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From: Peter Simpson <peter_simpson@hotmail.com>

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To: Renee Auer <renee@havan.ca>

Subject: Peter's comments

Hi Renee,

Here are my comments for the Thursday's 50th anniversary celebration.

Peter

Greetings from Nova Scotia, Canada's Ocean Playground.

I'm so sorry Carolyn and I are unable to attend the 50th anniversary celebration of our wonderful association. As recent as last week, we were looking forward to celebrating with everyone, but life's challenges sometimes get in the way of important happenings.

Renee tells me another celebratory event is planned for October, so we are counting on joining you then.

The Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association – GVHBA – occupies a special place in my heart, particularly its loyal members and excellent staff.

Renee Auer, Wendy McNeil and Ron Rapp are three wonderful people I worked closely with and who continue to expertly guide the association, now HAVAN, ensuring its members' needs and priorities are exceeded.

Those of you who know me are well aware that I never shy away from expressing my opinion on matters that negatively impact the residential construction industry. I've voiced the following sentiment many times.

Housing affordability remains a colossal challenge in high-growth areas such as Metro Vancouver and Greater Toronto, my old stomping ground. The dream of homeownership has become for many young people just that – an unrealized dream – yet governments at all levels continue to add to the crippling financial burden through the imposition of excessive regulation, costly development charges and time-consuming red tape.

With the enormous positive economic impact generated by a healthy residential construction industry, municipal, regional, provincial and federal governments should be rolling out the red carpet, not continually enshrouding us in red tape.

So, print this message on a bumper sticker: "MORE RED CARPET, LESS RED TAPE."

Those sentiments aside, enjoy the Golden Anniversary celebration, and thank you for being involved.

You are often in my thoughts, and I miss you all.

Until we meet again.

Peter Simpson
GVHBA President and Chief Executive Officer
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