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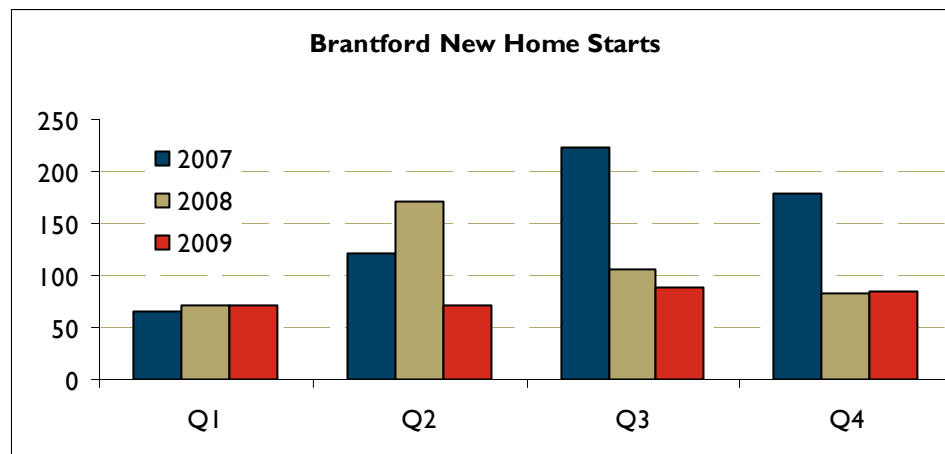
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## CMHC REPORTS BRANTFORD HOME STARTS UP

**TORONTO, January 11, 2010** – Preliminary data released today by CMHC show that there were 317 new home starts in the Brantford Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) last year. Although starts were behind by about one-quarter as compared to 2008, new home construction activity increased during the second half of the year. Starts were supported by demand for single-detached homes, while much of the decline in starts activity was a result of fewer townhouse starts.

Comparing the fourth quarter of 2009 with that of 2008, starts rose by 1.2 per cent.

“Single-detached homes continue to sustain the new home market in Brantford”, said Sarah Fong CMHC’s Senior Market Analyst for Hamilton and Brantford. “Although there were fewer starts last year, the larger home types such as single-detached and semi-detached homes held up fairly well,” added Fong.



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As Canada's national housing agency, CMHC draws on more than 60 years of experience to help Canadians access a variety of quality, environmentally sustainable and affordable homes. CMHC also provides reliable, impartial and up-to-date housing market reports, analysis and knowledge to support and assist consumers and the housing industry in making vital decisions.

**Housing Starts Fourth Quarter 2009  
Brantford CMA**

	Fourth Quarter						January-December					
	Single	Semi	TH	Apt	Total	% Chg	Single	Semi	TH	Apt	Total	% Chg
<b>Brantford CMA*</b>												
Fourth Quarter '09	60	2	22	0	84	1.2%	258	14	42	3	317	-26.6%
Fourth Quarter '08	50	0	30	3	83		283	4	116	29	432	
<b>Brant City</b>												
Fourth Quarter '09	21				21	0.0%	72	0	6	1	79	-44.8%
Fourth Quarter '08	21	0	0	0	21		109	0	13	21	143	
<b>Brantford City</b>												
Fourth Quarter '09	39	2	22		63	117.2%	186	14	36	2	238	-17.6%
Fourth Quarter '08	29				29		174	4	103	8	289	

Source: CMHC

\*Brantford Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) includes Brantford City and Brant City. Statistics Canada defines a CMA as one or more adjacent municipalities integrated with an urban core. A CMA must have a total population of at least 100,000.

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