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BC ASSESSMENT TESTS NEW WAY TO UPDATE PROPERTY PHOTOS

SURREY — Digital cameras mounted inside a clearly-marked van are on the residential streets of Surrey as BC Assessment uses an innovative way to update photos used for property assessment purposes.

The residential photo update initiative will take digital photos of approximately 84,000 single family homes from mid November through April 2011. This initiative was tested last year in Nanaimo and in the Districts of North and West Vancouver.

“As the Crown corporation responsible for accurately valuing all properties in B.C., we are always looking for innovative ways to provide more timely, accurate, equitable and fair assessments to all property owners,” said Chris Danchuk, Deputy Assessor for the BC Assessment Surrey-White Rock office.

BC Assessment will not photograph any personal information related to:

- Images of people on the property, including partial images comprised of portions of faces and/or bodies.
- Visible signage on a residence (excluding civic number), including business signs, signs with the names of the people living at that property, plaques and any other type of signage that may relate to the identity of a person. This includes vehicle license plates.
- The interior of a residence (e.g., images that show the inside of a home via a window or open doorway, or the interior of an enclosed vehicle shelter such as a garage).

Visit our [website](#) for further information on this initiative.

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