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## MEDIA RELEASE

# NEW GROUP SERVES NEEDS OF NEW BRUNSWICK CONDO OWNERS

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The Canadian Condominium Institute (CCI) has chartered a new Chapter to serve the needs of New Brunswick condominium owners, Ms. Phil Williams, Chapter president, announced today. The Chapter received its charter at the recent CCI national meeting held in Toronto November 4.

“Condominiums are the most popular form of new housing being built in Canada,” said Williams; “as this trend gains ground in New Brunswick, we’re happy to participate by bringing best practices to the province’s condominium boards. Right now, the condominium industry in the province is relatively young but growing rapidly, so the timing for a New Brunswick CCI Chapter is excellent.”

The new Chapter has already sponsored an information seminar on condominium issues in Fredericton and Moncton in May, even before receiving its charter. These sessions provided an overview of the province’s Condominium Property Act, rights and responsibilities of owners, board/corporation management, reserve fund studies and insurance issues, and will be repeated in November. A second session, on condominium governance, was held in Dieppe in October. “One of CCI’s main activities is education for prospective owners, owners and board members, and we wanted to begin delivering on that right away,” said Williams. “We plan on a series of seminars to increase condo board member engagement and knowledge,” she said.

“We’re very excited to welcome the New Brunswick Chapter to the CCI family,” said Jim MacKenzie, CCI’s national president. “The energy and enthusiasm shown by the Chapter’s founding members are a sign that the province’s condominium owners, boards, professionals and trades can expect it to be an active partner in the growth of condominium in New Brunswick.”

Williams said that “CCI connects the condominium community in five important ways: to education, through seminars, workshops and courses; to resources, through member services such as newsletters; to networking, through Chapter meetings and social events; to professionalism, by promoting ethical standards for professionals serving the

community; and to representation, by participating with governments on legislative and regulatory issues affecting condos.”

“The time is definitely right for New Brunswick to achieve Chapter status,” said MacKenzie. “Momentum has been building over the past year, and now things have really come together. The Chapter steering committee has worked with the province’s condominium community to identify that community’s needs and has already begun meeting them,” he said.

The Canadian Condominium Institute, founded in 1982, leads the national condominium industry by providing education, information, awareness and access to expertise by and for its members. CCI-N now has sixteen Chapters across Canada, from Newfoundland and Labrador to Vancouver. Its membership consists of condominium owners and boards, and the professions and trades that provide service to them. Representing almost half a million condominium owners in Canada, it is the only organization dealing exclusively with issues affecting all of the participants in the condominium community.

Further information on the New Brunswick Chapter is available on its website, [www.cci.ca/NewBrunswick](http://www.cci.ca/NewBrunswick).

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