

CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

THE EXPLORER HOTEL - YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 20 AUGUST 1981 - 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

Members of the Board: R.V. Hession (Chairman), F.J. Callaghan, C.D. McKee,
C.A. Pinette, T.E. Reid, S.J. Sutherland,
G.L. Veilleux

Officers: R.T. Adamson, G.D. Anderson, L.I. Birtz, P.S. Crombie,
E.A. Flichel, N.E. Hallendy, D.W. Knight, K.A. Malcolm
(Secretary)

Others: R.A. Beaudoin (for item 7. only), P.C. Connolly (for item 5.
only), K.B. Ganong

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3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

a) Recent Events

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b) Moisture-Related Problems in Housing

The President explained that the moisture problem was first identified approximately three years ago in Newfoundland where the design and location of houses, the tightness of them, and the kind of cladding used, had worked together to create a serious problem where structural damage was involved. The problem was now occurring elsewhere in Canada, particularly in coastal areas, and in electrically-heated homes.

The Corporation was taking the following action in connection with this problem:

- Advisory documents are being published.
- A survey is being undertaken to assess the situation nationally.
- An examination is underway to determine if changes are required to the building code and standards.
- Letters will be going to the Provincial Deputy Ministers of Housing, the Deputy Minister of the federal Energy Mines and Resources Department, and the Chairman of the Associate Committee on the National Building Code to alert them to the problem.
- The Minister will be fully briefed on the matter.

- A research program that will take two years to complete is being undertaken.

In response to a question, Mr. Hession said this was not the same kind of problem as the one concerning urea formaldehyde foam insulation and was not expected to result in class actions. He undertook to keep the Board advised of this situation.

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