

Meeting Summary Manufacturers' Council

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The Council's mission is to support the home building industry, to help builders improve their homes and to assist the industry in addressing the regulatory environment within which it works.

Net-Zero Energy Housing Council

The Manufacturers' Council, together with the CHBA's Technical Research Committee, recommended one year ago that the CHBA pursue the feasibility of a Net-Zero Energy Housing Council (NZC). It is very pleased that the CHBA now is launching a self-funding NZC and the Council will be designating a representative to serve on the new Council.

Several Manufacturers' Council members have expressed interest in becoming sponsors of the new NZC. There is also great interest from the Manufacturers' Council in working within the CHBA to promote the largely invisible benefits that go with innovative, leading-edge net-zero energy houses. As was the case with R-2000 previously, there will be marketing, branding and communication challenges that the new NZC will be focused on. The Manufacturers' Council looks for great collaboration with the NZC.

National Research Council – Concierge

CHBA members with a particular interest in innovation should take note of a program delivered through the National Research Council's Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) called "Concierge Service." It offers a one-stop shop to assist any small to medium size business (500 employees or less) to navigate through resources made available by more than 40 federal and provincial program partners. Here is how the service can work for CHBA members:

- A team of Concierge Advisors located across Canada with extensive networks, expertise and industry knowledge will work with you to help you to grow your business with personalized guidance, advice and referrals to government programs that may be of assistance. These Concierge Advisors all have private sector experience and will work with CHBA members who have an innovative idea or concept that may fit a federal or provincial funding program.
- Contact the Concierge Service through a toll-free telephone number (1-855-534-8433) or by searching their online database by visiting www.concierge.portal.gc.ca.