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Dear Friends and Partners,

This year is flying by so fast I think I might have whiplash. That's not surprising with all that's going on. Oil prices are boomeranging up over \$130 - nearly double that of last year, the Edmonton market is finally (albeit temporarily) a buyers market and prices have softened slightly (thank Goodness).

And....

I'm about to become a Dad this October. Lots of fantastic plans are in the works. Don't let the strength of the Canadian dollar and high oil prices distract you. Oil is best hovering around \$85 a barrel so a downward slip is a good thing. Same with the Loonie, \$0.85 to the USD is a good norm. The higher dollar doesn't hurt the Western provinces so much, but our Eastern neighbors definitely can feel the bite.

With June upon us, let's take the time to evaluate and focus. Throw out what's not working and implement what is. A great book for helping you get life's priorities straight is *The Power Of Focus*. I like the no-nonsense approach to structuring my day as well as breaking

down my year into achievable action steps. We're not quite at the yearly halfway mark, but getting there soon. "For every minute spent in organizing, an hour is earned."



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Building Your House

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business to live a more leisurely life with his wife and enjoy his extended family. He would miss the paycheck each week, but he wanted to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go & asked if he could build just one more

house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but over time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work, his employer came to inspect the house. Then he handed the front-door key to the carpenter and said, "This is your house... my gift to you."

The carpenter was shocked!

What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently.

But, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter, and every day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Someone once said, "Life is a do-it-yourself project." Your attitude, and the choices you make today, help build the "house" you will live in tomorrow. Therefore, Build wisely!

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**Wal-Mart Doubling Alberta Supercentres
Calgary left out of retail giant's expansion plan**

Mario Toneguzzi, Calgary Herald

Published: Friday, May 09, 2008

"When you look at where the economic growth is going to be occurring in Canada for the next 10 to 15 years, Alberta is certainly outpacing the rest of the country," said David Allwright, associate dean of the Bissett School of Business at Mount Royal College. [CLICK](#)

[HERE](#) for the full story.

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**If Alberta Can't Thrive With This Record Oil, Nobody Can
Top economist sees above-average growth for years**

Geoffrey Scotton, Calgary Herald

Published: Saturday, May 24, 2008

Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist with BMO Capital Markets Corp., is among the country's most-respected economists, producing extensive analysis and research on all facets of the economy, investment and markets. Several years ago Porter distinguished himself by discovering a flaw in Statistics Canada's Consumer Price Index, arguably the most respected measure of consumer inflation in the world.

READ the full story [HERE](#).

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Last but not least, **DON'T FORGET** that June 7th and 8th in Calgary is REIN's Quickstart LIVE Program.

Learn all you need to know about real estate investing at this awesome event. It sells out every year and there are only a few tickets left. Click here for the discounted price.

We're looking forward to speaking with you soon.

Thank you,

Todd and Danielle Millar

