OUR MEMBERS

- Licensed Home Builders
- Renovators
- Suppliers

CHBA Rocky Mountain, a not-for-profit and voluntary membership association, is proudly affiliated with the Canadian Home Builders’ Association of B.C. and national Canadian Home Builders’ Association.

BUILDING THE EAST KOOTENAY REGION

520 RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION JOBS

$64 MILLION IN INVESTMENT VALUE

$31 MILLION IN WAGES

63 DIFFERENT TRADES WORK ON NEW HOMES
(CARPENTER, PAINTER, FRAMER, ELECTRICIAN, ROOFER, LANDSCAPER)

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IS ONE OF THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN CRANBROOK

*Statistics Canada data for Cranbrook

LET’S WORK TOGETHER

CHBA Rocky Mountain is a partner in the region, with a focus on consumer protection and affordability. As our community grows and changes, so will the bylaws or policies. For any new changes, CHBA Rocky Mountain suggests the following Best Practices:

1. Industry consultation with CHBA Rocky Mountain members on any issues, including bylaw reviews, new community plans or fee changes.

2. A cost-benefit analysis for any new changes, to protect affordability.

3. Strong communication plans to industry to provide clear and ample notice, which includes working with CHBA Rocky Mountain to get information out to members.

4. A minimum six months phase-in period to build capacity and complete projects already underway.
NEW HOMES TODAY

Built by small businesses
In 2017, B.C. builders reported completing 4.7 homes per year on average.
*Source: BC Residential Building Statistics and Trends Report (BC Housing)

More energy-efficient than ever
A new home today uses half the energy than a home built pre-1985.

Increased professionalism with mandatory education
Licensed home builders are required to take annual continuing education.

Achieving the missing middle
Home buyers prefer ground-oriented and low-rise homes, such as townhouses.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY
- IT MATTERS

4 IN 5 RENTERS want to own A HOME.
75% of Canadians view homeownership as a key to FINANCIAL SECURITY.
*Source: CHBA National Opinion Poll, April 2018

50% of British Columbians THINK HOUSING MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN THE PROVINCE.
*Source: Insights West Poll, January 2018

Approximately 95% of residents live in MARKET-PROVIDED HOMES, that are owned or rented.

PRACTICALLY 80% OF RENTAL UNITS THAT BECOME AVAILABLE EACH YEAR IN CANADA ARE FROM PEOPLE BECOMING HOMEOWNERS.

We must address housing affordability right from homelessness to market ownership. Not addressing homeownership severely impacts other elements of the housing system, such as pressures on the rental market.

POLICY IMPACTS AFFORDABILITY

What adds to the cost of new homes in the Kootenays?
• Building Code Changes
• Local Government Fees
• Trades Shortages
• Product Costs and Availability (i.e. Trade disputes)
• Land Prices
• Bylaw and Zoning Changes
• Lengthy Process and Timelines
• Municipal Requirements (Reports and Reviews)