housing starts increased 31 per cent with 15,345 recorded in June compared to 11,686 during June of 2009. Throughout Atlantic Canada, there were 1,012 urban housing starts posted versus 904 the previous June, an increase of 12 per cent.

As Canada's national housing agency, CMHC draws on more than 60 years of experience to help Canadians access a variety of quality, environmentally sustainable and affordable homes. CMHC also provides reliable, impartial and up-to-date housing market reports, analysis and knowledge to support and assist consumers and the housing industry in making vital decisions.

1 Figures for the most recent month are preliminary and subject to revisions due to corrections or updates from quarterly enumeration or sampling results.

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**PRELIMINARY URBAN MONTHLY HOUSING STARTS
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR SUMMARY**

	2010	2009	% Change	YEAR-TO-DATE		% Change
	JUNE	JUNE		2010	2009	
ALL URBAN CENTRES WITH POPULATIONS > 50,000						
ST. JOHN'S CMA						
Single	198	162	22.2%	698	575	21.4%
Multiple	34	21	61.9%	124	84	47.6%
TOTAL	232	183	26.8%	822	659	24.7%
ALL URBAN CENTRES WITH POPULATION >10,000						
ALL CENTRES*						
Single	236	197	19.8%	795	668	19.0%
Multiple	49	33	48.5%	164	106	54.7%
TOTAL	285	230	23.9%	959	774	23.9%

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* Includes all centres with a total population of more than 10,000 (St. John's CMA, Corner Brook CA, Gander CA, Grand Falls/Windsor CA, Bay Roberts CA)

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