# Practical, High Performance, Prefab Ready Standardized Designs

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# Presentation Outline

**Intention:** a builder/developers approach to designing and delivering high-performance, housing that can be manufactured off site or built on site. This will be validated and contextualized by ZEBx, who will clarify the connection between high-performance, affordability, and prefabrication.

- Welcome & Introductory Remarks
- Who is IBG & how did we get where we are?
- What is ZEBx & how can we understand the intersection of high-performance building and prefabrication/offsite construction?
- What is IBG's Standardized Design Library & what cost-saving tactics has IBG used to help inform these designs?
- Key Takeaways & Concluding Remarks
- Q/A & Discussion















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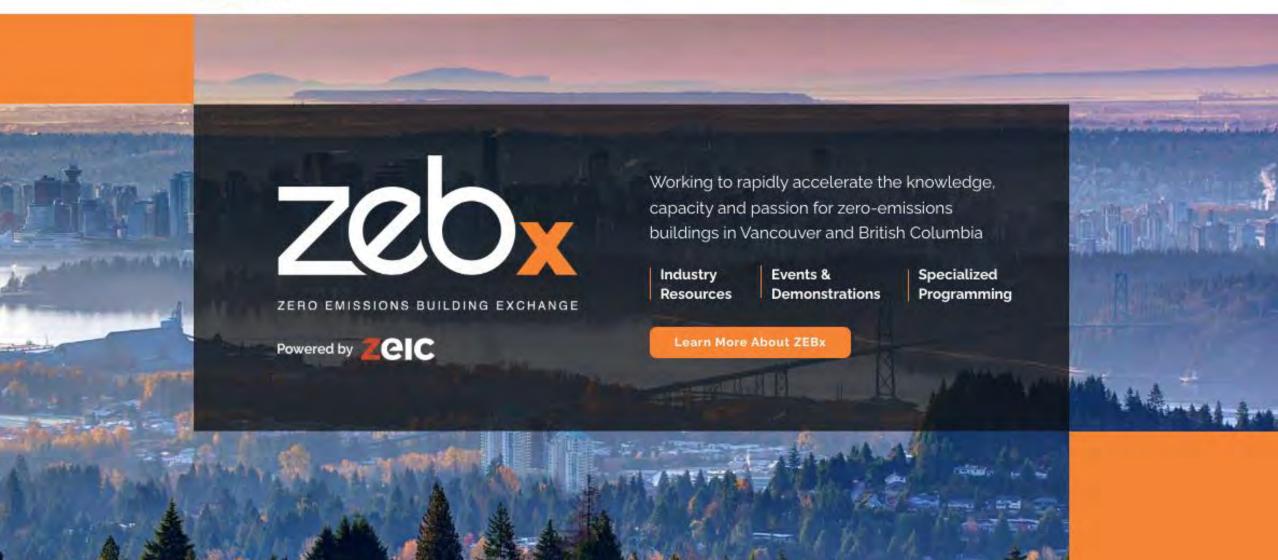
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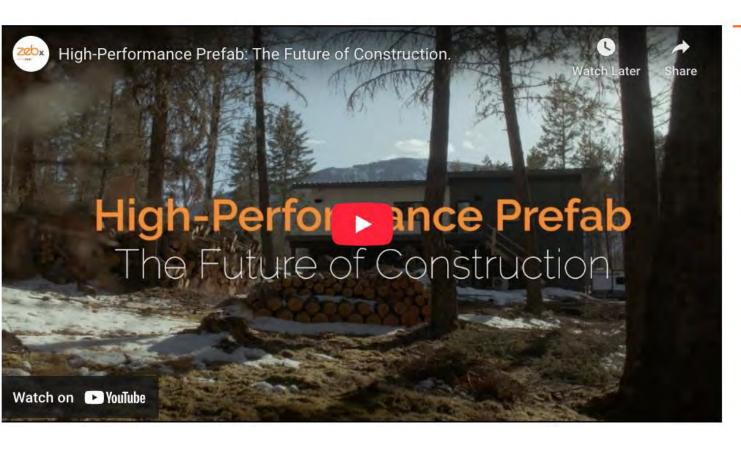
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**III** ZEBx Resources

Building More: Repeatable and Resilient MURB Designs

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Location: Level 2: Room 218/219

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BC's Standardized Design Catalogue: What Now?

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# How does offsite construction relate to highperformance, resilient, & low-carbon building?

Quality control and construction precision leading to **tighter building envelopes** 

operational emissions

Material efficiency and reduction of construction waste



Increased speed of construction (multiple components are built simultaneously as opposed to sequentially, repetition, etc.)

can contribute to cost savings

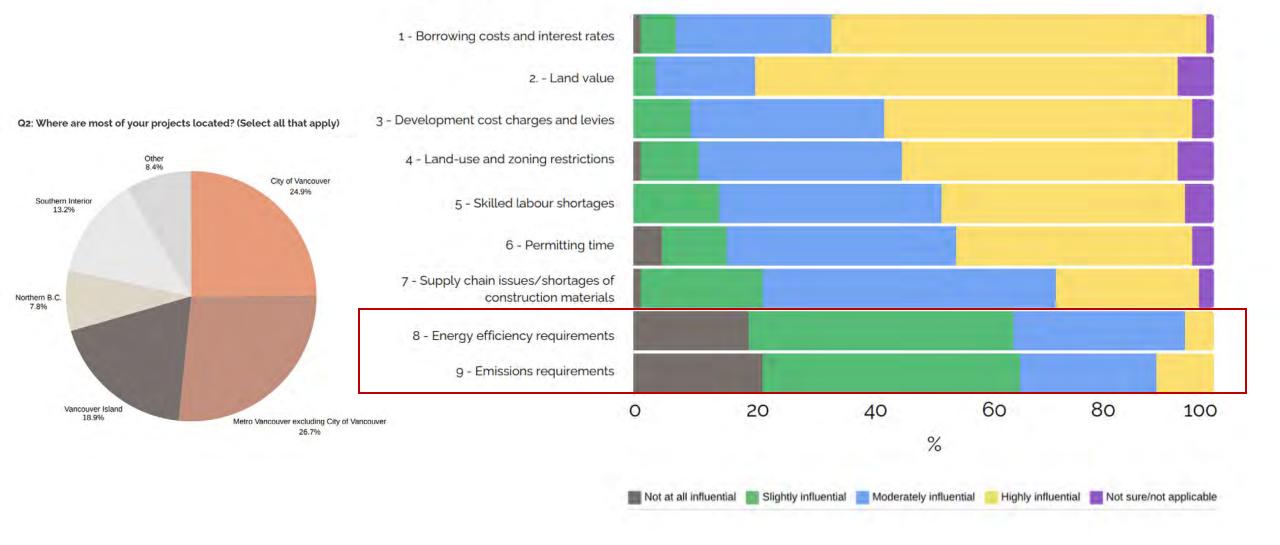
More **efficient use of skilled labour** (controlled and comfortable setting, automation, etc.)

can attract better talent





# Q4: In your opinion, to what degree do the below factors influence the increasing costs of new housing development in B.C.?





# **CASE STUDY**

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# **ENERGY & CARBON PERFORMANCE**

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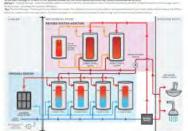


# **ENVELOPE DETAILS**

Net-Zero Energy-Ready Challenge Winners Series



# DOMESTIC HOT WATER SYSTEM



# **Technical Details**

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# CONSTRUCTION COST ANALYSIS OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

JUNE 2021



# OVERALL COST COMPARISON CITY OF VANCOUVER CRD INCLOWNA PEMBERITOM A B C D E F G 22% 16% 11% AVERAGE

STEP 4

PASSIVE HOUSE

----- HIGHEST BASELINE BUILDING COST
------ LOWEST BASELINE BUILDING COST



-32%

-28.5%

# **BRITISH COLUMBIA** zebx JUNE 2021

CONSTRUCTION COST ANALYSIS OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE

MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN

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# CITY OF VANCOUVER HIGH-PERFORMANCE PROJECT DETAILS

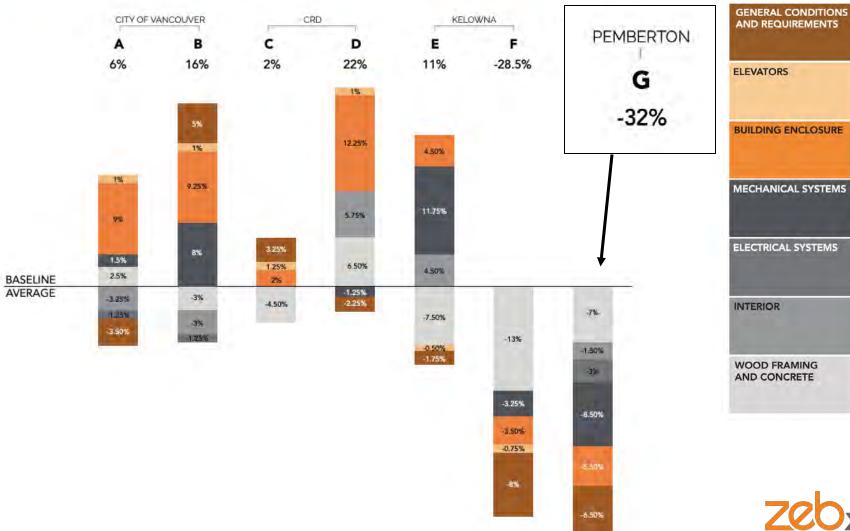
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All-electric building	Yes

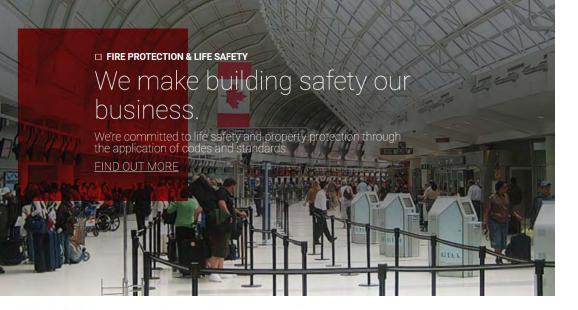


# OVERALL COST COMPARISON BY SYSTEM











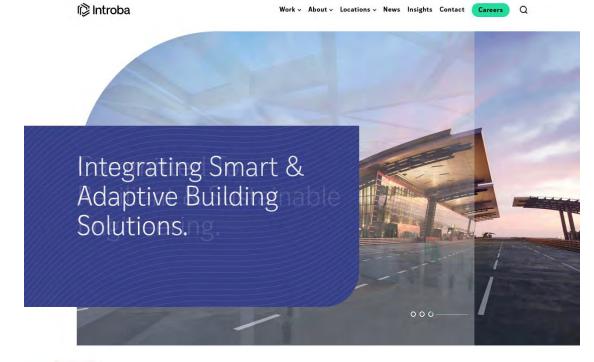
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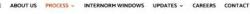


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Roof trusses and now floor systems are becoming the industry standard throughout Canada, and now's the time for pre-fabricated wall panels to follow suit

# **PARADIGM**





# Open Wall Systems

Our open wall systems are economical, reduce construction time and are becoming the standard in new builds.





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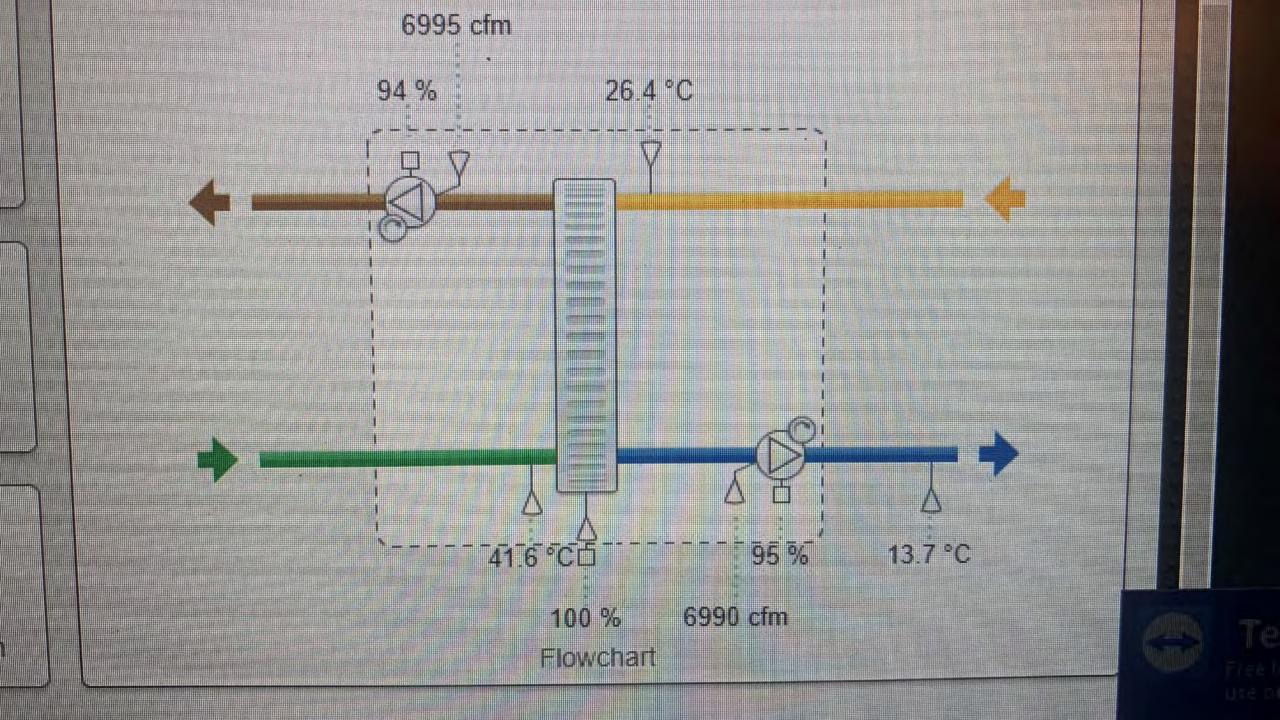
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- **EXHAUST AIR**
- PLUMBING
- DRYWALL- SINGLE LAYER 5/8"
- DRYWALL- DOUBLE LAYER 5/8"







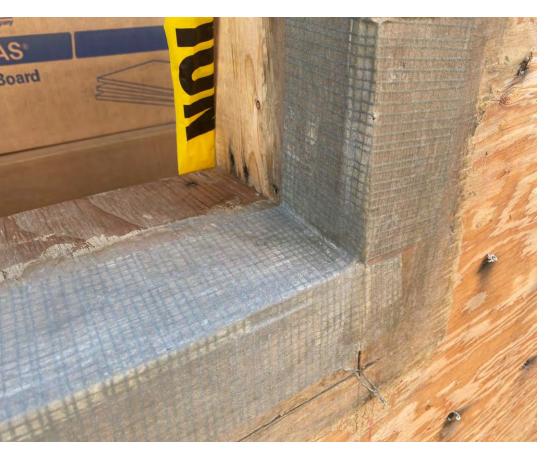




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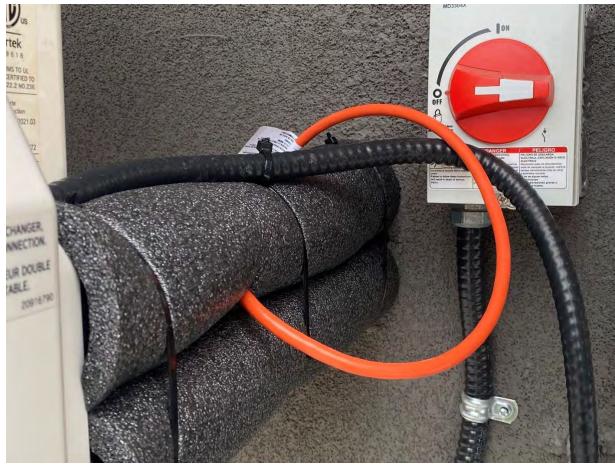




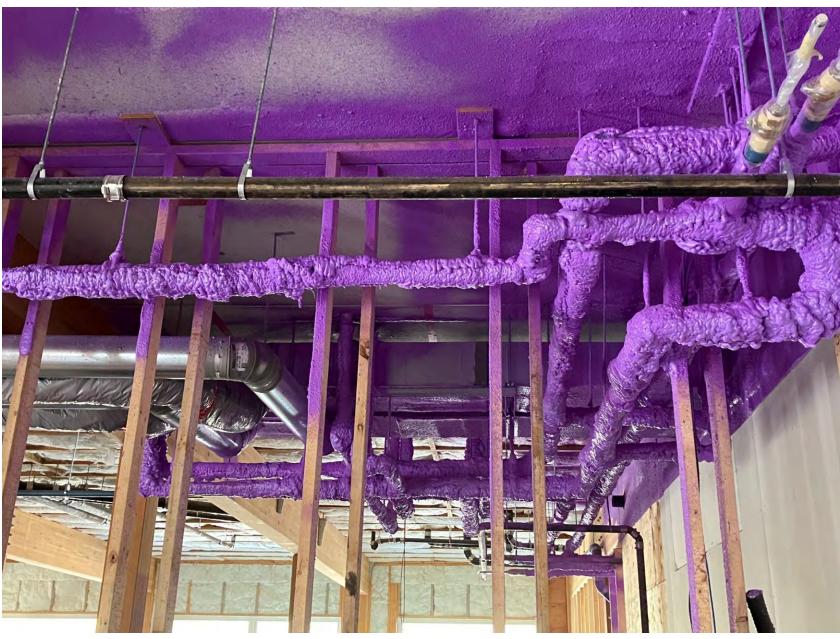
















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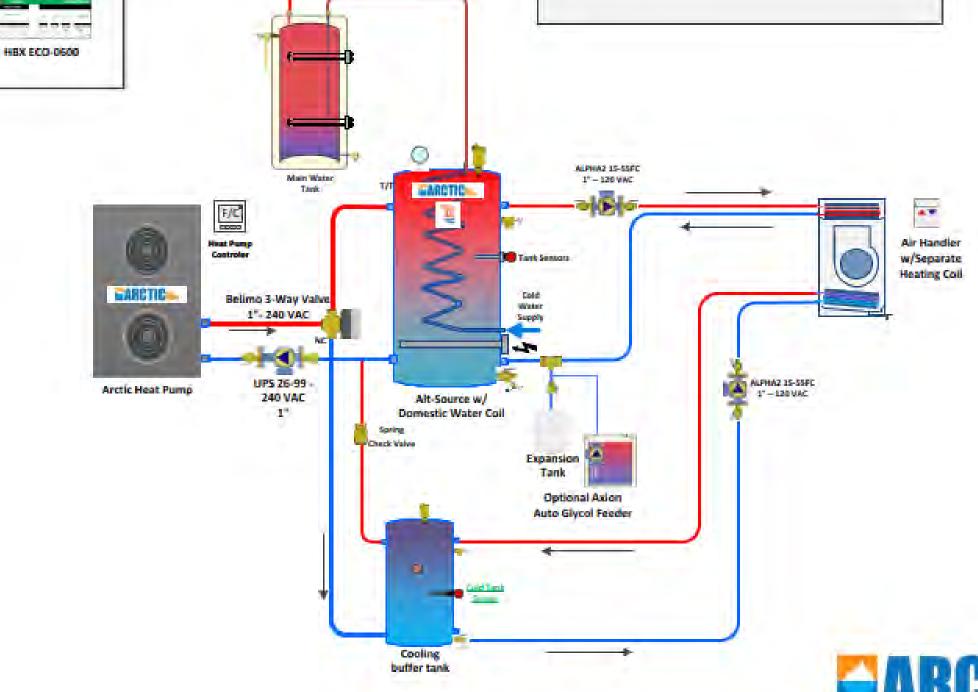
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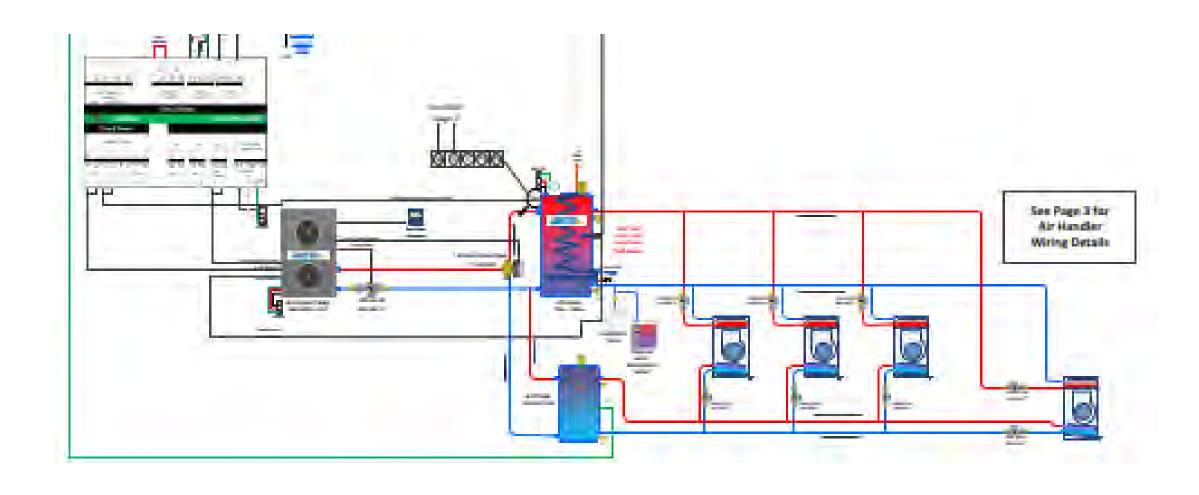
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### 4 units just add an ERV



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# The Community modular design allows for different unit counts and floor plan mixtures.









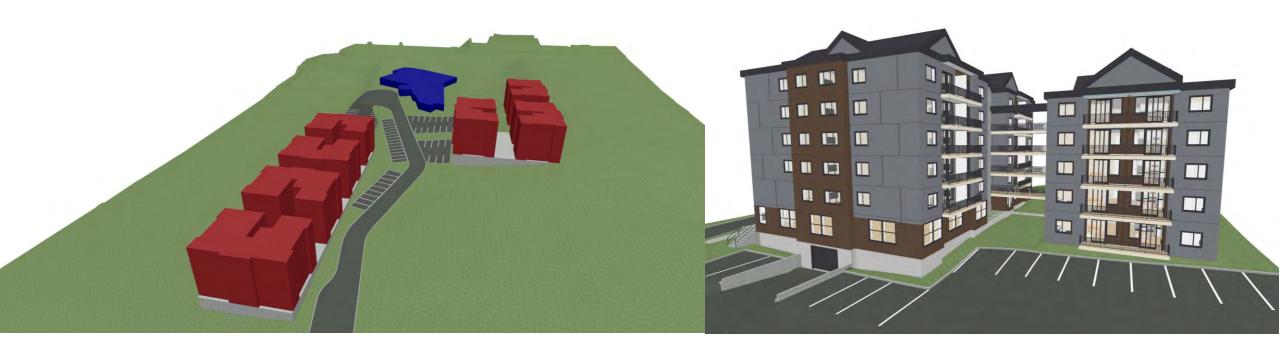
5 Unit Floorplan

4 Unit Floor Plan

3 Unit Floor Plan

2 Unit Floor Plan

# 7 buildings with commercial/community space







# Fourplex and a 45-unit building















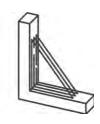






#### **Key Technical Takeaways**

### High Performance Envelope & Structure



Airtight membranes,
window glazing, window
frame detailing and
placement, lower
window-to-wall ratio,
massing, continuous
insulation, etc.

## Efficient HVAC & MEP Systems



E.g., using efficient, electrified heat pumps (ensure appropriate sizing) & ERVs, which together offers cooling and helps improve air quality, etc.

#### Appropriate Training & Coordination



Strong understanding of building science, collaborative team, good communication across specialists & trades, etc.

## Software Tools (BIM & Digital Twins)



More efficient use of energy and materials (more precise modelling)









Past Event: May 15, 2024

May 2024 Decarb Lunch: Resilient Code Updates – Cooling for Part 9 Homes



University of Victoria Student Housing and Dining Complex



Video: High-Performance Prefab - The Future of Construction

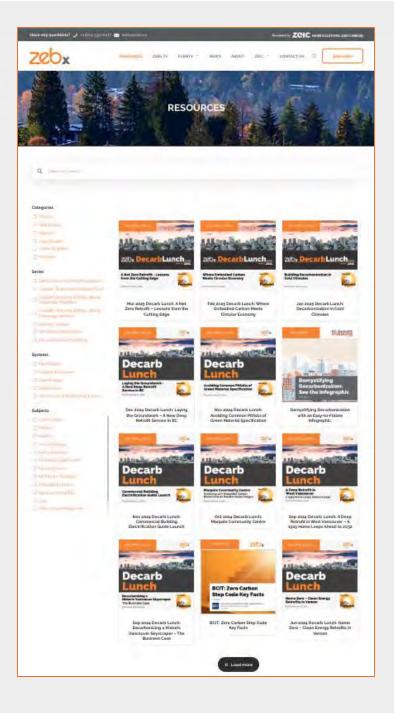


#### **Key Overarching Takeaways**

- Prefabrication can help 'build in' energy and material efficiency into pre-designed, highly repeatable, and easily installable building components (e.g., panel, wall, and floor systems).
- If done at scale, offsite construction and prefabrication has the potential to reduce cost.
- Designing with repeatability and buildability top of mind is key to reducing costs and increasing the quality of our buildings.

IBG's experience demonstrates that with pragmatic, knowledgeable, and open-minded local governments and builders, high-performance and prefab ready standardized designs can result in more affordable buildings in BC.

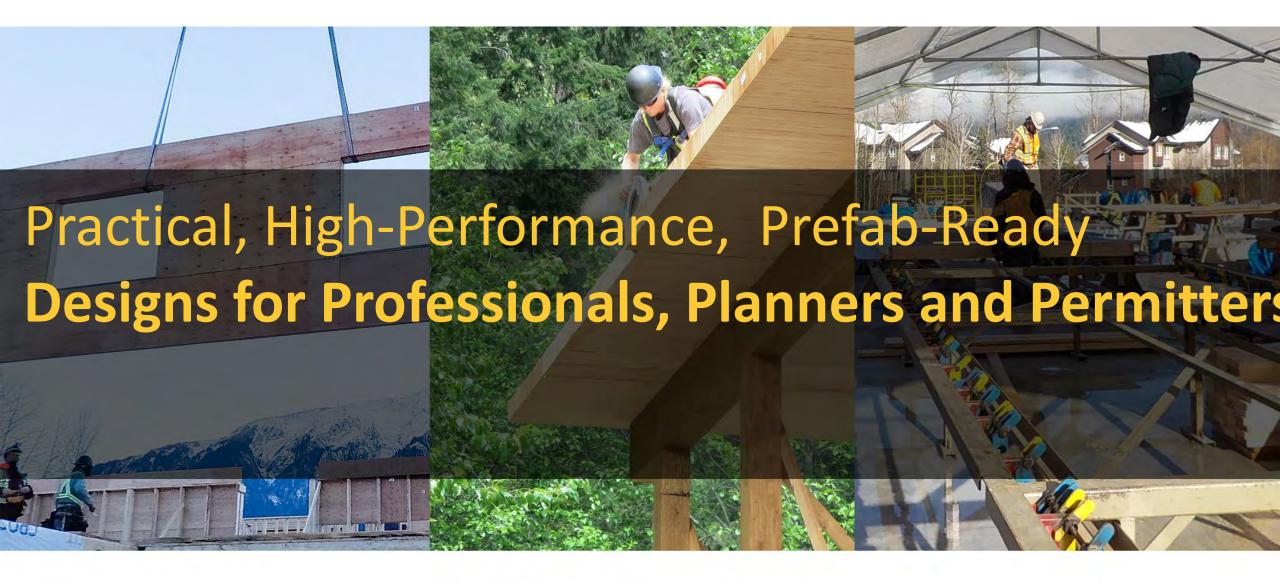












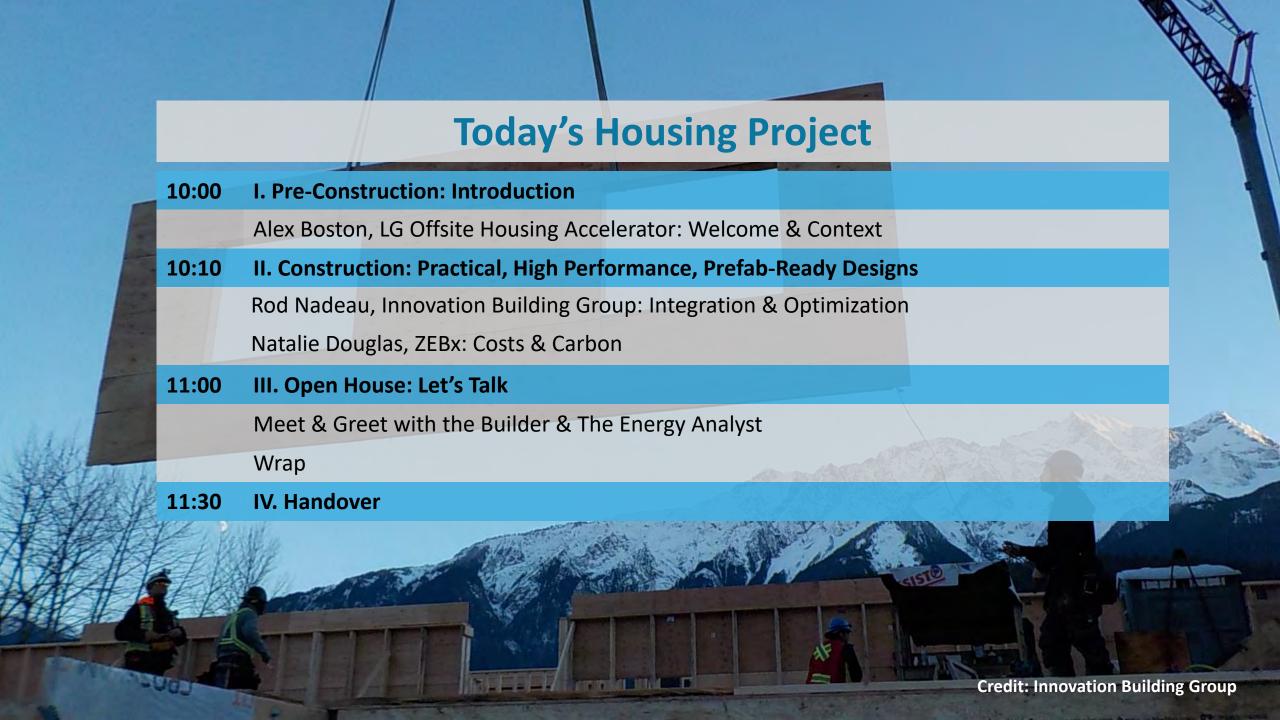
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Alex Boston,
Local Government Offsite
Housing Accelerator





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## can't ignore the elephant in the room



we need access to new markets

Canada's free trade agreements





BC needs 600,000 new housing units by 2030, Canada needs 3.5 million units to meet new demand and a backlog, according to CMHC.

At current construction rates, this volume won't be met until the 2040s

#### **MANUFACTURING HOMES**

#### The only way to drive productivity step changes



**Non-Market Housing, Grand Forks** 



**Student Housing, Courtenay** 



Health Services Housing, Bella Bella

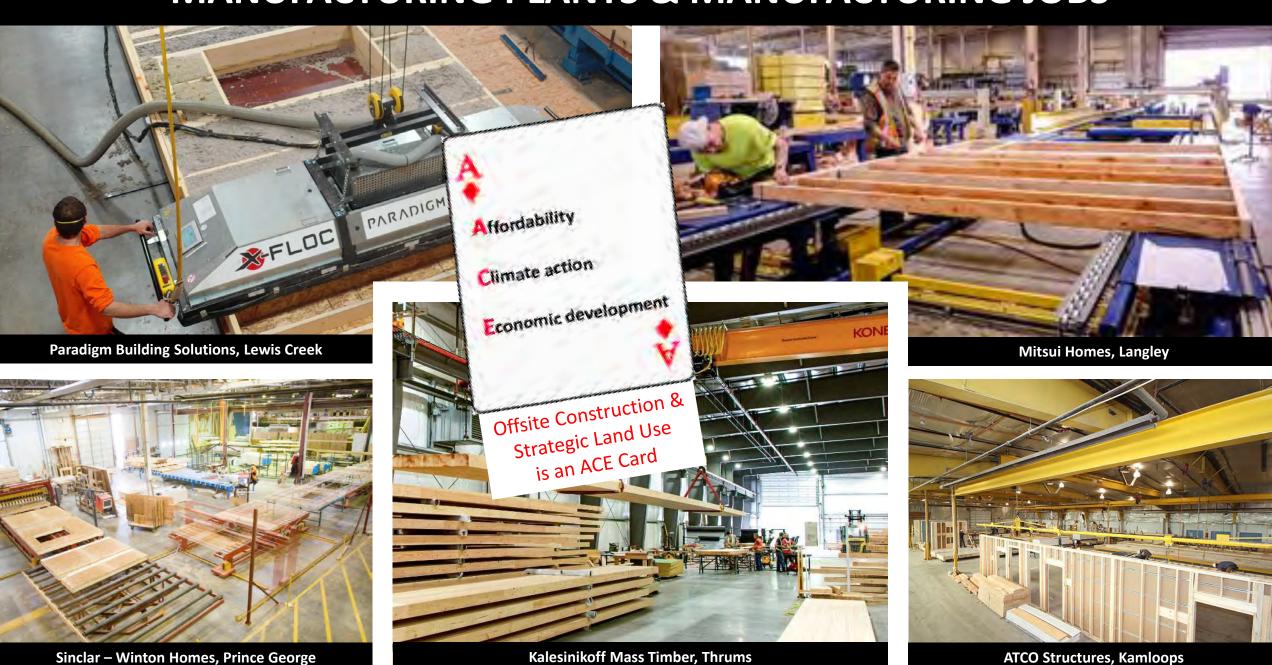


Indigenous Housing, Vancouver



Student Housing, Vernon & Salmon Arm

#### MANUFACTURING PLANTS & MANUFACTURING JOBS



# The biggest barrier to offsite manufacturing growth is inadequate demand



Standardized Offsite-Ready Designs & local Pre-Zoned, Pre-Reviewed, Standardized Prefab Designs can help grow demand

#### Pre-Zoned, Rereviewed, Prefab Designs

# BC Housing, CMHC, Metro Vancouver Six Storey

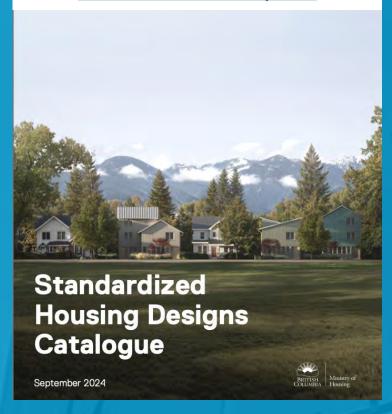




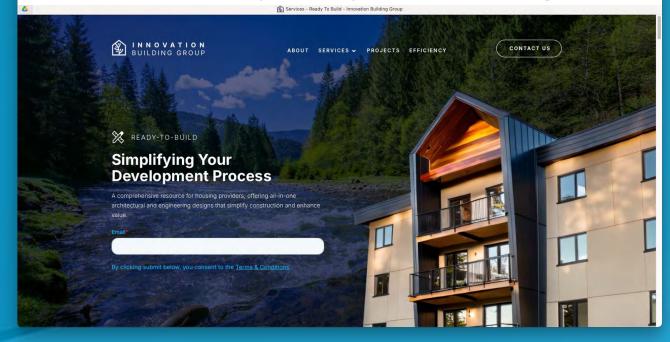
Triple A Permitting Pathway!

#### Standardized, Offsite-Ready Designs

BC Ministry of Housing Coach & Multiplex



Innovation Building Group
Offsite-Ready, Ready-To-Build Designs



Today's Guest: Rod Nadeau, Innovation Building Group



See Rod Nadeau & Natalie Douglas Presentation



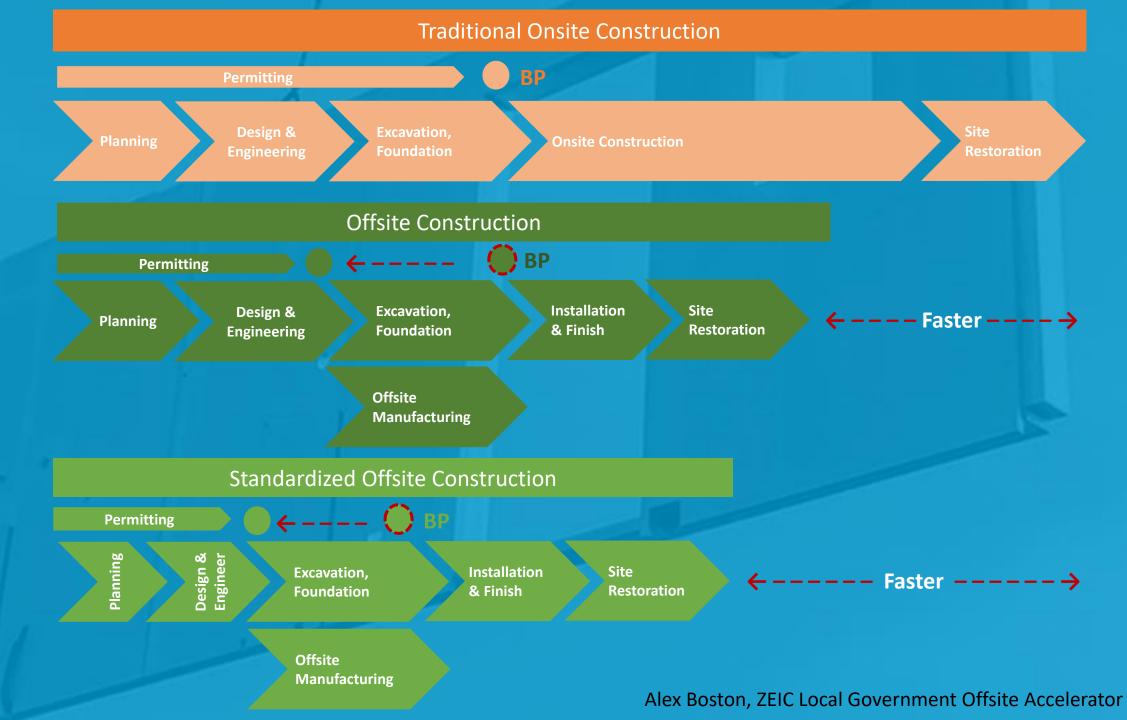




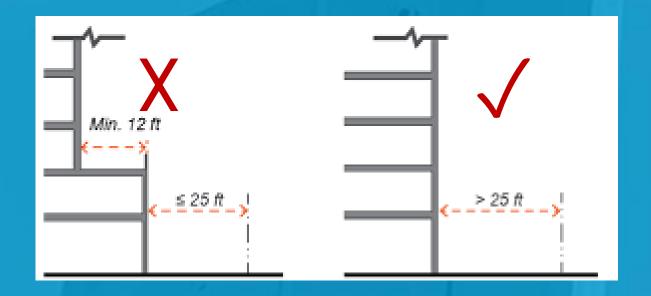




Local Gov Solution Highlight: Early BP



# Local Gov Solution Highlight: Phase out Step-Back Requirements or Establish Variances to Design Guidelines





Traditional step-back requirements on upper floors increase cost and embodied carbon and reduce energy performance.



Eliminating step-backs or establishing design guideline variances supports cost, carbon and time management. This Adera multifamily project in Coquitlam has CLT floors and elevator shafts manufactured offsite by Kalesnikoff.

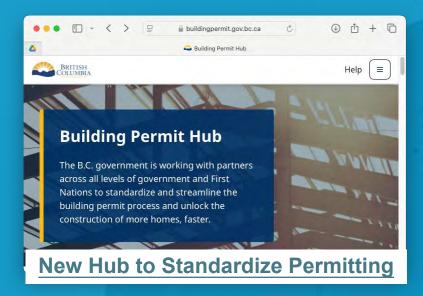








# Offsite Construction Toolbox **Nuts & Bolts**









to Existing Non-Market Housing

# Our most important asset doesn't dangle from our shoulders, it sits on top of them!



HEADS up!