

Clarifying the New Home Renovation Tax Credit



Your Voice in Ottawa

Cathy McLeod, MP

Tax Credit will provide a one-year, temporary 15 per cent income tax credit on eligible home renovation expenditures for work per-

formed, or goods acquired between Jan. 27, 2009 and Feb. 1, 2010. The credit may be claimed on eligible expenditures exceeding \$1000 but not more than \$10,000.

Homeowners will be able to claim expenditures for major renovation projects such as finishing a basement, renovating a kitchen or building an addition. Costs associated with such projects will be eligible for the credit, including permits, professional services, equipment rentals and incidental expenses.

Routine repairs and main-

tenance normally performed on a more frequent basis like lawn care or snow removal will not qualify for the credit. As well, the cost of purchasing furniture, appliances, audio-visual electronics and construction equipment will not be eligible.

It's important to note that the HRTC will work in conjunction with energy saving improvements made to your home.

Federal grants paid through the ecoENERGY retrofit program will not reduce the value of claims made for these expenditures

under the HRTC. Eligible renovation expenditures claimed under the Medical Expense Tax Credit may be claimed in addition to the HRTC.

I want to remind every-

one to please keep all your receipts when claiming the HRTC on your income tax return for 2009, you'll have to have the information available if it's requested by Revenue Canada.

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The line up to date:
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Fri. July 10: The Steve Miller Band, Jo Dee Messina, Emerson Drive, The Higgins;
Sat. July 11: Kenny



Kenny Chesney


Chesney, Johnny Reid, Doc Walker;

Sun. July 12: Pam Tillis, George Canyon, Jetty Road, Jaydee Bixby.


More artist signings are expected to be announced soon.

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