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**FCM LAUNCHES GUIDE RESPONDING TO NIMBYISM
ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

FCM, through its partnership with Affordability and Choice Today (ACT), has published a new guide for municipalities called *Housing in My Backyard: A Municipal Guide for Responding to NIMBY*. It offers municipal staff and officials strategies for gaining community acceptance of sound housing developments, whether they are public non-profit housing, residential intensification or other forms of affordable housing.

The guide highlights best practices in use by municipalities across Canada. Users will find practical tools for engaging their communities on housing options and gain support for housing developments.

CMHC Affordable Housing Centre will host a webinar on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at 12 noon Eastern Time, to launch the new guide. Information on the webinar and an electronic version of the guide are available on the ACT website (www.actprogram.com). Hard copies of the guide can be requested at info@actprogram.com or by calling Sylvie Grenier at 613-907-6242.

About ACT:

ACT is a partnership between the non-profit sector, industry, federal and municipal governments sharing a common goal to encourage regulatory reforms at the municipal level that will increase housing affordability and housing options. Funded by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, ACT is delivered by FCM in collaboration with the Canadian Home Builders' Association and the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association. This national partnership ensures that the key stakeholders are involved in developing practical solutions to regulatory barriers affecting housing affordability and options.

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