

HOME PERFORMANCE STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL

SUPPORT FOR ADVANCING HOME ENERGY LABELLING DISCLOSURE

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Province of BC

BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

- Honourable Michelle Mungall
- Deputy: Dave Nikolejsin

BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

- Honourable George Heyman
- Deputies: Mark Zacharias, Bobbi Plecas

Introducing the Home Performance Stakeholder Council (HPSC)

The Home Performance Stakeholder Council (HPSC) aspires to assist industry stakeholders involved in residential renovation in delivering exceptional services and solutions priced at affordable levels for consumers, to support the growth of a long-term, sustainable market for home performance related activities that significantly reduce energy use and carbon emissions in homes across the province while enhancing building durability, occupant comfort, and health.

The HPSC is supported by a diverse group of Sector Council representatives from the HVAC, Fenestration, Insulation, Renovation, Energy Advisor, and Utility and Government sectors. Collectively, the HPSC believes that ongoing industry engagement will be a critical factor in enabling future residential retrofit programs and policies to succeed in achieving their objectives.

HPSC Support for Home Energy Labelling Disclosure

The intent of this letter is to outline the HPSC support for home energy labelling and disclosure as a market transformation tool to supporting the home performance industry and government, and to meet the ambitious energy and GHG reduction targets held by the province of BC and many communities.

A **home energy label** is an informational tool, produced by a trusted and recognized third-party, and designed to provide consumers with a recognizable and comparable information about the modelled energy consumption of a home. **Home energy labelling disclosure** is making the label accessible to the public, industry, government, institutions and other organizations. **Home energy labelling was identified in HPSC discussions with industry sector councils as being needed to help create a greater demand for home performance projects in BC.**

Home energy labelling disclosure has been identified as an important precursor for market transformation on energy efficient buildings. Without widely available and easily understood energy labels, energy efficiency has no mechanism to make it into decision-making processes when it comes to home construction, renovation and real estate transactions. While transparency through labelling has become standard practice in other facets of our lives, from food nutrition to fuel economy of vehicles to the energy consumption of home appliances, homeowners and prospective homebuyers are left in the



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dark as to the energy and functionality components and operating costs of what is likely the largest investment of their lives.

Home energy labelling and disclosure has been presented as an important piece of the puzzle to build industry and consumer awareness, understanding, and ultimately, demand for more energy efficient homes. Home energy labelling disclosure also enables a key component of the Canada Building Strategy to “Set Energy Data Free”. The use of the data available from home energy labelling may be one of the most underutilized information resources to improve the impact of residential energy efficiency policies and programs in BC and Canada.

HPSC Request to the Province of BC

1. Receive this letter and acknowledge that the Home Performance Stakeholder Council and industry stakeholders support initiatives that advance home energy labelling disclosure.
2. Continue to actively engage in advancing the strategies outlined in the Canada’s Building Strategy, including: *“work collaboratively through a federal, provincial, and territorial working groups building on existing resources to develop an online platform and framework for home and building energy labelling and disclosure by 2019.”*
3. Work with industry and local governments to discuss policy and program initiatives that can advance progress towards future implementation of home energy labelling disclosure in the Province of BC.

In Conclusion

Home energy labelling disclosure can become a primary market transformation tool for validating homeowner investments in home energy and GHG reduction improvements and creating stronger markets for energy-efficient homes, products, and services. The HPSC looks forward to future engagement with the Province of BC on discussions about options and opportunities for advancing home energy labelling disclosure.

The following leading firms in the home performance/renovation/energy-efficiency marketplace have asked that their names be added to this letter in support of the BC Government moving ahead with home energy labelling.

Acacia Engineering Ltd.
Advantage Insulation Ltd.
Airtight Energy Advisors
AmeriSpec Inspection Services of Vancouver
Ark Solar Products Ltd.
Capital Home Energy Inc.
Cascadia Windows Ltd.
Done Right Renos
Gandy HVAC
Grok
Hamilton View Contracting
Hometech Energy Solutions Inc.
Icon Homes Ltd.



Inland Spray On
Insul-Twin Systems Ltd.
Island Basement Systems Inc.
Knights Insulation
Lacey Developments Ltd.
Long Life Windows and Doors Ltd.
Mac Home Energy Advisors
MAC Renovations Ltd.
My House Design/Build/Team Ltd.
President Complete Windows and Spray Foam
Ray Smith, Kootenay Energy Advisor Ltd
Sasen Design & Development (Sasen Renovations)
Superior Gas Installations & Service Ltd.
Synergy Enterprises
The House Whisperers
Thermo Proof Windows & Doors
Thermotech Insulation
Thompson Heating Ltd.
Total Home Solutions Inc.
VerdaTech Energy Management & Consulting

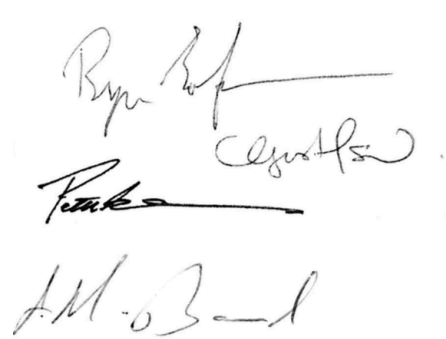
The Home Performance Stakeholder Council:

Ryan Coleman, Ecolighten Energy Solutions

Christine Gustafson, Harbourgreene Consulting

Peter Sundberg, City Green Solutions

Murray bond



Handwritten signatures of the council members: Ryan Coleman, Christine Gustafson, Peter Sundberg, and Murray Bond.

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