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### January Housing Starts for the St. John's Area

**ST. JOHN'S, February 8, 2011** – Housing starts in the St. John's region were flat during the month of January, according to preliminary data<sup>1</sup> released today by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). January's housing starts totaled 105 units throughout the St. John's area compared to 104 units in January of 2010. There were four additional starts recorded outside the St. John's area, for a total of 109 provincial urban housing starts compared to 113 last January.

“An 18 per cent increase in single-detached housing construction was offset by lower multiple unit starts activity during January,” said Chris Janes, senior market analyst with CMHC in Newfoundland and Labrador. “While starts activity is expected to come off record highs, continued growth in employment, income and population will remain supportive of the local housing market this year,” added Janes.

In urban centres across Canada, total housing starts recorded in January were down six per cent to 9,773 units compared to last year's total of 10,438. Single-detached starts declined 28 per cent to 3,463 units, while multiple starts increased 13 per cent to 6,310 units in January. In the Atlantic region, 480 new units were started in January compared to 441 units during the same period in 2010.

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<sup>1</sup> 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**

	2011	2010	% Change	YEAR-TO-DATE		% Change
	JAN	JAN		2011	2010	
<b>ALL URBAN CENTRES WITH POPULATIONS &gt; 50,000</b>						
<b>ST. JOHN'S CMA</b>						
Single	97	82	18.3%	97	82	18.3%
Multiple	8	22	-63.6%	8	22	-63.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>ALL URBAN CENTRES WITH POPULATION &gt; 10,000</b>						
<b>ALL CENTRES</b>						
Single	101	84	20.2%	101	84	20.2%
Multiple	8	29	-72.4%	8	29	-72.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>

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