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**NEW SOURCE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE SALVAGED BUILDING MATERIALS**

Victoria, B. C. – The ReUse People of Canada (TRP) will soon open a new yard by appointment in Malahat Nation’s Industrial Park near Mill Bay to sell valuable used materials from deconstruction projects, Beverley Dondale, president of the registered charity said today.

Deconstruction is the careful dismantling of a structure and the salvaging of all usable materials where upwards of 75% can be reused or recycled. In demolition, almost 100% goes straight to the landfill. The exception is in the City of Victoria where a new bylaw requires a specific amount of wood to be salvaged from homes or duplexes built in 1960 or earlier.

“Materials ranging from old growth dimensional lumber to flooring, cabinets to windows and doors including wood frames, to landscape pavers and bricks are saved,” said Dondale. “By reusing materials, everyone wins – the homeowner who can claim multi-year tax credits or the corporation who receives tax donations, the community that sees still useful items diverted from the landfill and consumers who can purchase products with lots of life left at very reasonable prices.”

Progressive Environmental Deconstruction Inc. partners with TRP. “Last year, they deconstructed four homes in Greater Victoria and more in Greater Vancouver,” said Dondale. “As landfills reach their upper limit and with the scarcity of available land in urban areas, deconstruction is the viable alternative.”

Deconstruction takes about four weeks to complete vs. approximately one week for demolition. Homeowners who choose the former, however, are eligible for tax credits that can save them significant costs over a five year period and corporations can take advantage of tax donations for their materials.

A recent homeowner paid $52,400 for the deconstruction process. The demolition cost would have been $24,656. After all tax credits are applied, the homeowner’s price was only $10,870.

For further information on TRP, please visit www.thereusepeopleofcanada.org.

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