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Minister Solberg Announces Winners of CMHC Housing Research Grants

OTTAWA, Ontario, May 10, 2007 — Fifteen Canadian researchers will be awarded up to \$25,000 each under Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC's) External Research Program (ERP), the Honourable Monte Solberg, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development and Minister Responsible for CMHC, announced today.

"Canada's New Government is pleased to support the work of independent housing researchers across Canada through CMHC's External Research Program," said Minister Solberg. "Their research helps the housing industry to develop and improve sound building performance practices and green building technologies that lead to real benefits for Canadians."

This year's grants, which total approximately, \$360,000, encourage researchers working in universities, private consulting firms, housing-related professions and the housing industry to conduct research on housing issues. Once a research project has been completed, CMHC publishes the final reports.

To date, the ERP has provided more than 620 grants for research on a number of topics such as energy efficiency, sustainability, and housing conditions.

Under the program launched in 1980, applications are submitted in the fall and reviewed in February. Grant recipients are selected on the basis of the quality of their proposals by a national committee of housing experts. The committee includes experienced researchers and practitioners in academic institutions, housing-related professions and business.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has been Canada's national housing agency for more than 60 years. CMHC is committed to helping Canadians access a wide choice of quality, affordable homes, while making vibrant, healthy communities and cities a reality across the country.

Results of a wide range of housing research sponsored by CMHC may be obtained by calling 1-800-668-2642.

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ERP Grant Recipients

| Name | Title of research |
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| Al-Hussein, Mohamed Edmonton, Alberta | Redesign Production Process in Housing Construction Using Lean Principles and Value Stream Mapping |
| Bruce, David Sackville, New Brunswick | Affordability Challenges and Rental Market Dynamics in Small Nova Scotia Communities with Community College Campuses |
| Davidson, Terry Manotick, Ontario | Small Community Wastewater Treatment Options |
| Gagné, Lynda Victoria, British Columbia | Housing, Neighbourhoods and Canadian Children's Health Outcomes |
| Gill, Daniel Montréal, Quebec | Les effets probables du vieillissement de la population sur le marché de l'habitation : étude prospective |
| Hall, Margaret Isabel Vancouver, British Columbia | Regulating Supportive Housing for Seniors: A Comprehensive Statute Model |
| Hiebert, Daniel Vancouver, British Columbia | Housing Newcomers in Canada: An Analysis of LSIC Data (Wave 2) |
| Johnson, Laura C. Waterloo, Ontario | Regent Park Revitalization: Young People's Experience of Relocation from Public Housing Redevelopment |
| Lashuk, Colleen Montréal, Quebec | Évaluation des impacts de mesures d'efficacité énergétique et de développement durable sur les bâtiments de logement abordable |
| Lemaire, Edward Ottawa, Ontario | Effect of Snow and Ice on Exterior Ramp Navigation by Wheelchair Users |
| Lewis, Martha Vancouver, British Columbia | Family Well-Being, Communities and Housing |
| MacNevin, Alex Stanley Halifax, Nova Scotia | Effects of Pension Fund Rental Equity Investment Vehicles on Rates of Return |
| Mok, Diana London, Ontario | The Spatiality of Housing Price Risks |
| Straka, Vera Toronto, Ontario | Water Penetration Through Thinner Veneer Wall |
| Wiersma, Henry Cobourg, Ontario | Compressed Earthblock (CEB) – Strawbale Hybrid Building System |