

Some of the targeted reductions must be met by energy efficiency retrofits of existing buildings and more efficient transportation in existing neighbourhoods. However, it is widely recognized that it is more difficult and less economic to achieve energy efficiency in existing neighbourhoods than to build it into plans for new neighbourhoods. This means that Canmore must achieve a very high level of energy efficiency in the very significant amount of new development that is expected over the next three decades.

We recognize that in Canmore, as elsewhere in the world, public concern about climate change has accelerated rapidly in recent years and it is challenging for developers and planning agencies to adapt quickly. However, it is not too late to bring current development plans into line with our climate change goals.

In summary with the volume of new structures planned within the ASP we are confident that the capital price premium that is currently anticipated for these standards will decrease to a value consistent with other jurisdictions where they are advanced compared our building codes. Vancouver is a good example where the premium is less than 4%.

We challenge the town to meet the our climate change goals and provide this necessary leadership.



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