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## **CHBA BC tracking fees and charges on new housing projects across B.C.**

**Burnaby, British Columbia. November 9, 2016** - The Canadian Home Builders' Association of British Columbia (CHBA BC) has launched a new data set displaying municipal fees and charges on new housing in municipalities across British Columbia.

"Consumers should be aware of the many layers of fees and charges on new housing projects. Builders and consumers can use this tool to directly compare some of the fees on a detached house from one municipality to another," said CHBA BC CEO Neil Moody.

Four major fees – building/development permit fee, subdivision fee, zoning fee, and development cost charges – were collected for 16 municipalities across the province. Where applicable, school site development charges were also listed as this fee does not apply in every municipality. The fees were calculated using the same model of a 2,500-square foot house, where re-zoning would be required for a subdivided lot.

"This is just the initial data as we hope to grow this project over time and include more municipalities and more fees. In some areas, the sum of the fees is well over 30 thousand dollars, and these are only some of the fees before the first shovel is in the ground," said Moody.

The cost of fees impacting housing affordability is no myth, as municipalities will often grant exemptions to affordable housing projects.

"With the shortage of housing supply in many areas of the province, municipal governments must be mindful of the impact that fees can have on the cost of new housing of all types," said Moody. "Housing affordability is an important and long-term issue. We must work collectively in order to find solutions that address red tape and unnecessary costs in new housing, to protect affordability for new home buyers."

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This interactive project was created, with the assistance of Landcor Data Corporation, to study and demonstrate how municipal fees and taxes can impact the cost of new housing across the province.

[Click here to view the interactive dataset for this project.](#)

### **About the Canadian Home Builders' Association of British Columbia.**

The Canadian Home Builders' Association of BC is the provincial voice of the residential construction industry in British Columbia representing more than 1,700 members through an affiliated network of nine local home building associations located throughout the province. The industry contributes over \$19 billion in investment value to British Columbia's economy creating 137,100 jobs in new home construction, renovation, and repair - one of the largest employers in British Columbia.