

Carney earmarks \$13-billion for new federal housing agency

Initiative’s first move will be to deliver 4,000 factory-built homes on federal land in six cities

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Prime Minister Mark Carney has launched a new federal housing agency that he says will partner with the private sector to build non-market homes for Canadians struggling with affordability.

Mr. Carney announced on Sunday that the government is providing Build Canada Homes with \$13-billion in initial capital.

It has also selected six cities where projects will be developed on federal lands to deliver 4,000 factory-built homes. They include Dartmouth, Longueuil, Que., Otta-

wa, Toronto, Winnipeg and Edmonton. “Build Canada Homes will announce a series of additional projects across the country in the months ahead, leveraging those public assets, public lands [and] partnering with the private sector to build at scale,” Mr. Carney said during a news conference in Ottawa.

The agency was introduced just ahead of Parliament’s return on Monday, allowing Mr. Carney to check off another campaign promise before squaring off with Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre in the House of Commons for the first time.

Both U.S. tariffs and slowing economic activity have weighed on housing construction, raising concerns that Canada could fall further behind on its home-

building ambitions.

Mr. Carney said during the federal election campaign that he would move government machinery quickly to tackle the country’s economic challenges. While he’s struggled so far to secure any U.S. tariff relief, he’s launched his major promise – the federal Major Projects Office – and announced the first set of projects that will be reviewed for fast-track approval.

On Sunday, the Prime Minister pitched Build Canada Homes as both an economic opportunity and a social responsibility.

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FBI probing Canadian man’s death in ICE custody earlier this year

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The FBI is investigating the June death of a Canadian man in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement at a federally run prison in Florida.

Johnny Noviello, 49, was found unresponsive by prison staff at the Federal Detention Center Miami on June 23. He had been on medication for epilepsy and hypertension while incarcerated and, according to a recent ICE report, had been flagged for health concerns prior to his death. The Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner has yet to release an official cause of death or autopsy report.

Mr. Noviello spent nearly four decades living in Florida, and he had gained permanent resident status in the United States.

The deceased Canadian’s brother, Angelo Noviello Jr., said the medical examiner’s office informed him over the summer that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is probing the death and that the autopsy may not be released for several more weeks. A source with knowledge of the investigation confirmed that an FBI agent has been assigned to Mr. Noviello’s case. The Globe and Mail is not naming the individual because they were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

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PMO staff told how to explain BC Ferries loan as Freeland dismissed link

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As Transport Minister Chrystia Freeland was in the House of Commons distancing Ottawa from BC Ferries’ plan to buy four new ships from a Chinese state-owned shipyard, senior Liberal advisers were debating how to manage a looming announcement that there was in fact a federal connection.

Canada Infrastructure Bank, a federal Crown corporation, had provided \$1-billion in financing for the purchase.

The Globe and Mail has obtained internal e-mails involving senior Liberal political aides, including one sent at 2:17 p.m. on June 18 just as the daily Question Period was about to start.

On that day on the Commons floor, conservative MPs continued to question Liberal ministers about BC Ferries’ plan, calling on the federal government to “stand up” against the B.C. government and oppose the purchase.

At the time, Canada Infrastructure Bank’s (CIB) involvement had not been formally announced.

Ms. Freeland said she shared “the concern and anger” of other MPs, but brushed off the suggestion that the issue had anything to do with Ottawa.

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ENTERTAINMENT



BIG NIGHT FOR THE SMALL SCREEN

Seth Rogen accepts the trophy for lead actor in a comedy series for his work in *The Studio* at Sunday night’s Emmy Awards in Los Angeles. It marked the first Emmy win for the Vancouver-born actor. MIKE BLAKE/REUTERS

NATO jets respond to Russian drone over Romania after Ukraine’s Zelensky warns Putin testing alliance

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Romania said NATO fighter jets were scrambled Saturday night after a Russian attack drone entered the country’s airspace, hours after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said that Russia was testing the alliance.

Romanian Defence Minister Ionut Mos-teanu said a single Russian drone flew low over the country’s territory, and that two Romanian F-16s and two German Euro-fighters had been close to opening fire when the drone disappeared from radar,

likely turning back into Ukraine.

Residents of the southeastern county of Tulcea near the Ukrainian border were warned to take cover during the incident.

Mr. Zelensky – who has expressed ex-asperation over NATO’s reluctance to aid Ukrainian air defences by shooting down Russian drones that cross into NATO territory – wrote on social media that the drone had gone 10 kilometres deep into Romanian airspace, and operated there for 50 minutes.

Poland also closed the airport in its eastern city of Lublin on Saturday in response to Russian drones flying over the adjacent regions of Ukraine.

The drone that crossed into Romania was one of 58 launched at Ukrainian cities Saturday night, nearly all of which were shot down.

The intrusion into Romanian airspace took place the same week that an unprecedented 19 Russian drones flew into Poland, forcing Polish and Dutch fighter jets to shoot several down in the first-ever instance of North Atlantic Treaty Organization armies firing directly at Russian military hardware.

In the aftermath, Poland invoked Article 4 of the NATO treaty, which calls for consultations whenever the territory of a member state is threatened.

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