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Public policy crashed Vancouver's housing market but investors remain bullish for 2017



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FIVE MARKETS TO BUY RENTALS

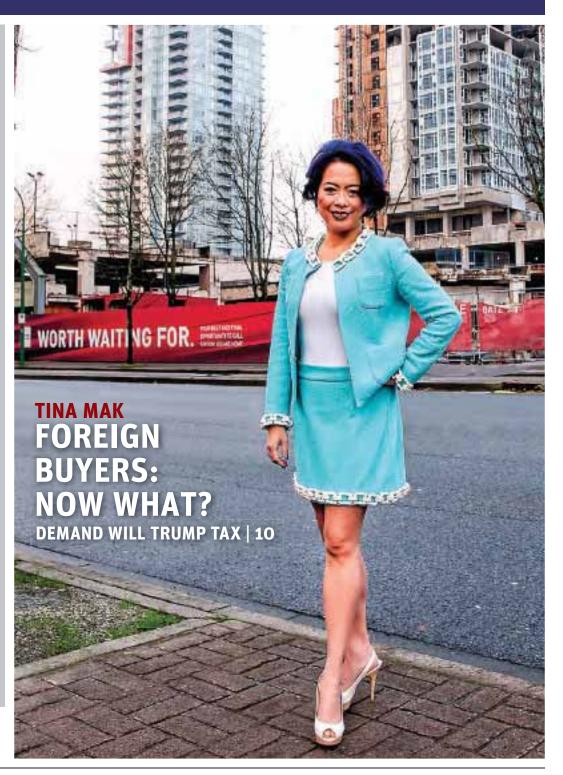
High-tech, retirees among factors luring landlords to these best bets for income

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315 ROBINSON RD. SALT SPRING ISLAND, BC



- 50 furnished, strata-titled cottages and 5 fee
- 35.48 acres of lakefront Asking Price \$12,000,000 bare trustee can be purchased

BILL RANDALL*

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SALE

WHITEWATER MOBILE HOME PARK



- 3245 Paris Street, Penticton, BC
- 10.76 acres / 93 Home pads Asking Price \$9,900,000 | 5.0% Cap

DON DUNCAN* | CHRIS DRIVER* MARSHALL MCANERNEY*

MULTI-FAMILY WITH COMMERCIAL

9010 SCHOOL STREET, CHILLIWACK, BC



- 15% foreign buyer tax not applicable here
- Quality built in 2013
- One block from Chilliwack General Hospital

HARPREET SINGH* CHRIS DRIVER* | DON DUNCAN*

FOR SALE

859 THURLOW STREET, VANCOUVER



- Restored class "B" heritage • 34 units located in the West End
- · Offers accepted October 31st (bid process)

PHIL JOUBERT*

INDUSTRIAL HOLDING PROPERTY WITH RESIDENTIAL UPSIDE

2664 BEDFORD STREET, PORT COQUITLAM



- 7,642 sf shop and office building 18,021 sf site
- 5 year lease
- \$1,600.000

RICK EASTMAN* | KEVIN VOLZ* FOR SALE: 9.96 ACRE

DEVELOPMENT PARCEL INTERSECTION OF 76TH AVE & 197TH ST LANGLEY (011-185-225)



- Located in the Latimer NCP (approved)
- Proposed zone: SFR3 (6-8 VPA)
- Proximity to future retail amenities, transit and the Langley Events Centre

HARPREET SINGH* | MICHAEL HARDY

PRIME OCEANFRONT

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

MARINER'S VILLAGE, SOOKE, BC



- 8.645 acres of development land approved for mixed-use development
- Spectacular view of Sooke Harbour & the Olympic Mountains
- Serviced, zoned, marina leasehold included
 Price \$6,300,000

TIM SOMMER* | BILL RANDALL* ANNE TANNER*

14,143 SF - 30,644 SF UP TO 4.2 ACRES

KANAKA BUSINESS PARK, MAPLE RIDGE



- Paved, gravelled & fenced yard
 Land options from 1 acre
- Package price for four propertie \$6,595,000 or sold individually

RICK EASTMAN* | KEVIN VOLZ*

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY MISTAKEN IDENTITY WINERY

164 NORTON ROAD, SALT SPRING ISLAND, BC



- 9.48 acre site with 7.5 acres of vineyard 3,032 sf wine production / wine tasting facility
- Ability for investor to keep winery manager
- in current role

ANNE TANNER* | TIM SOMMER*

3 STOREY, STRATA-TITLED APARTMENT BUILDING FOR SALE 15369 THRIFT AVENUE, WHITE ROCK



- 27 residential suites, consisting of 18,418 sf Located minutes from waterfront and surrounded
- by various amenities
- Building has been well maintained.
- Price \$5,750,000

DON DUNCAN* | CHRIS DRIVER*

FOR SALE/FOR LEASE

PORT KELLS/NORTHWEST LANGLEY

19855 98TH AVENUE, LANGLEY



- 45,150 sf office/manufacturing facility with
- Situated on 3.325 acre fully fenced site
- Extensive compressed air system in place Fully sprinklered with access from both north and south of the structure

BILL HOBBS*

MIXED-USE BUILDING ON DUNBAR STREET

4446-4450 DUNBAR STREET, VANCOUVER



- 5,060 sf lot with 5 surface stalls
- · 2 retail units and one office unit on the 2nd floor
- · Located on Dunbar Street between
- 28th & 29th Avenue Contact listing agents for asking price

BOE IRAVANI | DAVID MACKAY

FOR SALE - SOUTH GRANVILLE INVESTMENT PROPERTY

3097 GRANVILLE ST/1505 WEST 15TH AVE



- nt South Granville Investment Property • 10,000 sf leasable area (55' frontage)

- Potential Owner/User opportunity
 Contact listing agents for offering details

BRAD NEWMAN-BENNETT SCOTT MACPHERSON

FOR SALE 158 ACRE DEVELOPMENT SITE

KNIGHT CRESCENT, PRINCE GEORGE, BC



- 158 acres just off the Hart Highway
- Plan includes a mobile home park, single family and multi-family
- Asking \$3,000,000

BILL RANDALL*

FOR SALE/FOR LEASE PORT KELLS/NORTHWEST LANGLEY

9744 197B STREET, LANGLEY, BC



- Dock & grade loading with cranes 2 tonne iib crane / 7.5 tonne bridge crane

BILL HOBBS*

RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR A USER AND/OR INVESTOR

UNITS 9 & 10 - 9330 194TH STREET, SURREY



- Two units that combine for 2,674 st
- Great location in Port Kells
- Keep the current tenants or occupy yourself
- Price \$460,000

JORDAN SENGARA* | RON EMERSON **NEW LONG-TERM LEASE** 2455 MANSFIELD DRIVE, COURTENAY, BC

- Single tenant government building
- NOI: \$142,766 • \$2.855.000 or 5% Cap

ERIC WALKER

GROUND FLOOR OFFICE SPACE FOR SALE 2245 KINGSWAY, VANCOUVER



- Fully improved office space with rec multiple offices, open area, kitchen 1,396 sf with 7 parking stalls

• \$1,098,000

ROGER LEGGATT* | MAX ZESSEL*

FOR SALE 38.4 - 78.4 ACRES

BURKE MOUNTAIN, COQUITLAM



- Beautiful views
- Future residential development property or ideal estate lot
- Asking \$3.500.000 per lot

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FOR SALE - TWO BOSTON PIZZA FRANCHISES

VANCOUVER FLAGSHIP LOCATIONS



- New long-term leases Great location
- Gross annual revenues \$5.3 m
- Contact listing agent for pricing

ADAM FRIZZELL

FOR SALE - CENTRAL LONSDALE DEVELOPMENT SITE

125-145 EAST 13TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER



- 173,736 buildable sf (4.0 FSR)
- Contact agents for confidential offering details

BRAD NEWMAN-BENNETT SCOTT MACPHERSON

RETAIL STRATA UNITS FOR SALE - 4299 HASTINGS STREET, BURNABY



- Triple A location
- Six new retail strata units
- 590 sf 5,567 sf Spring 2018 completion · Contact listing agent for pricing

ALASTAIR FERGUSSON

FOR SALE ROYAL SQUARE



- Bank-anchored retail plaza
- Below-market rents
- Additional density
- NOI: Approximately \$313,000 (stabilized) Asking \$6,800,000

ERIC WALKER

COURT-ORDERED SALE

LOTS 26 & 27 - 3220 OTTER POINT ROAD



- 20,000 sf industrial building with 1,200 sf office space
- · Both sites level and fully fenced Asking Price \$1,975,000

BILL RANDALL* | ELIZABETH MEARS

A WATERFRONT RETREAT



- 11 rental cabins, 2 managers' residences, an events pavilion and a water lot
- Stunning scenery with excellent amenities for outdoor activities
- Asking Price \$1,525,000

CRAIG BALLANTYNE*

FOR SALE - HARRISON LAKEVIEW RESORT

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS, BO



- Strata titled boutique hotel one block from
- Harrison Lake
- Built in 2012
- 20 suites and 2 commercial units
 Asking Price \$10,250,000

BRETT AURA* | BART VANSTAALDUINEN*

VANCOUVER WEST SIDE PROPERTY WITH INCOME

3626 WEST 16TH AVENUE, VANCOUVER

- Fully leased; 2 retail tenants & 2 residential units
- Building sits on a 33' x 110' lot zoned C-2 (2.5 FSR)
- Asking Price \$3,250,000

CRAIG HAZIZA** | KYLE WILSON

DOWNTOWN/YAI FTOWN **CORNER STRATA OFFICE**



- Unit size: 1,426 sf
- Dedicated entrance and elevator for office user.
- 6 offices, 1 boardroom, kitchen and 2 secured

BOE IRAVANI | DAVID MACKAY

FOR SALE - 11 LEGAL LOTS TOTALLING 15.94 ACRES



- 11 legal lots totalling 15.94 acre
- Designated for industrial and service

· Located just 2km west of Grand Forks' Asking Price \$639,000 BART VANSTAALDUINEN*



- 28,000 sf office / retail building • Tenants include BMO & Royal Bank Projected net income: \$220,000



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FOR SALE - 28.670 SF OFFICE/RETAIL BUILDING

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Frank O'Brien, Western Investor editor, argues governments should stop the unwarranted attacks on Canadian home ownership

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The trick for B.C. residential investors will be surviving government intervention that has already crashed Metro Vancouver's housing market

B.C.'S TOP 5 LANDLORD MARKETS



Number of young tech workers, and retirees, help winnow search for the best rental housing markets for investors through 2017



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LANGLEY

Bldg. 3, 20381 62nd Avenue - FOR LEASE

- Centrally Located +/- 11,784 Sq. Ft. Warehouse
- +/- 1,992 Sq. Ft. Office Space
- +/- 1,992 Sq. Ft. Mezzanine
 +/- 7,800 Sq. Ft. Warehouse
- Located on the Corner of 204th Street & 62nd Avenue
- · Grade Loading Doors, Sprinkled, Air Conditioned Office, Ample Parking, Corporate Appeal, Well Maintained

Lease Rate \$11.95 sq. ft. base \$2.90 Additional

CHILLIWACK

43775 Industrial Way & 7923 Logan Drive

- +/- 0.75 Acre Parcel at 7923 Logan Drive
- +/- 3,380 Sq. Ft. Upper Floor Office at 43775 Industrial Way
- +/-2,000 Sq. Ft. Welding Lean-To

✓ VALUE FOR \$

· Excellent Highway Exposure, Ample Parking

Lease Rate \$9.50 Sq. Ft NNN for Office and Welding Lean-To and \$1.50 for Outdoor Storage Area \$1.00 Sq. Ft. Additional

ACREAGE

HARRISON MILLS

1201 & 1401 Kennedy Road & 6 other Properties

- +/-23 Acres Farmland adjacent to Kennedy Road and +/- 12 Acres RV Park/Campground Campground consists of 90 existing RV Sites (Fractional Ownership) with a further potential for another +/- 60 sites (Campground has three 10'x10' washrooms, laundry, electronically gated off front with full panel fence and three docks)
- Over a mile in Waterfront +/- 5,400 sq ft executive home
- +/- 200 acres (40 acres was planted in corn last year)
 gravel pit and +/- 2,000 loads of topsoil compost

\$14,240,000

CHILLIWACK

51140 Ruddock Road

- 27.097 Acres
- significant road frontage
- possible development opportunity
 proposed zoning Comprehensive Development (CD)
- only 15 minutes to schools, doctors & medical servi

CALL FOR PRICING

7630 Nixon Road

✓ GOOD RETURN

- Private end of road building location
- Build your private estate here
 Split Land Use Zoning 31% RH (Rural Hillside) & 69% RSV1 (Limited Use Reserve)
- Property is not located in the ALR

- Duplex Lots
- Starting From \$150,000

botsoldmunro@gmail.com

CHILLIWACK

North Popkum Road

- Currently Zoned Bural (B)
- Official Community Plan shows northerly +/- 14 acres is designated Rural Residential (RR) which allows through plan amendment for smaller parcel sizes in strata-title subdivisions; the remaining +/-18 acres is designated Agricultural Small Holdings (AG-S) and lies in the ALR, think Ag-Tourism, Ag-Industrial, Ag-Commercial Bordered on the north by Cheam Lake

 • Close proximity to everywhere!!! \$1,200,000

ACREAGE

LANGLEY

6895 & 6897 272nd Street

- Centrally Located 32.85 Acres Trophy Estate Property 7.947 Sq. Ft. Main House 4,071 Sq.Ft. In-Law House
- 2,392 Sq. Ft. Garage/Workshop 2,891 Sq. Ft. Hot Rod Garage

7025 272nd Street

- Easy Access to TransCanada 11.9 Acres
 7,506 Sq. Ft. Main House
 1,014 Sq. Ft. Garage
 2,299 Sq. Ft. Bike Garage
 2,507 Sq. Ft. Secondary House

\$3,699,999

5079 248th Street - FOR LEASE

- +/- 2,200 Sq. Ft., 3 Bedroom Main Residence 30'x 40' Detached Work Shop/Garage Includes a 2 Bedroom Suite 3 Greenhouses, one is +/- 33,594 Sq. Ft., another is +/- 33,096 Sq. Ft. and the third one is +/-64,152 Sq. Ft.
- Drive-down loading dock and new water storage facilities Old Second Residence is located at 5079 240th Street
- Municipal Water, Electricity, Natural Gas All Roadway in area are paved
 - **✓** TENANT COVENANT

ACREAGE

LANGLEY 7387 216th Street

- RU-3 Zoning
- Graded and well drained
- Two Residences One on East End of property and the other is just west of the main driveway
- Green house Complex Three areas
 Management and support staff facilities
- (the main office)...2,530 Sq. Ft. The Warehouse...5,600 Sq. Ft.
- Large Productive Greenhouse Areas

\$3,900,000

7306 264th Street

- 138.14 Acres
 Located in the beautiful Glen Valley area of Langley
- Road frontage on 264th Street but also entrance from the end of 267th Street
- · Lots of usable acreage to build your dream home

\$9,900,000

8261 264th Avenue

✓ UPSIDE

- S Acre View Property
 -/- 6,325 sq.ft. 4 Bedroom, 6 Bathroom custom built home with double car garage
 4 car garage with 1,200 sq.ft. custom built guest house
 Panoramic Views of North Shore Mountains and Fraser
- Valley from most rooms in the home
- Gated Driveway with home set well back on property for Optimal Privacy
 Many balconies and patio to enjoy the view and for
 - extensive outdoor living
 - \$2,500,000

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WEST KELOWNA MOBILE PARK HOME



1375 Green Bay Road, West Kelowna, BC

- · Single family redevelopment opportunity w/ holding income • 6.251 Acres built in 1975
- Current occupancy: 37 manufactured home
- \$8.880.000

Brian Tattrie, Chris Midmore & Cynthia Dong*

DEVELOPMENT SITE WITH GOOD INCOME



24 Ovens Avenue, New Westminster, BC

- 48,312 SF Site + 25,347 SF Bldg.
 Leased to Canada Post to Oct. 23, 2022
- \$344,145 pa T. Net Designated Multifamily
- \$12,500,000

Chris Midmore or Matt Nugent* 604.736.5611



10 UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING

411 3rd Ave New Westminster, BC (Queens Park)

- · High revenue holding/development property
- Lot Size: 17,667 SF
- · Building Size: 10.500 SF
- \$4,288,000

Cynthia Dong* 604.518.8230



BOUTIQUE HOTEL AND CHALET

3012 Alpine Crescent, Whistler, BC

- 10-bdrms & 11-bathrms
- 2 min drive or 15 min walk to Whistler Village
- Perfect for large private family destination
- Site Size: 11,551 SF

Cynthia Dong*

604.518.8230

WATERFRONT HOTEL RESORT



134 Madrona Drive, Galiano Island, BC

- 15 min away by plane & 25 min by ferry 3 acres & 600 ft. of waterfront access
- · 20 Guest rooms
- · 4,000 SF. Restaurant & Ba

Cynthia Dong* 604.518.8230

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY



- Brian Tattrie & Edward Chiu 604.736.5611

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY

MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT BUILDING



1030 Harwood St, Vancouver, BC

- 3 Storey with 30 Suites Downtown Vancouver
 Site Size: 12,969 sq.ft (99' x 131')
- · Zoned RM-5A Multiple Family
- Assessments: \$17,161,700

604.518.8230 Cynthia Dong*

MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT SITE



Terrace BC

- · 25 acres, flat with easy access, services to site
- Terrace is the service and supply hub of North Western BC A shortage of Multi-family properties in city
- Terms and/or JV possibilities considered Asking \$5.95 M

Bruce Long* 604.312.2000

RETAIL / OFFICE OPPORTUNITY



107 - 2419 Bellevue Avenue, West Van. BC

Private entry from Bellevue Ave with open plan
545 SF with 26 ft of south facing windows & skylights • New carpet & ceiling tiles • Corridor water views • Price \$799,000

Mark Hagedorn* 604.714.5524



- 1031 Ridgeway, Coquitlam, BC

 Site size approx. 18,600 SF with 155 ft. of frontage on Ridgeway & 120 ft. of frontage on Nelson Ave.

 Currently zoned PI being Civic Institutional. For redevelopment options please refer to the C-5 zoning bylaw for Coquitlam & the Austin Heights area plan.

 \$5,000,000

SIDNEY - PRIME COMMERCIAL PROPERTY



Price Includes Profitable Grocery Business, Sidney, BC

- · Building has 2 Restaurant Lease Tenants
- Potential Adjacent Land Assembly
- 11,000 SF Corner Lot \$1,880,000

Hans Van de Kamp 250.704.8275

MULTI-FAMILY PORTFOLIO



201 Unit Portfolio - Central BC

- · Well maintained project, 4 individual titles
- Buildings have undergone extensive updating
- Gross rents averaging \$150k per month for past 3 years
- Asking \$10.95 M

Bruce Long* 604.312.2000

RETAIL / OFFICE OPPORTUNITY



#113 - 1433 Lonsdale, West Van, BC

- Office/retail space with large reception/waiting area (ideal for medical/school/office type uses)
 • Ground Floor Unit • 1,396 SF • 7 private offices
- · Monthly rental of \$3,868/month + GST

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RETAIL / OFFICE OPPORTUNITY

Hans Van de Kamp 250.704.8275

.44 Acre Waterfront Development Property in Victoria

• Zoned C-2 (mixed-use - Commercial & Multifamily)

Boat Moorage Available • Offered at \$669,000

1820 Maple Avenue South, Sooke, BC



2429 Marine Drive, West Van

- . "A" frame Architecture with 18'ft.+ Cathedral style
- ceiling height
- Close to transit

 2,845 SF Total Monthly Rent: \$8,836/month

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MULTI-FAMILY PORTFOLIO



Kitimat. BC

- 199 Unit Portfolio 2 adjoining properties, 7 titles + 1 title Extensive renovations include roofs, windows etc. Operating near 75% occupancy in down market Offers, Trades or JV potential Asking \$18 M

Bruce Long* 604.312.2000

WEST END DEVELOPMENT SITE ASSEMBLY



1101, 1109, 1117, 1121 Harwood St, Vancouver, BC

- BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE Nov. 15, 2016
- 198' x 131' of Corner Frontage
- RM-5A zoned 25,389 SF Site
- Current ESR = 2.20

Dan Schulz* 778.999.5758



Single Family Lot Development Site

• Mission 23+ acre Development Site potential for 105 lot subdivision, budget shows development would profitably produce \$300,000 residential lots • Owner will sell or partner on development

• Only 1-hour commute to Vancouver or 30 min to Surrey • 30 minute commute to Surrey, one hour to Vancouver, by car or transit. • Great opportunity for developer/builder. Bob Scragg* 604.290.2906

SMALL ACREAGE DEVELOPMENT SITE



- 32.5 Acres with Stream Small Acreage Development Site
 Current Zoning Permits 7 units Currently, number of lots could be increased to 18, if rezoning to RR7 is permitted, Or, develop int 30+ lots, when services are delivered to site. Area designated as Urban for small-lot subdivision
 Only 1-hour commute to Vancouver or 30-min to Central Surrey
 Asking price \$1,850,000 (under \$60,000 per acre)
 - Bob Scragg* 604.290.2906

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY



1165 Battle Street, Kamloops, BC

- Government Tenant 2 Storey Office Bldg. Bldg. Size: 26,544 sq. ft. Land Size: 42,000 sq. ft. Net Income: \$305,256 Cap Rate: 5.5%
- Asking Price \$5,600,000
 - Gary Webb 604.714.4780



355 Burrard Street, 14th Floor Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 2G6 +1 604 998 6001

MULTIFAMILY FOR SALE



- 15 suite apartment building near Queen's Park

James.Blair@am.ill.com

- 8788 Fremlin Street **New Lisiting** Fully renovated 13
- building Favourable suite mix with primarily 2 bedrooms
- Patrick.McEvay@am.jll.com
- High exposure corner lot on SW Marine Marpole OCP allows for

Potential rental revenue

upside

22225 - 119th Avenue



- Excellent location within walking distance to DT Maple Ridge Generous suite sizes
- Ray.Townsend@am.jll.com

127 & 129 East 12th Street

 Large lot – 16.380st 130 feet frontage on 119 Avenue

Rav.Townsend@am.ill.com

10-unit apartment

Lot size of approx. 50 x 118.5'

building Located in the heart of Kerrisdale

2181 West 40th Avenue West Vancouver BC

New Listing

1725 McLean Drive

2416 Fraser Street For Sale

neighbourhood

cap rate

Representing impressive

- Newly renovated, turnkey apartment building
- Located in Vancouver's Mount Pleasant
- Patrick.McEvay@am.jll.com

1285 Martin Street



- Desirable mix of unit
- · South facing units, with spectacular ocean views
- James.Blair@am.jll.com



- 23 unit building
- 17.500 sf lot with future re-development potential
- Centre-ice location,
- David.Venance@am.jll.com

one block away from Lonsdale Avenue

· Excellent value-add

3 large grade doors 19' warehouse ceiling

Secure yard area

height

potential

Under Contract

- Strategic location within the Grandview-Woodland
- Easy-to-manage

Dave.Venance@am.jll.com

5371 Regent Street

Multifamily investment property Significant investment

loading area
Central Burnaby location

upside

INDUSTRIAL FOR SALE

12131 Vulcan Way

FOR SALE



- Manufacturing facility 10,352 sf on 0.519 acres
- One 3 ton crane
- 5 grade doors
- Casey.Bell@am.jll.com Lee.Hester@am.jll.com

12091 Vulcan Way



- height
- secure vard area
- Fenced, paved and
- Manufacturing facility 14,600 sf on 0.603 acres
- One 3 ton crane

- Two 5 ton cranes

4 grade doors20' warehouse ceiling

- height
 Roof re-done in 2013

Casey.Bell@am.jll.com Lee.Hester@am.jll.com

2540 No. 5 Road



- Manufacturing facility 6,359 sf on 0.248 acres
- One 5 ton crane One 3 ton crane

Casey.Bell@am.jll.com Lee.Hester@am.jll.com

FOR SALE



- Multi-tenant building 40,669 sf on 2.08 acres
- 12' 18' clear ceilings
- Grade level loading

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- MOBILE HOME PARK

Skytrain Station.

63071 Flood Hope Rd., Hope - with 31 pads, 2 homes, 4.9 acres land and near city centre. Price to sell \$1.425 Million

INVESTOR OR END USER

19028-27th Ave. Surrey. Close to Hwy 99 & 15. 9 yr old industrial bldg, over 1.5 A land and over 33,000 SF. Space partially rented.

\$5.9 Million

OCEAN FRONT RETAIL

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End the unfair, unprecedented attack on home ownership

COMMENT | Hard-working Canadians striving to own a home are stressed and threatened by misguided and disastrous policies from all three levels of government

This year has seen an unprecedented and unwarranted tri-level government attack on the dream of home ownership and Canada's most diligent and hard-working citizens.

The latest - but hardly the last straw is the federal government's ludicrous stress test that kicked in this October and booted thousands of home buyers off the real estate ladder.

The stress test imagined a set of catastrophic events - highmagnitude earthquake, economic meltdown - to see if Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC), the largest mortgage insurer, could survive them.

It was not a fanciful exercise for first-time buyers and many others striving to purchase a home. Among other restrictions, the test



included the provision that anyone buying with less than a 20 per cent down payment had to qualify at the highest possible mortgage rate, twice as high as what is readily available.

To no surprise, the government found that "CMHC's capital holdings are sufficient for even the most extreme scenarios." This is because, even with stagnant income growth, the default rate on high-ratio mortgage loans remains around 0.34 per cent, the best loan risk in the country.

Yet the feds toughened mortgage rules even further, including a ban on access to mortgage insurance by residential investors.

Ottawa plans to extend the mortgage stress into 2017. Perhaps they will test effects of an alien invasion or the rise of Godzilla.

Yet the only real threat and stress to home buyers is government

This year the B.C. government has virtually banned residential assignment sales, slapped a discriminatory tax on foreign buyers and jacked up sales taxes on higher-end homes. The City of Vancouver is moving to ban short-term rentals and joined other municipalities in raising bureaucratic barrricadesto new home construction and renovations.

The results have been predictable and disastrous for British Columbia's residential industry.

By October, housing sales in Metro Vancouver had plunged 70

per cent from the spring and B.C. housing starts had fallen to a 16year low. At least 25 per cent of first-time buyers can no longer qualify for a mortgage and home owners have had their equity cut from beneath them.

It is a credit to home buyers' resilience - and recognition that owning a home is about the only route to financial security - that national housing sales recently hit a record high despite every government effort to kill them.

We suggest that, instead of undermining the vital housing industry, governments should get out of the way and let Canada's home buyers and investors make their own decisions on what they want and what they can afford.

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Foreign buyers in Metro Vancouver: what happens next?

COVER | Top Asian real estate agent says 15 per cent tax has slowed but won't stop the attraction of China-based residential investors to the opportunties and lifestyles of a "Super Prime City"

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his past July, the British Columbia government unexpectedly slapped a 15 per cent tax on any foreign national buying real estate in Metro Vancouver. This sudden move was designed to dampen the market for the steady inflow of offshore money – mainly Chinese – that has been blamed for Vancouver's red-hot real estate market.

Some have speculated that Premier Christy Clark, who is facing re-election in 2017, took this measure to ease what was a growing chorus of criticism for her government's apparent inaction in curbing an overheated housing market.

The tax seems to have had its desired effect: the volume of transactions since last summer has fallen dramatically, although prices remain relatively steady, with only a minor dip in the past few months.

However, Vancouver is what in the real estate trade we call a "Super Prime City." Others in this category include Tokyo, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, London, Paris, Monaco, San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles. These cities attract high-net-worth people who want to establish a residence. They also are places where they have confidence that their investment



Tina Mak, founder of the Vancouver chapter of the Asian Real Estate Association of America: "Vancouver will be a preferred destination for foreign investors for many, many years to come." | CHUNG CHOW

is safe and secure. Why else do they continue to flock to these locations? There are several key reasons: the brand of the city; its reputation for safety and rule of law; world-class services and easy access to amenities; quality of life and lifestyle; and, finally, the prospect of capital appreciation.

So, do I believe a 15 per cent tax will stop Asians, and particularly Chinese, from investing in Metro Vancouver? Absolutely not. Moreover, such a tax won't have a negative impact on the Asian thirst for an investment beachhead abroad. It's been tried in places such as Hong Kong and Australia, and it has not slowed the inbound investment from China.

The Chinese currency, the renminbi, continues its

devaluation, which is fuelling fears of a bubble in China. People are looking for ways to preserve and protect their wealth, which is another reason why foreign safe havens will be in high demand well into the future.

Imposing higher taxes on foreigners won't stop that reality.

One of the strong attractions to Vancouver for Chinese isn't about to change: there is a deeply established and vibrant Chinese and Asian community here. According to the Asian Pacific Foundation of Canada, within the next 20 years Vancouver will be the city with the largest Chinese population outside of China itself.

Asians want to set down roots here. And that, very much, means buying property. People sometimes forget that Asians seek to invest overseas for more fundamental reasons than just a financial return. Clean air, clean water, safe streets, the rule of law and political stability put Canada near the top of the list.

Middle-class buyers

Despite the common perception that Vancouver's home prices have risen to stratospheric heights because of wealthy Chinese, most foreign buyers come from the new Chinese middle class. The middle class in China didn't exist in 1980. The implication of this emergence of an entirely new economic power extends well beyond real estate. These are people with college education who are primarily engaged in

white-collar, high-skill, high-paying jobs. They are savers, not spenders. They are buyers, not renters. And by some estimates, the new middle class in China is north of 500 million people and growing exponentially. Even if a tiny fraction of them want to invest or live in Vancouver, that's a huge number. Investing is no longer a rich man's game – its participants are the middle class with dreams for a better life for their families.

Whether a class-action lawsuit challenging the new foreign-buyer tax succeeds or not, the desire of Chinese and other Asians to live and invest in Vancouver will persist. It's a desire born of a deep respect for Canada and all it has to offer. This should be a source of pride and strength for all of us as Canadians, not a source of anxiety and apprehension.

In the short term, the prevailing notion that Vancouver Chinese are moving their money to Toronto or Seattle is not based on any evidence that I can find. They are staving here.

Vancouver will be a preferred destination for foreign investors for many, many years to come. ■

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Residential investing 2017: surviving government "help"

FEATURE | Disastrous government policies crash Canada's hottest housing market, hobble B.C.'s biggest industry and may dash dreams of first-time buyers and small investors, analysts say

> **Bv Frank O'Brien** fobrien@biv.com

The goal of residential real estate investors in 2017 will be to survive a government-orchestrated crash of Metro Vancouver house sales that could also shove many first-time buyers and small investors out of the B.C. market entirely.

After cascading government intervention, Metro Vancouver fell from having the highest housing sales increases in Canada this spring to last place by November, while national sales hit an all-time high.

The first blow came in May when the BC Liberals banned assignment sales on existing homes to curb speculation. Detached house sales in Metro Vancouver immediately plunged 16 per cent and, within weeks, the average price of a house on Vancouver's west side had fallen by \$400,000. In August, the province intro-

duced a 15 per cent tax on foreigners buying Metro Vancouver housing. Housing sales nosedived in the hottest markets.

"We have a completely collapsed activity level," said real estate agent Brent Eilers of Re/Max Masters Realty in West Vancouver. "What the market's done since August 1 is dramatic."

West Vancouver sales of singlefamily houses between August 1 and October 31 were down 72 per cent over the same time period in 2015, from 266 to 75 - the biggest sales drop in the Lower Mainland.

Across Metro Vancouver, total housing sales in October were down 38.8 per cent from the same month a year earlier - compared to a national increase of 2.4 per cent - and Metro detached sales had plunged nearly 55 per cent. In October, only 652 detached houses sold in the entire region, down from a monthly average of 1,610 in the first quarter of this

The City of Vancouver then stepped in, threatening to ban short-term rentals for investors and introducing a 1 per cent tax on vacant homes by 2017.

In October, the federal government intervened, slapping tough new restrictions on first-time buyers with less than a 20 per cent down payment and, effective November 30, outlawing access to mortgage insurance for residential investors.

"That is worse than the foreign-buyer tax," said Cameron McNeill, president of Mac Marketing Solutions, one of B.C.'s largest condo marketing firms. "It will affect a lot more people."

McNeill pointed out that presales of new luxury condominiums had remained a bright spot amidst the housing carnage. Sixty per cent of the 2,676 presale condos released in Metro



The Cardero by Bosa in Coal Harbour pre-sold 100 of its 105 luxury condominiums in one month this summer. Across Metro Vancouver, 60 per cent of all pre-sale condo apartments have sold this year, but overall new highrise condo sales are down 22 per cent from 2015. | BOSA

Vancouver this year have sold, and that spikes to 90 per cent for some high-end projects in Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond, he said.

However, the Urban **Development Institute reports** that overall sales of new highrise condominiums were down 21 per cent in the third quarter of this year compared to 2015, and sales of low-rise condos plunged 44 per cent in the same period.

Developers have started slamming on the brakes. As of November, a total of 113 new condo projects had launched in Metro



Cameron McNeill, president of Mac Marketing Solutions: sees upside in Metro's condominium investment market for 2017.

Vancouver, down nearly 50 per cent from a year earlier.

McNeill said that the majority of pre-sale condo buyers plan to live in their units, but that the new mortgage insurance rules could keep many investors and first-time condo buyers out of the action in 2017.

Under federal rules, after November 30 those seeking mortgage insurance can only buy a principal residence, the price must be less than \$1 million, buyers must have a credit score of 600 and must qualify at the Bank of Canada five-year mortgage rate (4.6 per cent), which is about twice as high as variable rates.

The measures will kick at least 20 per cent of first-time buyers off the real estate ladder, estimates the BC Real Estate

The government measures could impact the entire B.C. economy, analysts caution, because residential sales and construction now represent a bigger economic impact than all of B.C.'s resource industries combined.

"When one considers that [the mortgage] default rate is minimal, the housing market is the biggest tax provider and, indeed, B.C.'s only economic engine that is working, one stands amazed at the government intervention," said Vancouver real estate consultant and investor Ozzie Jurock.

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Residential land speculation

A big sector in the Metro residential market has been speculative land sales. In the first half of this year, investors bought \$3.5 billion worth of land for potential high-density residential development. In all of 2015, they had spent \$2.8 billion.

Based on sales of potential multifamily sites, some Vancouver investors are paying \$300 to \$400 per buildable square foot, banking on continually rising condo prices to make the investment pay off.

A few novice speculators may have already lost on the gamble.

"Some foreign buyers come in, buy fast and may not have done the required due diligence," remarked Kirk Kuester, executive managing director of Colliers International.

Speculation has also driven up the per-door price for multi-family rental apartment buildings. In the first eight months of this year, 145 Metro Vancouver apartment buildings sold and the dollar volume increased 95 per cent from a year earlier to \$1.3 billion. Most do not credit foreign buyers for the surge, which saw old Kitsilano apartment buildings selling for up to \$750,000 per suite.

However, since the foreign tax, which includes apartment buildings, was introduced, a flood of apartment properties have hit the Metro market.

David Goodman of HQ Commercial – one of the leading multifamily agents in Vancouver – said that in the weeks following the tax he was fielding near non-stop calls from apartment building owners trying to sell.

"Something is shifting. In my 15 years, we've never had this many proposals [to sell] on the go. There is a rush to get apartments on the market," Goodman said.



However, Goodman remains bullish on the outlook for the multi-family market into 2017.

One of the reasons is that the Metro Vancouver rental vacancy rate is expected to fall to 0.5 per cent in 2017, down from the already tight 0.8 per cent this year. Another is that Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) treats apartment building purchases as commercial loans, which means landlords can acquire CMHC-insured 10-year mortgages as low as 2.1 per cent.

According to Goodman, Metro's multi-family market will remain strong due to "an infusion of offshore money, high immigration levels, a weak Canadian dollar, a chronic shortage of affordable housing, difficulties in developing new rental stock and ground-hugging interest rates."

Where to invest

McNeill notes that the fundamentals of the Metro Vancouver

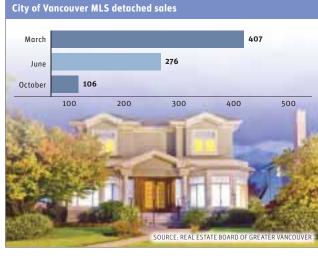
housing market remain rock solid: about 34,000 people are moving into the region each year, the land shortage remains acute and prices have begun to stabilize after surging 35 per cent in the past year.

So what should investors be buying now?

McNeill recommends pre-sale condominium apartments and townhouses that will complete in two to three years, because future strata prices are being forced higher due to soaring land costs. McNeill said there is an investor push to buy into older strata projects because it is now easier for owners to band together and sell the entire building for development.

With the tight rental vacancy rate landlords should have no problem finding tenants. Rents for a two-bedroom apartment in Metro Vancouver are forecast to rise to \$1,460 by 2017, with typical condos renting for more.

Others say the best opportunity is in the slumping market for



higher-end detached houses.

"It is move-up buyers who can really benefit," said Adil Dinani of Royal LePage West.

On Vancouver's west side – the poster child for high-priced real estate – the average sale price of a detached house was \$1.18 million less in October than in June at \$3.1 million, yet sales were down 65 per cent from a year earlier.

In October, 73 detached houses were listed on the west side at prices north of \$4 million. Only 10 sold during the month.

Said Dinani: "There are deals to be had."

Victoria

Rick Hoogendoorn of Royal LePage Coast Capital Realty in Victoria, argues that B.C.'s capital is the place to be buying residential real estate now and into 2017. There is no foreignbuyer tax in Victoria, he noted.

The average price of a Victoria detached house is about \$1.5

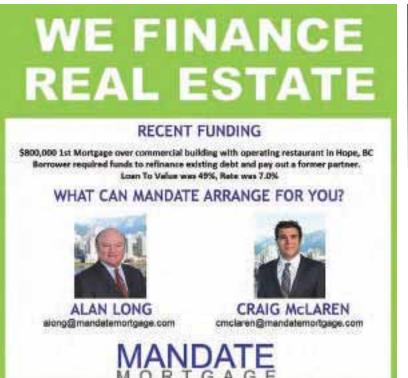
million less than the average house in Vancouver, Hoogendoorn said. And Victoria, he added, is still undervalued. He cited numerous examples of Victoria houses that faced multiple bids and sold for up to \$330,000 over the list price.

The downside is that there is a severe shortage of both houses for sale and apartments for rent: many popular Victoria neighbourhoods have no homes listed and the overall rental vacancy rate is below 1 per cent.

The **Real Estate Investment Network** (REIN) is also bullish on Victoria.

Economic growth this year, new jobs, a rising population and a tight rental market are among factors driving the market, said REIN president **Don Campbell**.

Prices are climbing in the Victoria core, where the benchmark price for a single-family house was \$755,000 in October, up by 24.1 per cent from the same month last year, reports the Victoria Real Estate Board.



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Tech sector, retirees fuel B.C.'s top landlord markets

FEATURE | 'TAMI'-sector millennials, seniors are broad indicators of current and future demand in the rental housing sector

By FRANK O'BRIEN fobrien@biv.com

The rental housing business in British Columbia is doing fine as far as most landlords are concerned. Their property is rising in value, the vacancy rate is near record lows, rental rates are the highest in the country and mortgage financing is the cheapest available in the residential sector.

But, even in the land of plenty, there are some regional markets that we expect will do better than others in 2017, with at least part of the rental demand coming from growth in the technology field.

Here are Western Investor's five picks for the best landlord markets in British Columbia over the next 12 months.

Victoria

Forecast: rental vacancy rate of 0.8 per cent through 2017 Average two-bedroom rental in 2017: \$1,200

British Columbia's capital represents one of the best landlord markets in the province, if not in Canada. The rental vacancy rate is now a tight 0.7 per cent and is expected to remain below 1 per cent for the next two years, according to a forecast from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC).

Rental demand is driven by a trio of tenant pools: students, employees in the high-tech sector and seniors. Net migration



Victoria, with a growing high-tech sector and steady retiree demand, is among the top five landlord markets in B.C. for 2017. | CHATEAU VICTORIA

for people aged 16 to 25 has added 18,000 since 2006, the largest single cohort of migrants to the capital region. Many of these are post-secondary students or are workers in the city's burgeoning tech sector, which now employs 23,000 people. Layered on that is demand from seniors in Canada's most popular retirement destination.

The downside is the high cost for rental apartment buildings, currently in the \$185,000-perdoor range and trending upwards. Also, capitalization rates for multi-family properties average 4 per cent, among B.C.'s lowest.

Kelowna

Forecast: rental vacancy rate of 1.5 per cent through 2017 Average two-bedroom rental in 2017: \$1,050

With the completion of

Kelowna's Okanagan Centre for Innovation, the Okanagan's biggest city has emerged as a top city for what is known as the TAMI sector - technology, advertising, media and information - and the hundreds of millennials it employs. There are now 140 TAMI firms in Kelowna, driving a forecast of employment growth of 2.2 per cent into 2017. The rental vacancy, now at 0.5 per cent, is expected to inch up next year but remain among the lowest in Canada.

Investors can find older rental apartment buildings in the \$85,000- \$90,000- per-door range with capitalization rates of 6 per cent. Also, Kelowna's Rental Housing Grants program provides up to \$320,000 in annual grants for purpose-built rental housing projects.

Seniors, a strong rental sector, now make up 20.6 per cent of Kelowna's population. That's well above the national average.

New Westminster

Forecast: rental vacancy rate of 1 per cent through 2017 Average two-bedroom rental in 2017: \$1.300

With three SkyTrain stations and a new rapid transit link into Coquitlam, the Royal City is a hub for rental demand in the geographical heart of Metro Vancouver. It also has a growing economy, fired by a \$1 billion expansion of medical facilities and a citywide makeover that has created a new waterfront park and other quality amenities. Older apartment buildings sell for an average of \$153,600 per door, up 10 per cent from 2015, but the lowest price of any Metro municipality north of the Fraser River, aside from Maple Ridge.

Abbotsford

Forecast: Rental vacancy rate of 1 per cent through 2017 Average two bedroom rental in 2017: \$895

Abbotsford is the best mid-range rental market in B.C.'s Lower Mainland, according to Bob Dhillon, founder and president of Mainstreet Equity Corp., one of the largest landlords in Western Canada.

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Even old rental apartments in

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Strata industrial-housing mix may trigger a trend

FEATURE | Investors drawn to industrial and commercial strata tucked beneath sold-out condominium towers on Vancouver's East Hastings strip

By FRANK O'BRIEN fobrien@biv.com

nvestors are circling an East Vancouver development, the first in North America to mix condominium towers with industrial strata space.

"I thought the industrial buyers would all be owner-occupiers, but we are getting a lot of calls from investors," said Dan Jordan, a Colliers International agent who began marketing the non-residential space at Wall Financial's Strathcona Village this month.

In 2014, the City of Vancouver rezoned a two-block strip of East Hastings to allow both residential and "light industrial", defined as production, design and repair uses.

Strathcona Village, being built on the north side of the 900-block of East Hastings Street, is the first development under the zoning change. It is a three-tower condominium complex skirted by two floors of industrial, commercial and retail strata. All 280 condos in the development sold out last year at prices ranging from \$199,000 to \$439,000. As a condition of the rezoning, Wall Financial is including 70 apartments that will be turned over to the city for social housing. Those will be rented at rates ranging from \$375 a month to market levels.

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Strathcona Village on East Hastings Street combines 350 housing units with 54,000 square feet of industrial and commercial space. | WALL FINANCIAL



Dan Jordan of Colliers International: industrial space sold for \$700 per square foot. | SUBMITTED

has been divided and is being sold at \$450 per square foot and up - way up. Two of the 18 units have already sold, Jordan said, including a 1,000-square-foot ground floor industrial space with Hastings Street frontage that was bought for \$700,000.



Russ Bougie, a partner with Avison Young: "There are a lot of eyeballs on this project." | SUBMITTED

The city's "light industrial" definition captures nearly any kind of production, from making video games or films, a bakery or even roasting coffee.

Investors appear interested because they can buy non-residential space close to the downtown core and then lease it to a variety of commercial tenants, he said.

"There are a lot of eyeballs on this project," said Russ Bougie, an industrial real estate specialist and principal with Avison Young, Vancouver.

Bougie said annual lease rates for Vancouver industrial space have doubled in the past 18 months to around \$20 per square foot, even higher in some areas, partly

because of soaring demand from the film and tech sector that has driven Vancouver industrial vacancy down to 1.4 per cent, the lowest in Canada.

Jordan estimates that Strathcona Village's light industrial space could lease for \$30 per square foot, net.

This would pencil to a capitalization rate of 3.5 per cent, Bougie estimates, noting "a 4 per cent return would attract multiple

If Strathcona Village proves successful in attracting new residents and employment to East Vancouver, the city should look at extending the mixed-use zoning in the area, Bougie suggested.

"We do have a number of inquiries for sites in the area," confirmed a spokesman for Vancouver's planning department.

Bruno Wall, president of Wall Financial, said the biggest surprise with Strathcona Village was the acceptance by condo owners of living above industrial space.

"There was no resistance," he said. "It has all been very positive."

Metro Vancouver industrial vacancy rate plunges to lowest level in Canada

		SOURCE: AVISON YOUNG, VANCO
Metro Vancouver	2.8%	1.8%
Richmond	2.1%	2.9%
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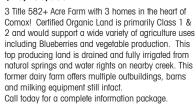


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Vancouver taxes vacant homes as rental market tightens

FEATURE | Fines could top \$10,000 on homes left empty for a year in city move meant to force abstentee owners into renting them out

By EMMA CRAWFORD HAMPEL AND WI STAFF

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ancouver city council officially approved a 1 per cent tax on empty homes in the city November 16 and outlined the situations in which homeowners would be exempt from paying the tax.

The formal approval was expected, as Mayor Gregor Robertson had earlier announced he was supporting the recommendation from city staff to implement the tax, which is intended to push landlords to rent out properties in an effort to deal with a severe rental housing shortage across the city.

"In Vancouver's rental housing crisis, the City can't afford to sit on the sidelines while more than 20,000 empty and underused homes hold back badly needed longer-term rentals," Robertson said. "The empty-homes tax won't solve the rental crisis, but it's one piece of the puzzle to boosting rental supply and bringing relief to renters by turning thousands of empty and underused homes into rental properties.

"In this tough housing market, it's unacceptable for so much housing to be treated as a commodity when people are desperate for an affordable, secure place to live"

City council listed the following



The city estimates there are up to 20,000 vacant homes in Vancouver, mostly comdos, while the rental vacancy rate is the lowest in Canada. | SHUTTERSTOCK

eight exemptions to the 1 per cent tax:

- the owners use the property for at least six months per year for work within the City of Vancouver, even if they claim principal residence elsewhere;
- the owners (or occupying family members or tenants) are undergoing medical care;
- the owners are involved in a situation where the property ownership changed within the year;
- the owner is deceased and a grant of probate or administration is pending;
- the home is currently undergoing major renovations;
- the property is subject to certain strata rental restrictions;
- the property is under a court order that prohibits occupancy;

use of the property is limited to vehicle parking or the characteristics of the property prevent the construction of a residential building.

"Almost all Vancouverites will not pay the empty-home tax," the mayor told reporters at a news conference November 9. "This is only going to apply to those with second or third homes that are sitting empty, or empty most of the year."

The city consulted tax experts **Ernst & Young** and law firm **Bull Housser**, and sought advice from the **Canada Revenue Agency** before finalizing its report.

Policing

Property owners will be required to self-declare whether their homes

are empty much in the same way owners declare a homeowner's grant online. It will simply require a tick of the box on a form. The city's proposal calls for targeted and random audits to ensure owners are not lying and avoiding the tax. A false declaration could result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day of the continuing offence.

Vancouver has the lowest rental housing vacancy rate, o.8 per cent, and highest rents of any major city in Canada.

"We'll know the program is working when we see the residential vacancy rate increase," said **Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas**, the city's general manager of community services. The city has said if 2,000 additional homes were made available for rent, the vacancy rate would rise to 3.5 per cent.

Housing starts fall

Meanwhile, the City of Vancouver and its metro neighbours will be seeing less income from residential building permits if current trends continue.

Housing starts in Metro Vancouver dropped 52 per cent year-over-year in October, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp.

For the year to date, however, the City of Vancouver has seen a total of 7,822 housing starts, up from 3,807 in the first 10 months of 2015.

In October, a total of 12,023 homes were started in Metro Vancouver, which was a decrease of 67 per cent compared with the 36,803 starts in September.

The decline was driven by a 77 per cent total decrease in starts of attached homes, usually townhouses.

Starts of single-detached homes fell 17.4 per cent in the month to 4,847.

Across the province, housing starts fell to 25,517 in October, down 26 per cent year-over-year from 34,413 starts in October 2015.

"October's tally brings activity back down to the very stableand fundamentally supported - range seen between 2010 and mid-2015, before activity broke to the upside," said Robert Kavcic, senior economist and vicepresident of economic research for BMO Capital Markets.

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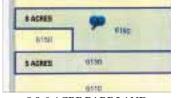
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First Nations reserve land exempt from B.C. foreign-buyer tax

The B.C. government's recent enactment of a 15 per cent tax on residential purchases by foreign nationals has already had a considerable effect on the volume of residential purchases and sales in the Lower Mainland. Although the long-term effect on the price of residential real estate has yet to be determined, there is little doubt that the pace of residential transactions immediately slowed. As the buying and selling public learns to adjust to this "new normal," there are still issues that catch people by

One of these is the effect of this 15 per cent tax on transactions involving First Nations

Tax is added on

Before looking at this specific issue, let's take a quick look at the tax itself. The legislation introduced a new 15 per cent property transfer tax in addition to the existing 1 per cent, 2 per cent and 3 per cent rates of tax previously in effect. The new tax applies to purchases made by foreign corporations and foreign nationals (persons who are neither Canadian citizens nor permanent residents of Canada). The tax applies only to purchases of residential real property within a specified area, which is currently defined as the Metro Vancouver regional district, excluding the treaty lands of the Tsawwassen First Nation. The determination of whether or not the property is residential is made based on the

REAL ESTATE TAXATION



By PETER ANDERSON and JEAN YUEN

classification of the property for property tax purposes.

The fact that the provisions introduced to the Property Transfer Tax Act specifically exempt the treaty lands of the Tsawwassen First Nation from the application of the new 15 per cent tax naturally raises the question as to whether the tax applies to residential property within other First Nations lands. (A trio of First Nations, as an example, has purchased more than 90 acres in Vancouver's Point Grey, land expected to be developed as residential.)

Exemption

To answer this question, one first needs to understand how property transfer tax is assessed, and when it is paid. Property transfer tax is a tax payable with respect to taxable transactions, which in the case of residential real estate usually

means the transfer of permanent ownership of the land (generally known as a fee simple transfer) and the transfer of a long-term lease. In either case, however, the legislation is quite clear that the tax becomes payable only when the transfer is submitted for registration at the provincial land title office. Merely signing a transfer of property does not result in tax being payable, nor is tax payable if the transfer is registered in a non-land titles registry.

To the extent that the residential real estate is within the reserve land of a First Nation, the 15 per cent tax will not apply. First Nations reserve lands are not within, nor subject to governance by municipalities. With the exception of the Tsawwassen First Nations, no other First Nation is part of Metro Vancouver, and a lease of residential real

First Nations reserve lands are not within, or subject to, governance by municipalities



estate on First Nations reserve lands would not be subject to the 15 per cent tax.

Tied to title

However, there are other parcels of land that may be controlled by a First Nation, through a First Nation owned

These parcels of land are not on reserve, and may be located within the Metro boundaries. The 15 per cent tax will apply to the sale or lease of these offreserve parcels, if the other conditions for the imposition of the tax are met (i.e. residential property, non-resident purchaser). In conclusion, the new 15 per

cent tax has no impact on residential transactions occurring on Tsawwassen First Nation treaty lands or any First Nations reserve lands.

However, the 15 per cent tax will apply to other residential real estate owned by First Nations companies in the same manner as other residential properties within Metro

Vancouver. This would include the Jericho Lands in Vancouver that were purchased by three First Nation

bands earlier this year. Given the significant effect of this tax on the cost of acquiring residential property, it is important when dealing with First . Nations residential property to determine whether or not the property is reserve land.

Peter Anderson and Jean Yuen are partners and specialists in real estate, taxation and aboriginal law with Boughton Law Corp.of Vancouver.

Tsawwassen First Nation develops housing

The Tawwassen First Nation (TFN) plans residential development on a 250-acre parcel it owns in South Delta, where it plans to build up to 1,800 homes. Of these, 50 per cent will be detached houses; 35 per cent will be townhomes and 15 per cent will be condominium apartments, according to a TFN development plan.

The B.C. property transfer tax and the federal sales tax will apply to the housing sales, but not B.C.'s 15 per cent foreign-buyer tax. Residents will pay property and school taxes to the TFN.

The 15 per cent tax does apply to non-reserve residential real estate owned by First Nations in Metro Vancouver



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Hungerford Properties is moving ahead with plans to build a 161-unit development, including new seniors housing suites, in East Vancouver.

 $The \, partnership \, includes \, the \,$ non-profit Odd Fellows Low Rental Housing Society, Terra Special Projects, GBL Architects, the City of Vancouver and Hungerford.

The redevelopment at 3595 Kingsway, from an aging, dilapidated seniors residence into a new, six-storey, mixeduse development, will provide 44 brand-new, affordable homes for seniors. It will also provide 117 rental apartments and commercial units on the ground floor, according to Hungerford.

The Rental 100 program encourages the development of projects where 100 per cent of the residential units are rental, with capped rental rates. The policy targets moderate-income households and is part of the city's goal to create 5,000 new units of market rental housing by 2021.

The Odd Fellows Society will own its non-market units and Hungerford will retain the market-rental homes through a strata arrangement. Odd Fellows residents will be relocated

and current residents will have first right of refusal to move back into the new homes.

The development partnership allows the project to happen at no cost and no risk to Odd Fellows. "We are happy to be moving forward to replace the building because it's on its last legs," said Marie Olsson, the interim CEO for Three Links Care Society, which manages Odd Fellows Manor.

Construction will start in spring 2017, with completion scheduled for mid- 2018.

"Dinosaurs" face data gap



Canada's commercial real estate industry players need to embrace and leverage big data if they want to survive in a more competitive market, according to Altus Group.

Old-style commercial investors and developers - often known as dinosaurs - who go on guts and intuition can't cut it in today's environment, said Raj Singh, executive vice-president of Altus Group, which has just issued a report on harnessing the power

The commercial real estate

industry needs to take a page from the stock market and bond markets, even the residential industry, in compiling and leveraging data, Singh

He noted that big institutional investors that once had less than 10 per cent exposure to commercial real estate are now holding 15 per cent to 20 per cent in commercial property.

The Altus report, based on a summer survey of more than 300 international commercial real estate executives from firms that have at least \$500 million in assets under management, found that 89 per cent of companies have major impediments to collecting and utilizing data to drive asset and investment decision-making.

"Firms that are able to analyze deals more quickly and make better decisions are the ones that are going to outperform their peers," said Singh. "There's potentially a very large payback for making an investment in data and technology."

Even smaller real estate investors need to track and understand data, he said, because they are often competing with large real estate investment trusts and pension funds.

While companies may have a lot of data at their disposal, it often exists in silos and is difficult to share. This creates a lack of transparency and increases the potential for unnecessary risk if decisions are made without having as much information as possible behind them, Singh said.

B.C.'s first LNG export plant "is a go" on Howe Sound



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ritish Columbia's first liquefied natural gas (LNG) export plant has started.

Woodfibre LNG, a facility proposed near Squamish, just north of Vancouver on Howe Sound, has announced it will move forward with its \$1.6 billion investment.

"This project is a go," said Byng Giraud, Woodfibre LNG's vicepresident of corporate affairs, on November 4.

Premier Christy Clark and Natural Gas Minister Rich Coleman attended the announcement at the former pulp mill site.

"We're delighted to say today that LNG in British Columbia is finally becoming a reality," Clark said. "Today's decision is an important one for this community, the workers on this site, and the people of this

Woodfibre, which would source much of its gas from the South Peace area of northeast B.C., would create 650 jobs during construction and 100 operations jobs.

Woodfibre is one of the smallest LNG plants proposed for the B.C. coast, and would be a fraction of the size of Pacific NorthWest LNGthe controversial facility proposed for Lelu Island near Prince Rupert. Woodfibre is licensed to export 2.1 million tonnes of gas per year, compared to the 19.68 million tonnes Pacific NorthWest could produce. Because it is connected to the BC

Hydro grid, it would also be one of the lowest-emitting LNG projects. Giraud said early work would soon begin on site. The project still requires a certificate from B.C.'s Oil and Gas Commission, which the company expects to receive by the end of 2017.

The former pulp mill site was ideal for an LNG project because it includes a deepwater port, a sFortisBC pipeline and a grid tie in, Giraud noted.

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Whistler Creekside Village, Whistler, was sold as part of an international portfolio by CNL Lifestyle Properties. | CNL LIFESTYLE PROPERTIES



Mission Community Health Centre, Mission, under long-term lease, sold for \$15.5 million. | FRONTLINE REAL ESTATE SERVICES



Twelve-unit rental apartment building, Penticton, sold for \$3.1 million. I HM COMMERCIAL GROUP/MACDONALD REALTY

WHISTLER CREEKSIDE VILLAGE SOLD IN MEGADEAL

Resort retail complex part of \$103 million international portfolio transaction

private real estate consortium made up of The Imperium Cos., MMG Equity Partners and Blue River Family Office Partners has acquired a seven-property portfolio of international trophy retail assets located within luxury resorts, from CNL Lifestyle Properties, for \$103 million.

The portfolio includes Whistler Creekside Village at Whistler and consists of 423,482 square feet of ground-floor retail in the mixed-use villages of

six ski resorts and one golf and beach resort in the United States and Canada.

Marcus & Millichap arranged the transaction.

The deal also involves The Village at Mammoth, CA.; Village at Copper, CO.; Stratton Mountain Village, Vt.; The Village of Baytowne Wharf, FLA.; and Blue Mountain Village, Ontario.

Marcus & Millichap's brokers in the transaction included Rene Palsenbarg in British Columbia aMark Paterson in Ontario.

FROM | HM Commercial Group, Macdonald Realty, Kelowna

DEAL | Three-storey, 9,260-squarefoot retail character building in Pandosy core, Kelowna. Price: \$3.5 million.

DEAL | 1.05-acre strip mall, Southgate Shopping Centre, near Lake Okanagan, Kelowna. Price: 6.3 million.

DEAL | 12-unit multi-family investment property, developed by Radec **Group**. Downtown Penticton. Price: \$3.1 million.

DEAL | 1.33-acre manufacturing site on long-term lease by Universal Packing Inc. Kosmina Road, Vernon. Price: \$2.5 million.

FROM | HQ Commercial. HQ Commercial agent Cynthia Jagger brokered the following sales:

DEAL | 10-unit rental apartment complex, Esquire Apartments. West Broadway, Kitsilano. Price: \$4.3 million.

DEAL | Two-storey, 19-unit rental apartment building, Sage Manor. Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby. Price: \$5.48 million.

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9,260-square-foot retail character building in downtown Kelowna sold for \$3.5 million.

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Five-unit retail building with two rental apartments on second floor, Chilliwack, sold for \$2.6 million. | HOMELIFE GLENAYRE REALTY

5.226-square-foot office building, 176 Street, Surrey, sold for \$1.56 million.



104 acres, zoned for waterfront residential development, West Vancouver, sold for \$4.2 million. | WILLIAM WRIGHT COMMERCIAL

DONE DEALS | Our monthly feature highlights some of the major real estate transactions across Western Canada's vibrant commercial real estate market

Todd Bohn, Justin Mitchell and Owen Yates brokered the following transaction:

DEAL | Mission Community Health Centre, under long-term lease by Fraser Health Authority. Price: \$15.5 million.

Frontline agent Todd Bohn sold the following:

DEAL | An acre of commercial development land purchased by **Spire Construction** for construction of a 51-square-foot strata office building. 200 Street corridor, Langley. Price: \$1.4 million. Frontline agent Todd Bohn and Kyle

Dodman, with sales agents Mike Thompson and Bruno Fioventa of JLL, sold the following:

DEAL | Two acres of industrial land, 25 Avenue, Surrey. Price: \$2.96

FROM | William Wright Commercial,

Vancouver, sold the following: DEAL | 1,567-square-foott Gastown Paris Block retail building, tenanted by restaurant Acme Café and located in downtown Vancouver at West Hastings and Abbott. Price: \$1 million.

William Wright agent Marianne **DeCotiis** sold the following:

DEAL | Two parcels of land, 104 acres in total, zoned for waterfront residential development along Howe Sound, off Highway 99, West Vancouver. Price: \$4.2 million.

William Wright agent Cory Wright reports the following:

DEAL | 1,598-square-foot,

corner-unit retail space in new strata development, Mount Pleasant, Vancouver. Price: \$1.7 million.

FROM | HomeLife Glenayre Realty. HomeLife agent Rick Toor reports: DEAL | A five-unit retail building, including two rental suites, Vedder Road, Chilliwack. Price: \$2.6 million DEAL | More than two acres of serviced commercial land, sold by 3157 Investments Inc. for storage or light industrial development. Yale Road, Chilliwack. Price: \$1.25 million.

FROM | CBRE Ltd., Edmonton, National Apartment Group. CBRE agent Brad Gingerich reports the following:

DEAL | 72-unit apartment complex consisting of four buildings and 53,520 square feet of rentable area, in Red Deer, Alberta. Price: \$7.16 million.

DEAL | 30-unit rental apartment building, 127 Street, Edmonton. Price: \$4.95 million.

FROM | NAI Commercial, Langley. NAI agent Gary Niesner sold the following:

DEAL | 5,226-square-foot office building, 176 Street, Surrey. Price: \$1.56 million. ■

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\$2,950,000 Robert Gauley

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West Kelowna 3600 Carrington Rd

3.16 acre mixed-use development site in central West Kelowna. Highly visible hwy commercial location. **Jack Shabbits**

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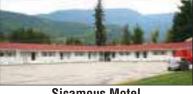
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- · Solid & Growing Sales!

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Flagged Motel

- Kelowna Highway 9
- 40 Unit with a 2 Bdrm Manager's Suite
- Over 1 Acre on Highway 97
- Retiring Owner of 12 Years

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Southern BC Ramada

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THE NUMBERS

The average price of a home on the resale market in Canada was \$443,046 in 2015 and is expected to make a nearly \$30,000 jump to an average of \$473,400 in 2016. However, regional disparities across Canada are expected to settle moving forward, making for a more moderate price increase on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

In British Columbia, the 2017 average price is forecasted to decline slightly from 2016 as the resale market grapples with the aftermath of the foreign-buyer tax and other policy changes. The number of sales is also expected to decrease from a projected 517,000 in 2016 to 489,000 sales in 2017. According to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., "a declining share of higher-priced homes sales in Vancouver will dampen the provincial average price in the near term.'

Alberta's resale market continues to be impacted by the oil recession that began in 2014. Unemployment has decreased the demand for home ownership across the province. Alberta's GDP is expected to decline for a second year in a row this year, as is the province's MLS average home price. Still, there is hope for 2017.

CMHC believes the general consensus among analysts is for oil prices to rise in 2017. If this is achieved, MLS sales are expected to stabilize, with the number of sales in 2017 to be between 49,100 to

The outlook for Saskatchewan's housing market is fairly similar to Alberta. Saskatchewan's economy has also suffered due to low oil and gas prices and is forecasted to level off by 2017.

Manitoba's outlook is more optimistic than that of its fellow Prairie provinces. Average home prices are expected to rise slightly from 2015 to 2016, and again in 2017. An expanding economy is expected to support housing demand throughout the forecast period.

– Tanya Commisso

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Total monthly re

Saskatchewan

SOURCE: STATISTIC

Alberta

Manitoba

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Commercial and industrial real estate Office vacancy rate* Industrial vacancy rate 6.9% Vancouver 1.6% 22.6% 7.2% Calgary 13.3% Edmonton 6.3% 10.8% 2.8% Reging Saskatoon 15% 8.7% 8.5% Winnipeg 4.9% SOURCE: CBRE, ICR 03 2016 / COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL, CBRE 03 2016

*DOWNTOWN OFFICE \	VACANCY RATE / REGIONAL	INDUSTRIAL VACANCY RATE

etail sales	Apartment rental	vacancy
\$6.2 billion \$6.1 billion \$1.6 billion \$1.6 billion	Vancouver Calgary Edmonton Regina Saskatoon Winnipeg	0.8% 5.3% 4.2% 5.3% 6.5% 2.9%

SOURCE: CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORI RENTAL MARKET REPORT OCTOBER 2015

Building permit values	
Vancouver Calgary Edmonton Regina Saskatoon Winnipeg	\$521 million \$486 million \$365 million \$45 million \$64 million \$141 million
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METROPOLITAN AREA - SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, SEPTEMBER 2016

	MLS home prices (all types combined)*		
	Vancouver Calgary Edmonton Regina Saskatoon Winnipeg	\$919,300 \$434,800 \$368,156 \$291,800 \$303,400 \$285,231	
* ALL TYPES OF HOMES COMPOSITE PRICE /METRO REG			

Labour		
D.C.	Unemployment rate	Average weekly wage
B.C.	6.2%	\$924
Alberta	8.5%	\$1,123
Saskatchewan	6.9%	\$985
Manitoba	6.4%	\$891
Canada	7.0%	\$960
	SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, EMPLOYMEN	NT SEPTEMBER 2016, WAGES JULY 2016

Resource sector				
Gold	Copper	Oil	Natural gas	
\$1,225 per ounce	\$2.46 per pound	\$45.33 WTI/per barrel	\$2.77 per gigajoule	
			PRICES IN U.S. DOLLARS	

Forecast of averge home prices into 2017 SOURCE: HOUSING MARKET OUTLOOK 04 2016

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Lakeside homes take last Cultus Lake waterfront site

RECREATION | New lakefront project being developed as Chilliwack area bucks slowdown in Lower Mainland real estate sales

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ousing sales in Chilliwack are bucking ▲ the downward trend in most of the Lower Mainland, with transactions through the first 10 months of this year up 45 per cent from a year earlier, reports the BC Real Estate Association.

This compares with a 24.5 per cent sales increase in the Fraser

Valley and a meagre 0.7 per cent increase in resales across Greater Vancouver this year compared to 2015.

Now investors are aiming to attract Chilliwack and recreational buyers by developing the last waterfront site on Cultus Lake near Chilliwack into Lakeside, a \$23 million resort-style project with 21 homes.

Priced from \$780,000 to \$1.6 million, the attached homes range from 1,175 to 1,750 square feet. Each unit has a large balcony with west-facing views





A development team hopes to catch an updraft in Chilliwack real estate with Lakeside on Cultus Lake. The 21 resort-style homes start at \$780,000. | ENGEL & VÖLKERS CANADA

to the lake and mountains, according to the developer.

"Cultus Lake is one of B.C.'s most popular recreational areas., bringing more than one million visitors a year; however, there is very little moorage for boaters," said project sales leader Ben Hurlbutt of Engel & Völkers Canada. "Lakeside is the only resort residence on the lake with a private marina."

Lakeside is a collaboration between Jim Young, a long time Cultus Lake homeowner, and Alture Properties, which has been creating resort and residential developments for 16 years. Kerkhoff Construction Ltd. is leading Lakeside's construction management.

According to Alture, Lakeside represents "a once-in-alifetime opportunity to own a waterfront home with a boat slip on a lake inside the boundaries of a provincial park, where there is no more development land."

Candle Lake resort up for sale in Saskatchewan

Popular Candle Lake Golf Resort, about one-hour north of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, has been put up for sale, and it is being offered either as an entire package or as three separate titles.

Listing agent is Dusty Smith, Sutton Landmark Realty, of Red



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describes it as a "full-service golf resort that encompasses spectacular views of Candle Lake with an RV campground and a variety of cabins and townhouses. Water's Edge Restaurant & Lounge is on site. There is also state-of-the-art fitness facilities, free wireless Internet and convention space to fit corporate events."

Someone could buy the entire package, Smith said, but it is available in three packages: the campground and cabins; the golf resort and $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$ convention centre; and the marina on Candle Lake.

The 18-hole Candle Lake golf course was named among the top three favourite golf courses in Saskatchewan last year in the Readers Choice Awards by GolfWest magazine.

The 100-berth marina was approved this year.

There is also room for future development. A residential subdivision has fully serviced lots bordering the golf course. Western Investor had heard that the entire package had been priced north of \$14.5 million. Smith said he would discuss price with serious buyers.

Recreational markets outperform big city October 2016 MLS sales in B.C.

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Carbon tax plan raises temperatures across the Prairies

FEATURE | Tax facing public protests and political skeptics in all three provinces

By DUSTIN RUTH & WI STAFF wieditor@biv.com

undreds gathered in Airdrie November 5 to join with 12 locations across Alberta protesting the NDP's carbon tax, set to start in 2017.

Airdrie protest co-coordinator **Leah Hahn** said she was pleased with the 415 signatures the community added to a petition calling for a referendum on the carbon tax.

In total, she said the Albertawide rallies collected an estimated 7,800 to 8,000 signatures for a Wildrose Party-backed petition. The petition requires 500,000 signatures before it can be brought to the legislature. "We believe if enough Albertans

"We believe if enough Albertans exercise their voice that we will no longer be seen as the silent majority," Hahn said.

Starting January 1, a carbon tax will be applied to fuels at a rate of \$20 per tonne in Alberta. Provincial officials say it will cost the average Albertan \$191 in 2017; however, Albertans with low incomes will be provided with rebates up to \$200.

Airdrie resident and rally participant **Robyn Buchart** said she was protesting to have her voice heard.

She said she hoped the Albertawide rallies would get the NDP to hear the concerns of Albertans who oppose the tax.

"Taxes don't turn down the world's thermostat," Buchart said. "Any other times we have



Stan Wiebe waves a sign in protest of the carbon tax during a provincewide rally in Airdrie, Alberta last month. IDUSTIN RUTH/ROCKY VIEW PUBLISHING

our voice out there, the NDP clearly hasn't heard us."

Angela Pitt, Airdrie Wildrose MLA, said, "This [carbon] tax is literally taking away from hardworking Albertan families."

Alberta Environment and Parks Minister **Shannon Phillips** said with carbon pricing now the law, the absence of an Alberta plan would mean one would be imposed on the province by Ottawa.

In response to those who would like to see the carbon tax scrapped entirely, Phillips said there would always be voices that want Alberta to be stuck in the past.

"Climate change is real, action on climate change is real [and] a carbon-constrained future is real," Phillips said. "We need to make sure that we've got an Alberta solution to this problem."

She said the NDP government is implementing the least intrusive method to price carbon while also making investments in the economy of tomorrow and creating jobs.

In response to the provincewide rallies, Phillips said it's fair Albertans have questions about the impact of carbon pricing.

Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** said he will impose a carbon tax on all provinces. The tax would start at \$10 per tonne in 2018 and rise to \$50 per tonne in 2022.

British Columbia's existing carbon tax is currently \$30 per tonne and translates to a 6.7 cent-per -litre tax on gasoline.

According to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF), the

I'm a climate tax denier. I deny the fallacy that a new tax on Canadians whose CO2 emissions are 1.6 per cent of global emissions is the best way for Canada to help fight climate change.

BRAD WALL, PREMIER OF SASKATCHEWAN



national carbon tax will cost the average household more than

\$2,500 annually, if implemented. Premier **Brian Pallister** is con-

sidering a carbon tax for Manitoba, but **Todd MacKay**, Prairie director for the CTF, said it may not do much good in reducing global emissions.

"Manitoba produces 2.9 per cent of Canada's total emissions. That means that eliminating all of Manitoba's emissions completely would only reduce global emissions by 0.046 per cent,"MacKay noted in a recent column. "How much should Manitobans be forced to pay to produce an emission reduction that's a rounding error in the global calculation?"

MacKay added that China and the United States aren't imposing carbon taxes. Australia has already experimented with a carbon tax and repealed it, he said.

In Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities recently told a federal finance committee that \$40-per-tonne carbon tax would cost about \$10,000 for a farmer working 2,500 acres.

Saskatchewan Premier **Brad Wall** has pledged to fight the carbon tax, alone if necessary.

The premier presented his case in stark terms.

"I believe in climate change," said Premier Wall. "But I guess I am a denier – I'm a climate tax denier. I deny the fallacy that a new tax on Canadians whose CO2 emissions are 1.6 per cent of global emissions is the best way for Canada to help fight climate change."

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Big-city makeovers: downtown rehabs spur development

COVER | New hotels, retail, office towers and housing follow mega-investments in new downtown sports and entertainment plays

By WI STAFF wieditor@biv.com

dmonton appears optimistic about the future, despite the downturn in the Alberta economy.

Part of that optimism is spurred by Ice District, an ambitious 25-acre, mixed-use development in Edmonton's downtown centred around the newly-opened \$640 million Rogers Place. The \$19,000-square-foot arena is described as "one of the most advanced sports and entertainment venues in North America," and the first piece of this district that will also include a JW Marriott hotel, casino, theatres and large outdoor plaza.

Rogers Place can seat up to 20,000 people in the stadium itself, but that is only a small part of the story.

The structure also includes a multi-level concourse with the Sky Lounge and the Sportsnet Club and an entrance plaza, the 24,000-square-foot Ford Hall, that also doubles as a venue for both public and private events. An outdoor plaza large enough to accommodate an estimated 10,000 people is also in the works.

A crowd-pleasing moment during the Rogers Place opening was when **Wayne Gretzky** unveiled a statue commemorating the four Stanley Cup championships the hockey legend brought



Edmonton's new Rogers Place arena anchors the downtown Ice District. | WESTERN INVESTOR FILE PHOTO

to Edmonton as captain of the **Edmonton Oilers**.

While much of the Ice District is still to come, Canada's first Hyatt Place hotel – the Hyatt Place Edmonton Downtown — opened in late 2015 offering 255 guest rooms and suites in a striking angular 11-storey tower. As well, the Royal Alberta Museum is planning to move into its new \$375.5 million building in Edmonton's Arts District by early 2018.

Next for Calgary

An ambitious plan to build a new \$890 million sports stadium and arena in Calgary, known as CalgaryNEXT is still the preferred



"The Great One," Wayne Gretzky, unveils his statue during the opening of Rogers Place. | EDMONTON OILERS

option of the Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corp. (CSEC), but a Plan B is being discussed. CSEC "accepted an offer from

the city to examine a Plan B," according to a letter to season ticket holders signed by **Ken King**, CEO of the ownership group. The option would see an arena

The option would see an arena and event centre located on the Stampede grounds, a separate field house near the University of Calgary and some renovation to McMahon Stadium.

The original CalgaryNEXT proposal, introduced in mid-2015, spanned several blocks near the Bow River and would replace the landmark Scotiabank Saddledome and McMahon Stadium with a new Calgary Flames hockey arena, a covered football stadium and sport field house.

"We enter this process with an open mind but also a strong belief that CalgaryNEXT is the most logical solution that will benefit all Calgarians," states the letter.

Meanwhile, downtown Calgary is seeing Brookfield Place, a block-long commercial development, unfold. The project will eventually include 2.4 million square feet of offices, retail shops and a 60-foot-high glass pavilion with a public plaza. The first tower just capped 56 stories – among the tallest buildings in Western Canada. It is slated to open in late 2017.

Calgary's East Village, a government-led gentrification initiative, evolving next to the Bow River and the downtown, has seen a new 32room Hyatt hotel open this year

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and will welcome the ultra-modern Alt Hotel in 2017.

The big news this year, though, was the unveiling of the new National Music Centre - StudioBell - a design by the Portland, Oregon firm Allied Works Architecture. It spans 160,000 square feet with five floors of exhibition space and music studios.

Regina's Mosaic

Regina's new Mosaic stadium, built at a cost of \$278 million, single-handedly boosted the city's construction total by 2.3 per cent in 2016, according to the Conference Board of Canada.

The new home of the Saskatchewan Roughriders will complete by the end of next summer and welcome its first football fans for the 2017 home opener.

The province, the City of Regina and the football club are funding the \$278 million project, which is being built just to the west of downtown.

Built just a couple of punts away from the current Mosaic Stadium, it is expected to provide a significant boost to the city's hospitality industry, including hotels, restaurants and pubs.

The new facility will have a capacity of 33,000 and be expandable to 40,000 for Grey Cups and major concerts, said Brent Sjoberg, Regina's deputy city manager and chief operating officer.

The 80-year-old stadium will be bulldozed and redeveloped into a mixed-use site that will include a pathway to the heart of downtown, with a blend of retail, offices and residential.

"It will be a more active area from downtown to the stadium,"



Vancouver's giant Parq casino is being built next to BC Place stadium, complete with two new hotels. ICHUNG CHOW



Regina's new Mosaic Stadium will open downtown in 2017. I WESTERN INVESTOR FILE PHOTO

downtown Winnipeg have a couple of problems on their hands.

Good problems.

Demand from would-be tenants at True North Square is outpacing supply, and it's got

proven a retail magnet. | WESTERN INVESTOR FILE PHOTO Jim Ludlow, president of True

North Sports & Entertainment, thinking expansion before the \$400 million project is even out of the ground.

"We have more interest in space than we have space," he said. "We are carefully working our way through a series of relationships and transactions with some new tenants as we speak. You always build a little bit of a cushion into your plan. We've been thinking about [expansion]."

Construction recently began on the underground parking of "Tower 1" of the mixed-use development, so Ludlow knows he has to make up his mind quickly whether to add a few storeys to any of the buildings or build an additional structure altogether

Tower cranes arrived this summeron the worksite, located between the MTS Centre, home of the Winnipeg Jets and the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg. Ludlow said everything is on schedule for tenants to be in their newworkplaces in 2018.

Vancouver's Parq

Both of Vancouver's professional sports arenas, BC Place stadium and Rogers Arena, are right downtown and are now surrounded by condominium and rental towers. But the real payoff for the downtown sports and entertainment district may be a huge new casino by Paragon Development and partners.

The Parq, a \$600 million 750,000-square-foot "urban resort" with two Marriott hotels. five restaurants, three bars and lounges, a spa and fitness gym, 62,000 square feet of conference space and a casino, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2017 next to BC Place. Aside from gaming the Parq will feature an elevated park and the largest ballroom in Vancouver. ■

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Alberta | what's happening

Hungerford lifts old industrial site



Hungerford Properties plans to redevelop a 109,326-square-foot industrial building in northeast Calgary. Originally built in 1966 by the Alberta Liquor Control Board and formerly home to Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, the building has been sitting empty for the last two years.

"It's a solid, well-constructed building that will be now getting a major facelift, offering industrial space at attractive rental rates," said partner Michael Hungerford.

The makeover will compete in a tough leasing environment. Calgary's overall industrial vacancy rate is now in the 7.5 per cent range, a record high, and total industrial absorption in the first half of this year was negative by more than 200,000 square feet.

The northeast has the highest vacancy rate, at 8.9 per cent, according to Barclay Street Real Estate. Barclay noted, however, that the distribution and warehouse sector held the greatest promise in Calgary's industrial sector.

Hungerford plans to return the building to its original use as a distribution building. The property also features 1.9 acres of excess land, some of which will be developed at a later date.

Hungerford Properties has a history of successfully refurbishing industrial developments. In 2013, it purchased the old Haworth building in south Calgary, turning it into what is now known as the Icon Business Park.

Scotia Place looks to LEED



Edmonton's two-tower Scotia Place complex is undergoing a \$22 million, 18-month renovation that will include the installation of 13,000 glass panels and a bid for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

"Morguard set upon a strategy to reimagine this major class-A office complex with a transformation that will bring a new vibrancy", said Morguard Investments Ltd. regional general manager Glen Scheuerman.

"Worse time" for new carbon tax

Alberta small-business owners say the NDP government's carbon tax, expected to roll out next month, will negatively affect their businesses.

A survey conducted by the Canadian Federation of **Independent Business (CFIB)** indicates a majority of small business owners in Alberta are against the carbon tax. Of the 865 small-business owners who participated in the CFIB's summer survey, 86 per cent said the carbon tax could increase operating costs and 85 per cent said it could reduce profitability. Sixty-six per cent said it could increase -pressure to cut salaries and 59 per cent said it could delay business investments.

"There couldn't be a worse time than right now to introduce this carbon tax," said Amber Ruddy, Alberta director with CFIB. "We're urging the government to make carbon pricing completely revenue-neutral. That means returning all of the funds back through tax reductions and rebates."

Starting January 1, a carbon tax will be applied to fuels at a rate of \$20 per tonne in. Provincial officials say it will cost the average Albertan \$191 in 2017.

"It's going to definitely put a lot of these oil companies out of work," said Darrell Reuer, branch manager at Rebel Transport Ltd. in Airdrie. ■

Rentals "safer" than condos, Edmonton developer claims



Mayfair on Jasper: new rental complex complete in downtown Edmonton. | PROCURA

It is safer to build rental apartment buildings than new condominiums in big-city Alberta, according to an Edmonton developer who has done both.

ProCura president George Schluessel has completed the 10-storey Mayfair on Jasper multifamily complex, a 235-unit project on a downtown site most would consider ideal for condominiums.

But the Mayfair on Jasper is and will remain a rental building, Schluessel said.

Monthly rents start at \$1,382 for a one-bedroom and ascend to \$2,955 for a two-bedroom penthouse.

Schluessel said rental developments are a "safer bet" than new condominiums.

Condos are harder to finance and less appealing to contractors; buildings might be run by inexperienced boards while developers are still selling units in them, and the business is cyclical, he told the Edmonton Journal.

"We have had experience in the condo market in Edmonton and Calgary. We find it challenging," he said. If prices spike, companies typically don't share the benefits, but buyers might not complete deals if the economy tanks.

"You take all the risk, you get none of the upside ... I will let [others] make the huge profits they project as condo developers. We will take what we see as the safe road."

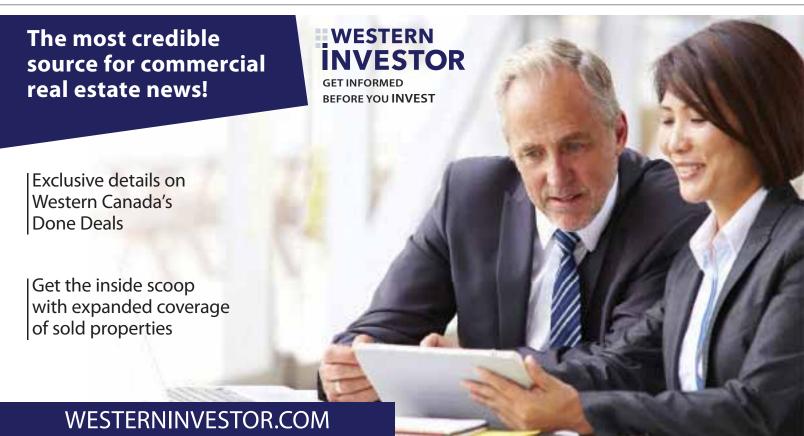
As well, younger residents often are less interested in buying a place to live than their older counterparts, Schluessel said.

According to **Realtors Association** of Edmonton statistics, Schluessel's hesitation to re-enter the condo market may be understandable.

Sales of resale condominium apartments in the city were down 3.9 per cent by October, compared to a year earlier, and average prices were up a scant 0.45 per cent from 2015, at \$245,700.

But the new rental market is no slam dunk either.

The Edmonton rental vacancy rate has risen to 4.8 per cent and is predicted to reach 5 per cent in 2017, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. Average rent for a two-bedroom apartment is forecast to inch up to \$1,275 next year. ■





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FRANCHISE NEWS

News, views and updates on Canada's franchise industry

Franchise law means "full disclosure"

The new Franchises Act of British Columbia takes effect on February 1, 2017, making B.C. the sixth province to regulate the industry in Canada. This new law brings B.C. in line with other provincial franchise acts across the country. Franchisors will be required to give potential B.C. franchisees a franchise disclosure document (FDD) that discloses what a franchisee needs to know about the business so he or she can make an informed decision.

The disclosure will have to include a list of costs and fees associated with receiving and running the franchise location, a description of the opportunity and any granted territory, details on litigation involving the franchise itself or affiliates. and a list of former and current franchisees the prospective franchisee can speak to. Reviewed or audited financial statements must also be included, along with copies of all contracts the franchisee will have to sign.

There are some differences between the B.C. act and other provincial franchise legislation. For example, unlike in Ontario, a franchisor in B.C. can accept a refundable deposit from a franchisee prospect, and can also require the prospects to sign confidentiality agreements before they receive the FDD.

The FDD also can't be invalidated by a technical defect or error that doesn't impact the substance of the required disclosures.

The ultimate benefit of this new legislation applies to franchisees in B.C., who will now be entitled to receive complete and full disclosure about the franchise opportunity they're considering under provincial law. This will also allow those franchisees to access legal remedies when the franchisor or its salespeople have made a material misrepresentation during the sale process.

Famoso Neapolitan Pizzeria expands in Regina



Popeyes pops into crowded Calgary

Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen, based in the U.S., has made its first foray into Alberta, opening a franchise location on Calgary's 17th Avenue SE in November. The second-largest fast-food chicken chain in the world has more than 2,000 restaurants globally. The vast majority are in the U.S. with another 400 worldwide, including 108 in Canada.

Opening its first outlet in New Orleans in 1972, Popeyes has a Louisiana-influenced $menu\,featuring\,spicy\,chicken, fried\,shrimp$ and other seafood. The buildings often have a New Orleans feel with faux balconies and iron railings reminiscent of that city's French Quarter.

Popeyes will face a lot of local competition. Calgary's popular 17th Avenue already hosts outlets from Kentucky Fried Chicken, Chicken on the Way, Cajun Chicken Hut and Fritou.

A Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen franchise has startup costs from about US\$450,000, not counting real estate and construction of an outlet. The initial franchise fee is US\$45,000.

Pets to Vets franchise attracts retirees

Pets to Vets, a British Columbia franchise that provides non-emergency transportation of pets to veterinarians, kennels and other destinations, is an ideal low-cost,

Justin Lussier,

co-founder and

CEO of Famoso

Pizzeria: "We've

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pany's franchisee said.

Janis Beaumont, who holds the Pets to Vets franchise for Surrey and the Fraser Valley. Beaumont, who works about three weeks per month on the franchise, said it took 18 months to build the franchise into a money-making venture.

small-business option for retirees, a com-

"I am retired and I was bored," explained

Pets to Vets is the only company specializing in this type of service in Canada. It is especially helpful for seniors and other pet owners with limited mobility, according to the company. As well, many taxi companies have restrictions on carrying pets, and large pets are routinely banned on public transport.

A franchise owner with just one vehicle can expect earnings of \$1,200 to \$7,000 per month depending on the volume of business, according Pets to Vets founder David Smith.

So far, there are four franchises in the Fraser Valley and two more will open in Victoria in 2017.

"The initial franchise purchase price of \$6,000 could be recovered within two years even at modest earnings," Smith

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tions in Regina. The company, which specializes in highend pizza fare, was ranked No. 105 this year in the Profit 500, a definitive list of Canada's fastest-growing companies, ranked annually by Profit Magazine and Canadian Business. The list ranks Canadian busi-

2017, including its second and third loca-

ancouver-based Famoso Neapolitan

Pizzeria will open three new outlets

in Saskatchewan this year and in

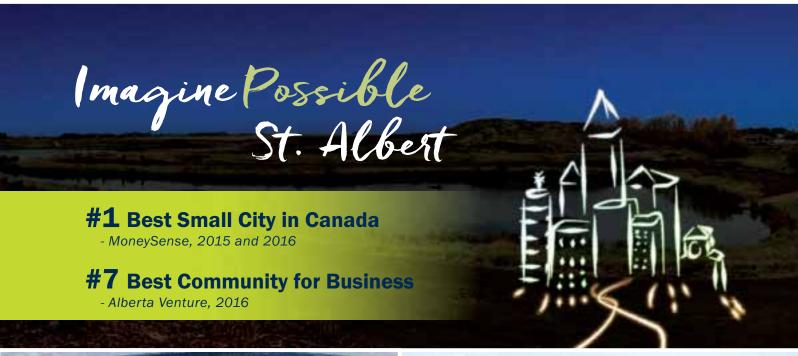
nesses by their five-year revenue growth. The restaurant's 29th franchised location in Regina opened in the fall of 2016, and its next location is set to open in Regina's Eastgate area in early 2017. The

31st location will open shortly after in Lloydminster. It also has two outlets in Saskatoon.

"Since we opened up our first location at Hill Centre in Regina in 2015, we've received nothing but love from the city," said Justin Lussier, co-founder and CEO of Famoso Neapolitan Pizzeria.

Currently, Famoso operates in 28 locations throughout British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario.

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Alberta multi-family prices not dented by oil recession

FEATURE | Outlook for 2017 shows moderate improvement in the overall housing market, but landlords will continue to be challenged by higher vacancies and lower rental rates

By TANYA COMMISSO & WI STAFF

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ulti-family investment properties in major Alberta cities have not decreased in value, despite the province's economic downturn, according to a new report.

Although rental vacancy rates have risen dramatically across the province, prices for rental properties in Calgary and particularly Edmonton have not dropped significantly, suggesting the multifamily market remains one of Alberta's most secure real estate asset classes.

According to the thirdquarter multi-family market report released by Colliers International, Calgary and Edmonton multi-familv transaction values for 2016 are projected to match or surpass 2015's high values. Edmonton transactions, for example, totalled \$420 million in 2015, the highest sale value since 2007. Per-unit prices have also increased considerably against the provincial average. However, due to limited supply and current economic uncertainty, there has been a decrease in the number of transactions.

"When the economy takes a downturn, other asset classes such as industrial, office, and retail tend to suffer," said



The Laurier apartment complex in Calgary recently sold for \$50 million, or \$347,222 per unit. Per-door sale prices are holding firm in the city, but rental rates are decreasing as vacancies increase. | COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL

Amit Grover, vice-president of Colliers' Edmonton multifamily team.

"Multi-family is the safest investment type and therefore demand increases because investors are in search of a safe investment to generate cash flow."

One of the biggest drivers behind the rental investment market in Alberta is a considerable millennial population, who likely cannot afford to buy their own property. The report states, "a growing millennial population seeking employment in Alberta will likely result in a rising demand for rental units."

Curtis Scott, manager of market intelligence for Colliers in Vancouver, agrees.

"[Millennials] will either be in school or working an entry level job. As such, renting is mostly their only option," he said. "That said, with competition increasing as more supply enters the market, developers with projects near transit and amenities are far more likely to attract this age group."

As residents of secondary cities in Alberta continue to migrate towards Edmonton and Calgary following wildfire destruction in Fort McMurray and the oil recession that has affected Red Deer and other centres, a lack of rental stock is keeping prices for multi-family properties at nearly pre-recession values.

"I wouldn't necessarily say [prices staying consistent] is a sign of recovery in the energy market, but more a result of people looking for flexibility due to uncertain times," Scott explained.

Calgary rate cuts

Canadian Apartment Properties Real Estate Investment Trust (CAPREIT) has reduced rents across its entire Alberta apartment portfolio "in order to increase occupancies and reduce turnovers."

CAPREIT, one of Canada's largest landlords, holds 1,884 rental units in Calgary and 436 in Edmonton.

The big REIT is not alone among landlords cutting Calgary rents.

Mark Hawkins, who owns the rental listing website RentFaster.ca, said city rental reductions are now common.

The average rent for all Calgary properties listed on RentFaster.ca dropped 33 per cent from a peak of \$2,137 in July 2014 to \$1,426 in October 2016, he said.

Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corp. has predicted Calgary's rental vacancy rate will reach 8 per cent next year, the highest level in almost a quarter-century. ■

Snap forecast for Alberta housing market 2017

	2015	2016	2017
Average MLS price	\$393,100		\$388,200
(all properties combined)			
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Total starts	37,282	21,900	21,800
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Winnipeg short of rentals; Saskatchewan landlords suffering

FEATURE | The Prairie multi-family market presents a mixed message as Manitoba's capital draws investors while Saskatoon and Regina landlords face rising vacancies

By GEOFF KIRBYSON

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Bryce Alston is a big believer in Winnipeg's apartment market.

He's one of a trio of developers behind the \$17-million redevelopment of the James Avenue Pumping Station in Winnipeg's historic Exchange District.

Alston, with brother Rick and partner Mark Hofer, are investing \$12 million over the next two years to create a new 84-unit apartment complex in a century-old warehouse.

The blueprints call for redeveloping the existing six-storey brick building plus constructing a new six-storey structure and underground parkade immediately to the west.

A combination of low interest rates, market stability and net migration is fuelling Alston's bullishness for Winnipeg.

"It's a good time to build rentals. The rental stock in Winnipeg is pretty poor compared to other metropolitan areas across the country. Half of it is barely habitable," said the director of Victoria, B.C.-based **Alston Properties**.

He is also hoping to catch the development wave that continues to wash over downtown Winnipeg, with hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of projects currently on the go.



Rendering shows plans for the conversion of the century-old James Avenue Pumping Station in Winnipeg into an 84-unit rental apartment complex. | ALSTON PROPERTIES

"I like the energy downtown and how it's picking up, including the restoration of the Exchange District and the SHED (Sports, Hospitality and Entertainment District). There is a lot of investment on the public and private side," he said.

"The critical mass of residents needed to support some of those essential services, we're getting there. It's only going to get better and more livable. I think you'll see an uptick in the market when those services are located in this area."

Lai Sing Louie, regional economist for the Prairies and Territories at Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., believes Alston has good reason for his optimism. Average housing prices in Winnipeg are up 2 per cent

for the first nine months of 2016, and the apartment vacancy rate of 2.9 per cent is expected to remain steady.

"Landlords are able to pass on rent increases [to tenants]. There is choice in the market. Investors can make money. Rents have been consistently going up in Winnipeg," he said.

CentreVenture Development Corp., Winnipeg's downtown development agency, offers grants through its Face Forward program to property owners and retailers who wish to make significant storefront improvements. The grant can't exceed 50 per cent of the first \$15,000 of project costs and up to one-third of eligible project costs over and above that amount. The maximum grant is \$50,000.

Saskatchewan rental incentives

The situation isn't nearly as rosy in Saskatchewan as the apartment vacancy rate in Regina is 5.4 per cent and Saskatoon's is even higher at 6.5 per cent. Louie attributes much of that to a sputtering economy, hampered by lower commodity prices.

Many landlords are offering incentives to would-be tenants in Saskatoon, such as a free month of rent or a lower damage deposit, but fewer carrots are being dangled in Regina because its market is slightly better.

There are currently 12,179 rental apartments in Regina, where an average two-bedroom unit costs \$1,097 per month. Saskatoon has

13,370 apartments (\$1,087 average rent) while Winnipeg has 55,376 (\$1,045 average rent).

One of the challenges facing Saskatchewan is that international migration is down from previous years.

"Typically, we'd have 10,000 new residents per year," said Duncan Mayer, Saskatoon-based research manager at Colliers International. "We're going to be half of that this year, if we're lucky."

It also doesn't help matters that the average apartment building in Saskatoon is nearly 50 years old. Many of the best buildings were lost to the rental market a decade ago during the "condo conversion boom."

"In 1990, we had 20,000 units. At the end of 2008, we were at 14,000 and now we're back to around 17,000," Mayer said.

There is "huge" demand for quality product, he added.

"Older stock will need a considerable facelift to compete with all of the newer buildings that have come on the market in the last number of years," Mayer said.

Louie noted a growing number of investors are buying condos and renting them out.

There are an estimated 6,908 condos in Regina with 1,876 rented out, or 27 per cent. There are 2,184 out of Saskatoon's 10,575 condos used for rental purposes or 20.7 per cent, while 18 per cent of Winnipeg's 15,994 condos are rented out.

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Denison hunts "elephants"



Toronto-based Denison Mines Corp. is hunting for large uranium deposits in northern Saskatchewan, where it recently purchased two properties.

The company has bought almost 50,000 acres on the southern edge of the Athabasca Basin, west of Cameco Corp.'s McArthur River uranium mine.

"This is elephant country - a large property that has seen very little drilling on a geological trend with a precedent for large and highgrade uranium deposits," said Denison Mines vice-president of exploration Dale Verran.

Denison Mines acquired an 80 per cent stake in the 41,000-acre Hook Carter property from ALX Uranium Corp. Denison also bought the 6,800-acre Coppin Lake property from **Areva Resources** Canada Inc. and UEX Corp. in a deal that closed last month.

Shindico starts retail centre

One of Winnipeg's fastestgrowing but underserved neighbourhoods is going to get its first major mixed-use retail development in a decade.

Initial work has already begun on the Shops of Kildonan Mile, a multi-|million-dollar shopping centre project featuring a footprint of 340,000 square feet of space.

The first tenants are expected to move in some time in 2018, and when it's fully built out, a total of about 30 tenants should be on site, including retail stores, restaurants, financial institutions, medical offices, multi-family units, a grocery store and maybe even a hotel. "This is the missing piece,"

said Sandy Shindleman, president of Shindico Realty, which is spearheading the project.

He didn't want to go ahead with the retail development until Reenders Drive was extended east, roadwork that was paid for by Shindico. The open-air shopping centre will be built on the north side of Reenders. Shindleman is confident

about consumer traffic because of the numerous "shadow" anchors in the immediate vicinity, including Costco, Canadian Tire and the Kildonan Place mall.

Just how much space is allocated to the various real estate types is a moving target, Shindleman said, but the research has already begun.

"Our hope is to gauge the demand for office space. We don't know what that is right now because there hasn't been a real office segment there," he said.

Distressed properties revived in Regina



The market for distressed properties in Regina is tightening up.

Mitchell Developments Ltd. is finishing up the tenanting of a pair of underused downtown buildings that it purchased three years ago.

A 65,000-square-foot office building, which had a vacancy rate of more than 40 per cent in 2013, has had its main floor upgraded and turned over to a couple of restaurant tenants to "give it life." Another floor is being renovated to suit a third tenant.

The adjoining property, the 40,000-square-foot home to Canada's first Royal Canadian Legion, has had its auditorium and lounges converted into parking for its neighbour. The remaining space has been upgraded for the veterans and leased back to them at a cost of \$10 per year.

Mitchell's investment in the two buildings is about \$5 million.

Company president Mitch Molnar said five years ago he would have had more than enough potential tenants, but the market is softening.

Saskatoon office complex drew multiple bids, sold in 21 days



Scotiabank building sold in three weeks as Saskatoon's biggest commercial real estate deal of the year. | COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL

f you want a sign that Saskatoon's real estate market is rocksolid, Tom McClocklin believes the recent purchase of the downtown Scotiabank building is all the proof you need.

The five-storey complex at the corner of 2nd Avenue and 22nd Street was recently purchased by local firm Pillar Properties Ltd. for \$18 million. But the Colliers International managing director says the bigger deal is the building at the city's busiest intersection received multiple offers from across the country and sold in just three

"That says people are confident in the long-term prospects for Saskatoon and Regina. [The Scotiabank building] is high-quality real estate and people from Toronto to Vancouver were interested in being a part of it," McClocklin said.

Pillar's intentions are purely investment-based and it plans to reinvest in the property, maintain its high standards and hold it for the long term. The acquisition represented the biggest sale of a commercial building in Saskatchewan in 2016, McClocklin said.

The Scotiabank building is home to Scotiabank and the international potash-marketing firm Canpotex Ltd.

The financial institution is just one of three banks at the heart of Saskatoon's downtown - BMO and National Bank are the others. Activity on the block is expected to pick up in the near term as the fourth corner, which is currently empty after a building was demolished, will generate significant interest from developers, McClocklin said.

It's not surprising that Scotiabank put the building up for sale, as it's the last of the major Canadian banks to have a large real estate portfolio, McClocklin said.

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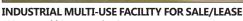
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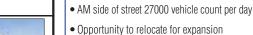
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Close up: Tri-Cities & Burnaby

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Waterfront bargains

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