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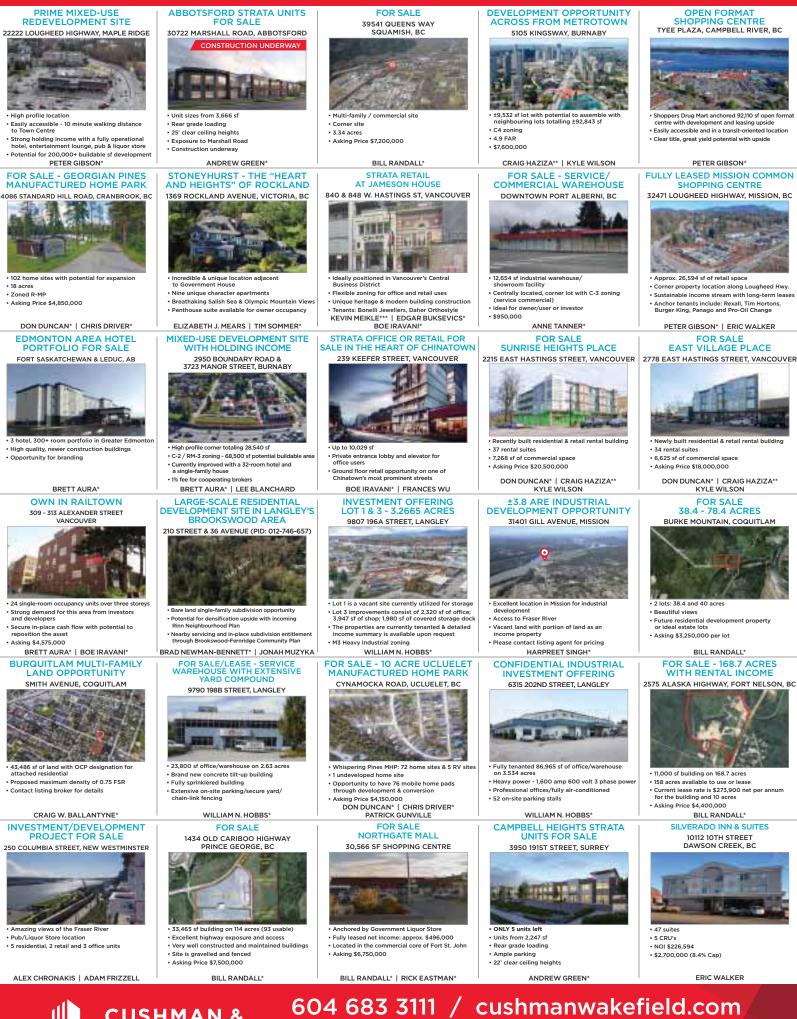
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Don't look now but President Trump is doing OK

COMMENT | Any Canadian leader with this economic track record would likely be a shoo-in for re-election as the most competent politician in the country

or most Canadians and their media there is a kneejerk negative reaction to U.S. President Donald Trump. This is understandable given his recent attacks on trade agreements and other outrages. but if any Canadian leader had accomplished what Trump has during his first 18 months in office they would likely be

the most-celebrated politician in our country's history. While the president can't take all the credit for America's spectacular economic performance since he took power, critics

would be quick to blame him if the numbers were different. The U.S. economy is the strongest it's been prior to the 2008 recession. Consumer confidence is at a 17-year high.

U.S.GDP was forecast to hit 4 per cent growth in the second



quarter, highest in four years, and its trade deficit has fallen to a near-year low.

- America's unemployment is at the lowest point in 18 years, at 4 per cent, and hourly wages are growing at 2.7 per cent, both among the best in the G7.
- The unemployment rate for U.S. minorities has dropped to the lowest level ever recorded. The jobless rate for African-Americans has fallen to a historic low of 6.5 per cent.
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average has soared to record highs throughout the past year. Other U.S. stock markets, including Standard & Poor's 500 Index are also reporting all-time highs.

- U.S. housing sales are projected to reach 6.3 million in 2018, the best performance in a decade. Housing starts are at the highest level in seven years.
- The U.S. commercial real estate index hit a 13-year high in the first quarter of this year. The office sector is posting record low vacancies.
- The U.S. is self-sufficient in oil production and is on a fast track to become a net exporter of oil. And it is not just the economy.

A year ago, the terror organization ISIS controlled 23,000 square miles of territory and two large cities. Crushed, ISIS is now clinging to a patch of insignificant desert in Iraq and has been virtually neutralized as an international threat.

There are substantive peace talks on the Korean peninsula, and North Korea has pledged to wind down its nuclear military expansion. And, like it or not, Trump is right that the majority of fellow members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, including Canada, have been freeloading off America for decades.

You won't hear much about Trump's triumphs. Reputable studies reveal a deep media bias against the president. Just try to recall a positive article in the past 18 months, or even a mainstream commentary that was not insulting to the president.

As with most media, Canadians may not like America's 45th president but will probably be dealing with him for six more vears.

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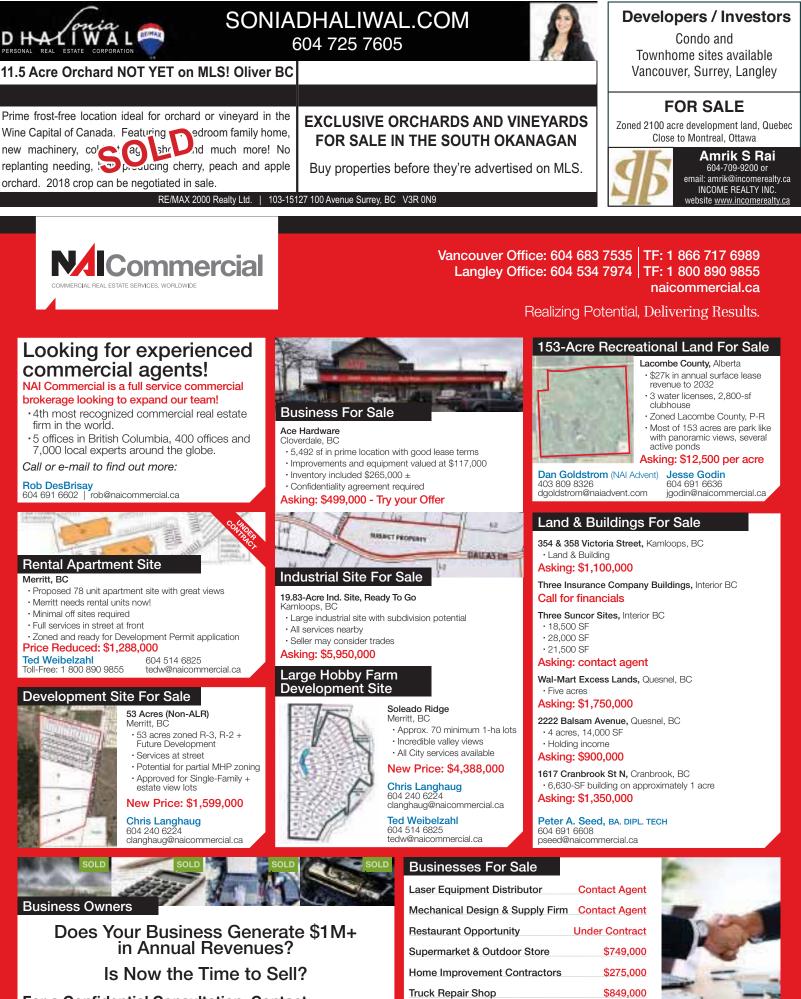


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Land is "the new gold" – and Fraser Valley the motherlode

COVER | Industrial and residential demand leads a land rush into B.C.'s Fraser Valley

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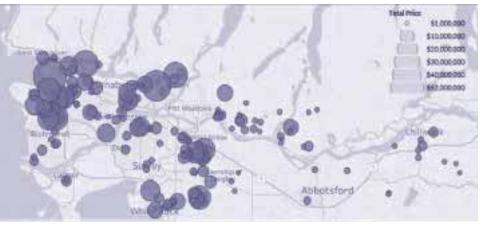
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ritish Columbia's Fraser Valley is in the midst of a land rush that has driven prices up three-fold in the last two years and helped make land the dominant real estate investment in the Lower Mainland.

In the first quarter of this year, land accounted for 56.8 per cent of all the property transactions in the Lower Mainland, according to Altus Group, with sales of residential development land alone worth more than \$1.1 billion. Sales of non-residential land, primarily for industrial. tallied another \$530 million in the three-month period. But, as reflected in housing sales, sales of residential land in the Lower Mainland, while still strong, were down 46 per cent from the fourth quarter of 2017 and down 21 per cent from the white-hot pace in the first quarter of last year. Sales of non-residential land also cooled in the first three months of this year, dropping 15 per cent from the fourth quarter 2017 and 9 per cent below the first quarter of 2017.

Yet, with land sales averaging nearly \$500 million a month so far this year, any talk of a downturn appears misplaced, especially in the Fraser Valley.

"The Fraser Valley is the future," said Joe Varing, director of sales for Abbotsford-based Varing Marketing Group, with Homelife Glenayre Realty Company Ltd.



Map tracks movement of recent residential land sales deep into the Fraser Valley. LALTURE PROPERTIES

And, despite continual warnings of a land shortage, Varing maintains there are plenty of "greenfield" parcels in the Fraser Valley ready to build on.

"There is a bottomless supply of land," he said.

Varing recently sold around 30 acres of bare land in Langley in the \$50 million range, among dozens of other land sales.

Varing estimates valley land prices have tripled since 2016. Because of these rising prices, some detached homeowners have found value in joining with adjacent neighbours in land assemblies. One example in the Yorkson area of Langley saw three housing lots assembled into a 3.6-acre parcel that sold for \$8.3 million.

Varing often markets development sites to Vancouver area multi-family developers looking for opportunities from White



Joe Varing of Varing Marketing Group, which specializes in residential land sales: "The Fraser Valley is the future." VARING MARKETING GROUP

Rock to Langley, Abbotsford and Chilliwack. The planned extension of light rapid transit, he said, has boosted demand for land assemblies from central Surrey to Langley. Developers



are land banking, he said, and looking forward three to seven years for new multi-unit residential projects.

"Land is the new gold," Varing said.

Industrial speculation

While Varing concentrates on residential development parcels, demand for Fraser Valley industrial land is also ramping up, according to Avison Young.

More than 1.9 million square feet of speculative industrial construction is set for delivery in the Fraser Valley over the next 12 months, Avison Young confirms - and the speculators are willing to pay big money to get into the market.

This March an investor, a B.C. numbered company, paid \$2.4 million per acre for a parcel on 66 Avenue in Surrey, and Zenith Development Ltd. paid \$2.7 million an acre for 2.5-acre site on 88 Avenue in Surrey in the same month. Abbotsford prices are also catching fire, with industrial land prices topping \$1.1 million per acre this year in five recent deals.

Industrial vacancy rates are at near-record lows of 1 per cent in Surrey, 1.5 per cent in Langley and 1.8 per cent in Abbotsford, which are among the lowest in the Lower Mainland, according to CBRE.

"We are at a critical stage and we need to find industrial areas for these companies," CBRE vicepresident of industrial Chris Mac-Cauley said. "It used to be that when companies couldn't find space in Vancouver, they moved to the Fraser Valley. But now the valley doesn't have much inventory left either. There's a threat we're going to see companies relocating out of province or it will limit their growth potential."

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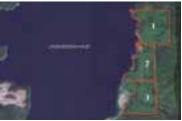
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Trophies: our annual survey of luxury real estate

FEATURE | Private islands, waterfront resorts, development sites, high-end homes highlight *Western Investor*'s annual pick of premier properties

By WI STAFF wieditor@biv.com

ach summer Western Investor surveys the high-end real estate market to present our selection of trophy properties available across Western Canada.

With most price points well above \$2 million this is an exclusive altitude but also an inspiration to all of us aspiring to ascend to ownership of such properties. This year we found an incredible selection of luxurious listings, indicative of the higher inventory in the residential and recreational markets this year.

The properties profiled here were still available as of press time.

Isleview Road, West Vancouver

List price: \$22.18 million

A breathtaking near-10,000-squarefoot waterfront masterpiece, this private gated estate in West Vancouver has fully landscaped grounds and shoreline on Howe Sound. From the grand open-view entry to the home's interior with fine materials and craftsmanship, this open concept has formal and family living spaces, and a dream kitchen. There is a professional home theatre with an ocean view, and entertainment-sized patios with an oceanfront pool. It was completely rebuilt in 2015. Listed by Shirley B. Sun, Re/Max Master Realty, West Vancouver.

Seven-acre riverfront estate, Edmonton

List price: \$11.8 million

5620 Whitemud Road is a 5,266-squarefoot luxury house on the North Saskatchewan River, Edmonton, that is sited on seven acres already approved



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Seven-acre riverfront estate in Edmonton has multi-family development potential. ICENTURY-21 PLATINUM REALTY

for a multi-family gated community. An adjacent one-acre parcel is also zoned for multi-family and can be bought with the package. Or you could keep the entire package as a "generational estate" in the upscale Riverbend community. Listed by **Sally Munro** of **Century-21 Platinum Realty**, Edmonton.

Painted Boat Resort, Sunshine Coast

List price: \$10 million



Painted Boat Resort, Spa and Marina is an award-winning waterfront resort in Pender Harbour on B.C.'s Sunshine Coast

Painted Boat Resort, Spa and Marina is an award-winning waterfront resort in Pender Harbour on B.C.'s Sunshine Coast. Featuring quintessential West Coast architecture, the popular resort provides 31 spacious two-bedroom villas, complemented by first-class amenities that include a restaurant, spa, marina and banquet facilities. Originally developed in 2007 for quarter-share ownership in the 31 individual villas, Painted Boat is the top-rated resort on the Sunshine Coast.

Colliers International has listed the majority of the resort, which includes 68 of the 124 quarter-shares, the spa, the restaurant and a marina with more than 50 slips.

Pitt Lake, 700 acres, Metro Vancouver.

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Pitt Lake site is an investment property within the Lower Mainland, with more than 700 acres under seven separate titles. NIHO LAND & CATTLE COUNTRY

riverfront property is a fly-fishing paradise and offers numerous recreational opportunities. The views are breathtaking with snowcapped mountains, fronting the Pitt River near Maple Ridge. Listed by Niho Land & Cattle Company, New Westminster.

Grouse Nest, 83.5 acres oceanfront, Sooke.

List price: \$6.98 million

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sub-dividable estate encompassing 83.5 acres on the well-protected Sooke Harbour. It features about a mile of shoreline. The 15,000-square-foot, 12-bedroom lodge is a legendary property whose his-

tory dates back to the 1930s. Grouse Nest is located in Sooke, a thriving bedroom community 40 kilometres from downtown Victoria. The area is currently undergoing a boom in residential and commercial development. Sooke supports medium-density mixed-use development on thesite. Listed by Ron Neal of the Neal Estate Team, Victoria.

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FEATURE | A rustic oceanfront cottage in the Gulf Islands, mega-acre development sites in the north and an RV resort on the coast among the top deals in waterfront

> By WI STAFF wieditor@biv.com

aterfront sites in B.C. are becoming expensive but these listings show that some stunning ocean and lakefront opportunities are available for less than the cost of a small home in Metro Vancouver.



Rustic, sure, but this affordable, small cabin is located on half an acre of oceanfront in the Gulf Islands. DE /MAY NANAIMO

Mudge Island oceanfront cottage: \$225,000.

A rustic cottage on almost half an acre of oceanfront is available on Mudge Island, just off the coast from Nanaimo or Gabriola Island. The one-room cottage is charming and will keep you cozy while you plan and build your full-time home or summer retreat. A well services the property but there is no septic system. New stairs take you to 85 feet of private waterfront.

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Dixon Estates Lot 5, Haida Gwaii: \$265,500

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265 acres on Porcher Island: \$499.000

This 265-acre Goble Point property has two separate titles with approximately 5,925 feet of ocean frontage on Porcher Island, southwest of Prince Rupert. The land has protected moorage in Refuge Bay, as well as sandy beaches. Its located only minutes from Money Point, known for some of the best salmon and halibut



This 265-acre property has two separate titles with nearly 6,000 feet of ocean frontage on Porcher Island, near Prince Rupert, B.C. | NIHO LAND & CATTLE COUNTRY

fishing on the North Coast. Listed by Niho Land & Cattle Country, New Westminster.

Day Lake, 465 acres: \$599.000

This listing is for 465 acres with three



With 465 acres with three separate titles located on Day Lake, northwest of Burns Lake, this property features 7,720 feet of lake frontage. | NIHO LAND & CATTLE COUNTRY

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separate titles located on the shores of Day Lake, northwest of Burns Lake. It has roughly 7,720 feet of lake frontage and two sheltered bays. It could be a perfect spot for a home or recreational cabin. You could own your own private fishing retreat in an amazingly beautiful piece of British Columbia.

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Three-acre Lund Harbour RV resort: \$1.5 million

More than three acres just steps away from the ocean at Lund Harbour, north of Powell River, includes a recreational vehicle (RV) resort with 32 RV sites and two cabins with modern amenities. Property boasts a mobile home, office and other amenities. No zoning restrictions open the property to development potential.

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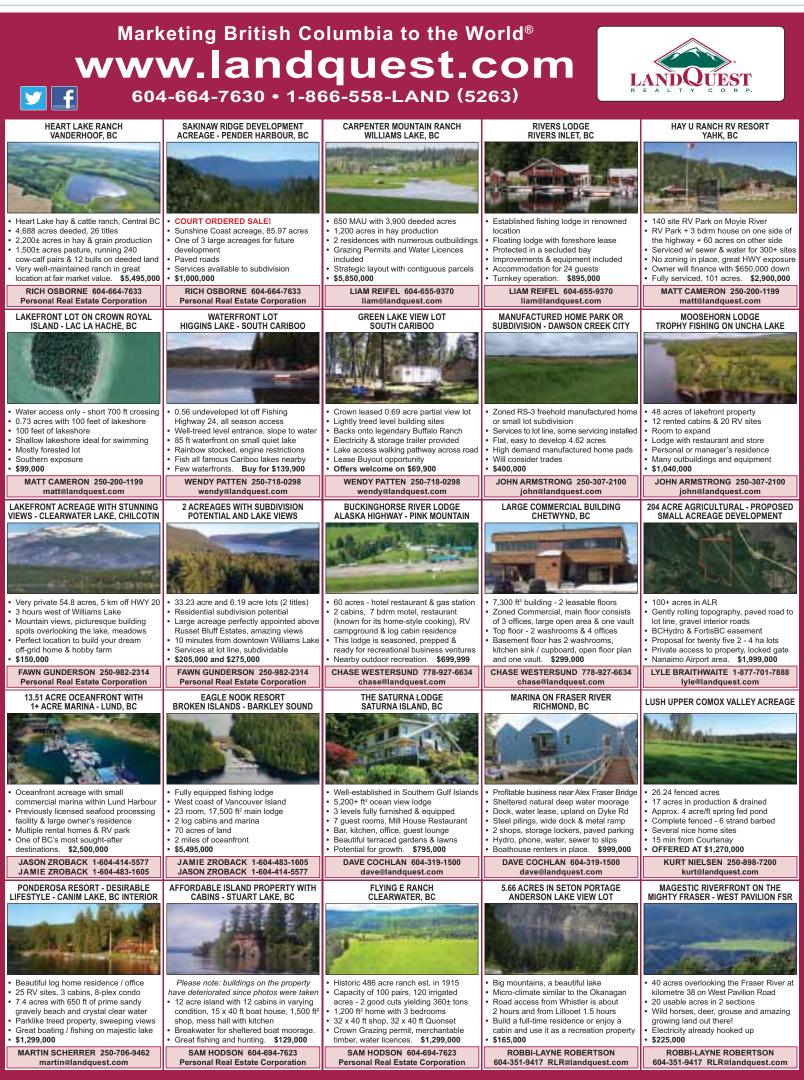
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Demand booms for modular homes in rural and urban B.C.

FEATURE | Modern designs and affordable prices appeal to first-home buyers and developers

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emand for modular homes is booming in B.C. as first-time homebuyers and downsizers increasingly embrace this affordable construction method.

From tiny homes to high-end single-family dwellings, factorybuilt housing can be built faster and cheaper than on-site. Modern designs and aesthetics are also appealing to a younger demographic, while the stigma surrounding modular housing is fading.

"We are seeing an increase in the 25- to 45-year-old buyers because they didn't grow up with the modular homes that we have today," said **Joe Walters**, CEO of **Radec Group**, a Penticton-based hybrid construction company that expanded into the modular market last year. Since that time, staffing has more than doubled to 75 and is expected to balloon to 125 next year.

While modular construction is only just entering the mainstream, this method is commonly used around the world, said **Trevor Aubie**, vice-president of development and marketing at Radec Group.

"We're probably one of the last modern areas in the world that doesn't build the majority of our houses in factories," said Aubie. "It's finally coming around to lose that stigma in Canada. Modular housing is a more affordable way of getting into the housing market." The company is currently involved in building homes for a modular housing development in Chilliwack. It has also built a number of Vancouver residential houses that were constructed in its factory through a panelized method.

Gord Rattray, executive director of the Manufactured Housing Association of B.C., says modular housing is the way of the future. The value of factory-built building production in Canada was slightly over \$1.6 billion in 2016, up about 3.5 per cent from 2015 and above the five-year average, according to the Canadian Home Builders Association Modular Construction Council 2016 Economics Report (the latest data available).

"Looking forward, we're looking at densification, including modular laneway housing. That, and multi-storey developments, are the evolving trends today," said Rattray. "I believe modular homes over the next 20 years will increase because they have a dedicated workforce, they're built in plants, and the quality is always improving."

Modular homes are ideal for Vancouver because it's a fast and effective construction method with minimal impact on neighbours, says **Paul Binotto**, president of **My Lane Home**.

"Most cities in the Lower Mainland are looking to increase density," he said. "Factory-built homes allow us to help that goal while not putting additional stress on infrastructure or neighbourhoods. We are trying to minimize



Modular units create a My Lane Home laneway house in Vancouver: faster and cheaper to build, with less disruption to the neighbourhood. I MY LANE HOMES

disruption to communities, and the homeowner gets a great, beautiful home."

Demand is growing in B.C. to the point where businesses serving the market face hiring sprees as they scramble to keep up with demand.

Moduline, one of the largest builders in B.C., is continually adding staff at its Penticton factory, now at nearly 300 employees. The company also has a plant in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

"The greatest advantage to modular houses is they will be built on time and on budget. A house will be finished in six to eight weeks from the time it starts," said sales manager **Walter Fontinha**. "This is one of the reasons the sector has been growing. Another is because of changes to the look of the exterior of the home; we have had to adapt to build what people are looking for in terms of esthetics."

A growing number of modular home companies are catering to the high-end market by creating energy-efficient houses with slick designs. One example is **Karoleena Homes**, owned by Kamloopsbased **Horizon North**.

On the other hand, Horizon North is also involved in a number of affordable housing projects, including with the **City of Vancouver**. The B.C. government announced it will invest more than \$6.6 billion over 10 years on affordable housing, and modular construction serves as a means to build it quickly.

Horizon North currently employs 500 people throughout B.C., 350 of whom are directly involved in modular. It recently acquired Aldergrove-based **Shelter Modular** and has immediate plans to increase its workforce by a further 20 per cent.

"We are seeing broad growth in demand in the Lower Mainland as well as across the province of British Columbia in general," said **Rod Graham**, president and CEO of Horizon North. "The market sees that you can get a higher quality product faster, and they want to be a part of the innovation of modular construction."

Another major B.C. player is Metric Modular, which specializes in multi-storey modular construction, including commercial buildings and multi-family housing. It's now working on a 220-bed student housing facility for Langley's Trinity Western University.

"We are growing, and we are currently working on some exciting projects," said **Stephen Branch**, president of Metric Modular, which has plants in Chilliwack and Penticton. "We try to hire seven to 10 people each month for each facility. We now have more than 250 and are constantly adding.

"[People] are starting to pay attention to modular construction, and they are realizing it is a viable alternative to address the lack of affordable housing in the province," Branch added.



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Sunshine Coast overcoming an anti-development stance

FEATURE | Some new house subdivisions are going forward but a condo-hotel, multi-family projects face mounting headwinds from local protestors despite soaring home prices and a lack of rental apartments

By FRANK O'BRIEN wieditor@biv.com

ore than 20 years after it was planned and a year since development was approved, the only waterfront hotel in the Sunshine Coast community of Gibsons is still in the ground.

More than two dozen speakers in a crowd of 200 at the local Legion recently denounced plans for the development of part of Gospel Rock in Gibsons, a site that has been eyed for new homes for decades.

In Sechelt, local residents packed a May public hearing to oppose a six-storey condo project. Within weeks Sechelt council bowed to the pressure and ordered the developer back to the drawing board, although the applicant had already agreed to cut the building to five floors.

A report from Sechelt planning staff said that reducing the height would mean a loss of some of the affordable housing units that were negotiated for the original proposal. Frustrated Sechelt Mayor **Bruce Milne** had supported the project, but in June conceded he didn't see any likelihood that the rest of council would be swayed and that the public hearing sent a clear message.

"There is no question the community that's living there doesn't want that change, whether we think it's good or not," said Milne. Meanwhile the Sunshine Coast, which stretches 84 kilometres



Residents of the bucolic Sunshine Coast battle against new residential development despite soaring housing costs and one of the tightest rental markets in Canada. |SUBMITTED

along Howe Sound and the Georgia Strait north of West Vancouver, is facing a housing shortage, soaring home prices and a near-zero rental vacancy rate.

Sechelt ranks third highest in Canada for residents who spend more than 50 per cent of their gross income on rent, ahead of even West Vancouver (37 per cent), according to the 2018 *Canadian Rental Housing Index*, which was based on 2016 census data from 800 cities and towns.

Twenty-nine per cent of renters in the **Sunshine Coast Regional District** and the **District of Sechelt** are spending more than half their income on rent and utilities. The rate in Gibsons is 25 per cent. The B.C. provincial average is 21 per cent and the national average is 18 per cent, the study found. Jill Atkey, CEO of the B.C. Non-Profit Housing Association, called the rental situation on the Sunshine Coast "severe."

Home prices on the Sunshine Coast, meanwhile, have increased 70.3 per cent in the past three years and were up 3.4 per cent as of June from three months earlier, compared to a 0.9 per cent price increase in Greater Vancouver in the same period, according to the **Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver**.

The benchmark detached house price on the Sunshine Coast in June was \$628,000, up 8 per cent since January.

It is not for lack of land. The Sunshine Coast covers 1,900 square kilometres – a footprint 16 times larger than the City of Vancouver – and has a population of about 28,000 people, creating one of the lowest population densities in southern B.C., at 1.4 persons per square kilometre.

There were 242 new home starts last year on the Sunshine Coast and 2018 is so far seeing building at a faster pace.

Some progress

In Sechelt, the first phase of the Woodlands single-family subdivision is proceeding with eight building lots and plans for four additional phases. Vancouverbased **Onni** is also completing a townhouse development in Sechelt's Porpoise Bay area.

So far this year, 51 new homes have received Sechelt permits.

In Gibsons, despite the protests, town council has green-lighted the 360-home development by **Greenlane Homes** for the Gospel Rock site.

Gibsons council has issued six pages of guidelines for the development that include using "West Coast design elements," using local materials as much as possible, installing underground parking and including electric vehicle charging stations and public art.

Gibsons has also approved the Eagleview project that **TCD De**velopments plans to build in three phases with a total of 87 residential units. TCD offered the town a \$270,000 contribution toward its affordable housing fund and \$150,000 for local beach improvements to secure permits.

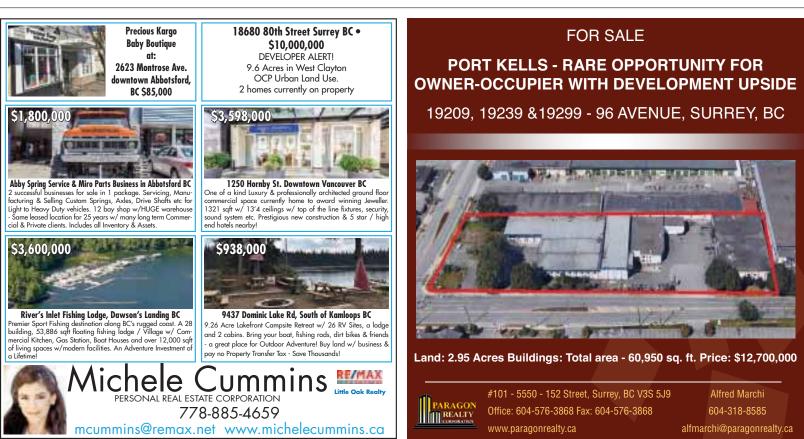
The largest project, the George Hotel and Residences, is barely starting despite receiving Gibsons development approval in 2017.

The waterfront complex would feature two mid-rise towers with a 116-room hotel, a 21,000-square-foot spa, a chapel, a 14,000-square-foot conference centre and 40 condominiums.

The project recently battled off a **BC Supreme Court** suit from the **Gibsons Alliance of Business and Community Society**. But rancour remains.

Gibsons officials expect it will take months for site cleanup and another two months for foundation improvements before actual construction of the George begins. Construction is expected to take 24 to 30 month, once it finally gets underway.

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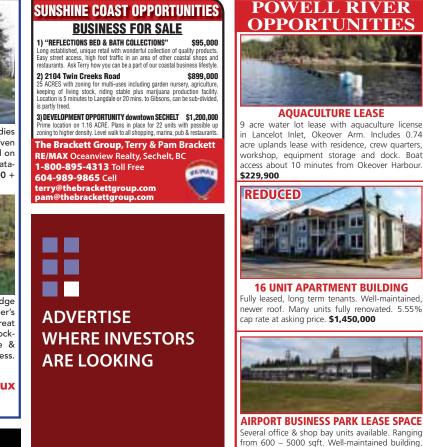
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Tax cools foreign home buyers



While there is a widely held perception that foreigners are driving up Metro Vancouver home prices, foreign buyers are already exiting a heavily taxed and waning housing market, studies suggest.

At 20 per cent of a home's value, B.C. has the highest foreign-home buyer tax outside of Asia and this will hasten the loss of foreign investors, according to a survey of Chinese Mainland residents by UBS Securities Asia Limited.

The May survey showed that nearly 70 per cent of potential Chinese buyers would not buy offshore property if the foreign buyer tax reached 20 per cent of the home's value.

Sixty-eight per cent of Metro Vancouverites believe "foreign investors have a lot of influence in driving up home prices" – the highest such perception in Canada - according to survey released in June by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. A new Statistics Canada

transnational buyer study, also released in June, confirmed that foreigners own 4.8 per cent of Metro Vancouver homes, with the highest ratios in the cities of Vancouver at 7.6 per cent and Richmond at 7.5 per cent. In B.C., the highest foreign ownership is at Sun Peaks, the Kamloops-area ski resort community, at 17 per cent, followed by Whistler at 16 per cent and Tofino, at 7.5 per cent, Statistics Canada found.

Juwai.com, the largest China portal for foreign real estate. said fewer Chinese investors who make up the bulk of B.C.'s foreign buyers - are searching for Canadian real estate since the introduction of higher taxes in B.C. and Ontario, where the tax is 15 per cent.

"Chinese buyer demand in Vancouver is flat as a pancake. Vancouver's tax is working by driving a share of buyers to other cities, especially Seattle. It has taken the froth off of the top," a Juwai.com spokesman said.

In the three months since B.C.'s foreign buyer tax was increased to 20 per cent, the benchmark price of a Metro Vancouver detached house has risen just 0.4 per cent while overall home sales have fallen 37.7 per cent when compared with the same period a year earlier, according to June data from the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver.

Suburban industrial values are soaring

Surging prices for Burnaby light industrial strata space reflect plunging suburban office vacancies that have fallen to a 17-year low as lease rates continue to climb.

"We expect the rising investor demand trend in the suburbs to continue as falling vacancy rates will result in lease rate growth," said Tony Quattrin, vice-chairman of the national investment team at CBRE Vancouver. "Interest from domestic and foreign investors remains strong for the suburban office market. In fact, investors in the suburban office market are seeing returns up to 40 per cent higher than downtown Vancouver."

Commercial strata prices in Burnaby have increased 88 per cent in the past 10 years to more than \$400 per square foot today, according to Avison Young.

Victoria aims to ban micro-condos



The City of Victoria is considering a ban on mini-apartments in the downtown core.

Mayor Lisa Helps said the review is more about livability than unit size. That might mean ensuring a tiny condo unit has an opening window.

Currently, Victoria allows apartments as small as 355 square feet, but it has been found that many of these are being used for short-term rentals, not for affordable housing.

Land values beckon bulldozers



One in four houses sold in Vancouver is demolished, according to a University of British Columbia Teardown Index study. | CHUNG CHOW

he three houses on East Sixth Avenue in Vancouver would have likely lasted for years: two

of them appear fairly modern, but the value of the land beneath them, combined with higher-density zoning, doomed them.

Assembled into a 14,000-squarefoot land assembly, the detached houses sold in May for a combined \$5.74 million, the equivalent of nearly \$410 per square foot, for a new townhouse development.

In the first three months of this year, residential land sales in Metro Vancouver dominated real estate investments, with \$1.14 billion in transactions, according to a survey by Altus Group. Land sales accounted for 57 per cent of the entire real estate investment market in the first quarter, noted Paul Richter, an Altus Group director.

Due to a lack of vacant Metro land, the majority of residential land deals lead to demolition of existing homes. In the past 30 years, 26,700 Vancouver detached houses, or 40 per cent of all houses, were demolished and replaced, according to a Teardown Index study from the University of British Columbia (UBC) School of

Architecture.

UBC architectural professor Joseph Dahmen, co-author of the Teardown study, estimated that one-quarter of the Vancouver houses being sold today will be demolished.

The bulldozers could get even busier, because of a new City of Vancouver plan for blanket zoning of singlefamily neighbourhoods to allow for development of townhouses, row houses and laneway houses.

The city's Making Room plan would rezone 65,000 single-family detached lots over the next year to 18 months for higher density housing which, according to a city report, "are affordable to medium-income residents."

Soaring land values, however, threaten that affordability scenario. In the Cambie Street corridor, which already has higher-density zoning for detached lots, the current benchmark price for a detached house is \$3.5 million, according to the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver. In December 2017, however, a condo developer paid \$8.5 million for a "teardown" 66-year-old house on an 8,760-square-foot lot at West 35th Avenue at Cambie Street as part of a land assembly.



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Rendering shows multi-family Anthem Properties' plan for former CBC site in Calgary. LANTHEM PROPERTIES

ANTHEM BUYS CBC CALGARY SITE FOR \$12M Land being cleared for construction of 84 townhouses

ancouver-based Anthem Properties has acquired the former headquarters of CBC/ Radio-Canada in Calgary for redevelopment into multi-family homes.

The 2.43-acre site at 1724 Westmount Boulevard was purchased by Anthem for \$12 million, after CBC moved to 1000 Veterans Place last fall after six decades at the Westmount location. The developer has plans to create an 84-unit, threestorey townhouse community of two- and threebedroom suites.

"We are pleased with the acquisition of the [this] site and our proposal to develop high quality townhomes in the Hillhurst-Sunnyside neighborhood," said **Eric Carlson**, CEO of Anthem. "Anthem is committed to Calgary as a core market for its diversified portfolio of residential and commercial properties.

To date, Anthem Properties has developed, or is in the process of designing, 11,000 residential units across Canada, with a total commercial and residential portfolio value of approximately \$5 billion.

Anthem submitted its land use and development permit application to the **City of Calgary** in June 2018. If approved, construction could begin by spring 2019. FROM | Landquest Realty Corp. Landquest agent Kurt Nielsen brokered the following:

Kelowna, sold for \$1.44 million. | HM COMMERCIAL

DEAL | 13-unit strip mall sold for approximately \$384,615 per unit, situated on a three-acre lot. East Island Highway, Parksville. Price: \$5 million.

FROM | William Wright Commercial, Vancouver. William Wright agents Cory Wright and Marianne DeCotiis sold the following: DEAL | A 10,129-square-foot residential development lot near the King Edward SkyTrain Station under the Cambie corridor official community plan. West 26th Avenue, Vancouver. Price: \$11.95 million

William Wright agents **Stathis Savvis** and **Will Hall** sold: **DEAL** | 13,420-square-foot, fully-

leased and recently renovated mixed-use building. Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge. Price: \$5.2 million.

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Assembly of three parcels totaling 6.9 acres with industrial zoning in Richmond, sold for \$21.5 million. | AVISON YOUNG



Four apartment buildings with a total of 117 rental suites, Inlet Drive, Burnaby, sold for \$32.5 million. COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL



24-unit apartment complex, 117 Street, Edmonton, sold for \$3.24 million.



77,719-square-foot single-tenant light industrial building, 129 Street, Surrey, sold for \$9 million. AVISON YOUNG COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE



25,300-square-foot, eight-unit retail centre, Montrose Avenue, Abbotsford, sold for \$6.6 million. | WILLIAM WRIGHT COMMERCIAL



One acre of residential land designated for highdensity development, 94 Avenue, Surrey, sold for \$1.95 million. | FRONTLINE REAL ESTATE SERVICES LTD.



2.58 acres of residential development land, zoned RA8, Keene Crescent, Edmonton, sold for \$2.38 million. | CBRE EDMONTOR



13,420-square-foot, fully-leased mixed-use building on Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge, sold for \$5.2 million. | WILLIAM WRIGHT COMMERCIAL



Renovated 21-unit apartment building, Fifth Avenue, New Westminster, sold for \$6.95 million. I NAI COMMERCIAL

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

FROM | HM Commercial Group -Macdonald Realty Kelowna. HM agents Jeff Hudson and Marshall McAnerney report the following: DEAL | 3,749-square-foot retail building near Lake Okanagan. Bernard Avenue, Kelowna. Price: \$1.44 million.

FROM | Avison Young Commercial Real Estate, Vancouver. Avison Young agents Ryan Kerr and Garth White report the following.

DEAL | Three parcels totaling 6.9 acres with industrial zoning. River Road, Savage Road and Patrick Street, Richmond. Price: \$21.5 million.

Avison agents Michael Farrell and Rob Greer sold the following: DEAL | 77,719-square-foot singletenant industrial building zoned for light impact industrial use. 129

Street, Surrey. Price: \$9 million. FROM | Colliers International, Vancouver. Colliers agents Robert Down, Steve Fame and Dan Chatfield sold the following: DEAL | Four apartment buildings

comprising 117 rental suites at the base of Burnaby Mountain, Inlet Drive, Burnaby. Price: \$32.5 million.

FROM | Frontline Real Estate Services Ltd., Langley. Frontline agents Mike Harrison and Justin Mitchell brokered:

DEAL | One acre of residential land designated for high-density development. 94 Avenue, Surrey. Price: \$1.95 million.

FROM | CBRE Edmonton. CBRE agent Bradley Gingerich reports the following sale:

DEAL | 2.58-acre residential development land, zoned RA8. 1790 Keene Crescent, Edmonton. Price: \$2.38 million.

FROM | NAI Commercial, Vancouver. NAI agents Terry Harding, Jackson Tang and Brandon Harding sold the following.

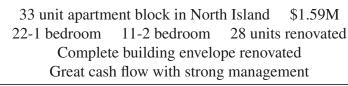
DEAL | Fully renovated 21-unit apartment building situated on 13,720-square-foot lot. Fifth Avenue, New Westminster. Price: \$6.95 million.

FROM | JLL Canada, Edmonton. JLL agent Samuel Dean sold the following:

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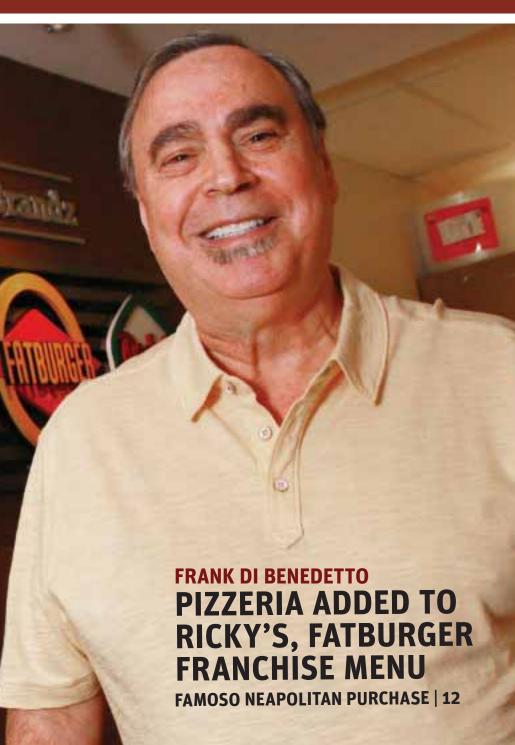
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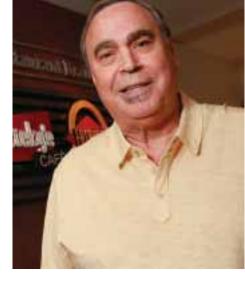
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THE NUMBERS

nvestment in development land continues to dominate commercial real estate sales in all of Western Canada's top cities throughout the first quarter of 2018. According to a new report by the Altus Group, total investment in Vancouver land

properties - both residential and nonresidential – accounted for 57 per cent of all commercial transactions in the first quarter.

Residential land sales totaled \$1.14 billion, led by strata dissolution sales in the West End and North Vancouver, fetching \$52 million and \$31 million respectively.

Properties designated for high-density represent all of the most significant land transactions.

"[Investment values] illustrate a healthy appetite for development sites despite obstacles in both the acquisition and redevelopment phases," the report reads.

Investment volumes in Vancouver were down 24 per cent from last quarter while the number of sales decreased 7 per cent.

According to the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver, Vancouver, Surrey and Langley recorded the top land sale dollar values in the first quarter of 2018, at \$481 million, \$328 million and \$269 million respectively.

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In Edmonton, the amount of commercial transactions increased 26 per cent year-over-year, with a total of 211 transactions priced at more than \$500,000. The \$814-million value of sales this quarter is the second-highest level since 2014.

Land transactions in Calgary contributed 50 per cent of overall investment value, led by a 120 per cent increase in residential investment values from a year earlier. Nonresidential land sales were \$149 million this quarter, while residential land sales totaled \$212 million. ■

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Commercial and industrial real estate			Building permit values	
Vancouver Calgary Edmonton Regina Saskatoon Winnipeg	Office vacancy rate downtown* 4.6% 27% 14.5% 11.8% 14.3% 8.8%	Industrial vacancy rate+ 1.8% 7.8% 6.4% 4.1% 8.6% 3.0%	Vancouver Calgary Edmonton Regina Saskatoon Winnipeg	\$1,054 million \$550 million \$459 million \$48 million \$82 million \$160 million
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Average weekly wage

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, APRIL 2018

ALL PRICES IN U.S. DOLLARS; PRICES AS OF JULY 4, 2018

\$952

\$938

\$1,153

\$1.009

Natural gas

\$2.84

per gigajoule

SOURCE: NASDAO

Total monthly retail sales		Apartment rental vacancy	
B.C. Alberta Saskatchewan Manitoba	\$7.3 billion \$6.8 billion \$1.6 billion \$1.7 billion	Vancouver Calgary Edmonton Regina Saskatoon Winnipeg	0.9% 6.3% 7% 9.6% 2.7%
SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, APRIL 2018		SOURCE: CANADA MORTGAO RENTAL MARKET R	E AND HOUSING CORP. EPORT, OCTOBER 2017

Unemployment rate

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, MAY 2018

Copper

\$2.84

per pound

4.8%

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6.8%

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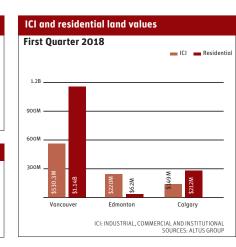
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MLS home	prices (all types combined)*
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Calgary	\$436,500
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Regina	\$279,700
Saskatoon	\$297,600
Winnipeg	\$286,500
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By SUSAN M BOYCE



ong known as a favourite vacation destination, Kelowna is rapidly evolving into one of the province's hot spots for investment and commerce. KPMG recently ranked Kelowna as the most cost-competitive place to do business in western North America. The Kelowna International Airport is the tenth busiest in Canada with 1.6 million passengers passing through every year. Kelowna General Hospital is the largest, most comprehensive in B.C.'s southern interior and now includes a full treatment cancer clinic. Consistently ranked among the world's 40 best universities, the Okanagan campus of the University of B.C. has more than 115 research programs underway and has become a major economic driver. Five of Canada's largest ski resorts are found within a threehour drive and with 2,000 hours of sunshine annually, this is an outdoor enthusiast's dream.

Yet Kelowna still has the friendly vibe that made this community popular in the first place. Better yet; on top of the superior Okanagan lifestyle options, people are now discovering Kelowna is an affordable alternative to the Lower Mainland's skyrocketing prices. And assisting buyers to realize the best value for their real estate investment, find the most unique properties, and maximize exposure to a global market, NAI Commercial Okanagan is proud to be a part of this dynamic regional hub in the B.C. Interior.

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NAI Commercial Okanagan's current listings span a wide range of property types, but Down is particularly excited by three current land listings.

Kelowna: 4502 Pyman Road

Strategically located on Kelowna's eastern edge, this offering is a rare opportunity to acquire almost 1,500 acres (192 of them within the City's Permanent Growth Boundary) situated between Black Mountain and Kirschner Mountain — two of the city's fastest growing residential neighbourhoods.

Comprised of eight individually titled parcels, the property is currently a working ranch. However, since much of the property is Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), many development possibilities are open to purchasers. "This site represents an outstanding opportunity for a vineyard or high-altitude orchard," says Mike Geddes, principal. "You could also retain it as an amazing estate holding — after all, you're only about a 15-minute drive from downtown Kelowna. Another option is to develop the entire property into a large-lot subdivision — an idea the City supports."

The land is comprised of the quintessential rolling Okanagan hills and wooded areas, and is complemented by meandering creeks that help create a series of microclimates. Views, Geddes adds, are spectacular — taking in more than 180-degree vistas of Okanagan Lake and the Kelowna skyline. "This property also has excellent potential to hold long term."

Peachland: 3946-3986 Beach Avenue

paradise that's been enjoyed by multiple generations for over six decades.

The site is close to a diverse array of outdoor amenities including horseback riding trails, the Hainley Winery, a skate park, the Okanagan Lake Beachfront Centennial Walk, and North America's tallest Zipline. All this plus it's only a 10-minute drive to West Kelowna or a 20-minute drive to either Kelowna or Penticton.

"The location and size of this offering make it extremely desirable," Geddes says. "The Walk Score is excellent and there are both schools and shopping within 500 metres. Peachland's OCP also supports the idea of multi-family develop-



Peachland: 3946-3986 Beach Avenue. | NAI COMMERCIAL OKANAGAN



Currently home to Todd's Family RV & Campground, this offering is a rare gem in the market. Located on a four-acre-plus waterfront property on Okanagan Lake, the park includes full RV hookups, showers, a children's playground, beach volleyball court, fire pit and campground store — truly a lakeside ment here similar to the adjacent Lakeshore Gardens condominium property if the buyer chooses not to build an estate residence or continue operating the campground."



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Sun Peaks and Whistler entice foreign buyers

RECREATION | Top two B.C. ski resorts have a higher ratio of non-Canadian property owners than either Vancouver or Victoria

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ritish Columbia's top two B ski resorts are the areas the highest proportion of non-Canadian-resident owners of residential real estate, with Vancouver lagging in third place and Victoria relatively low on the list, according to new data.

A study released June 25 by Statistics Canada says that Sun Peaks has the highest overseas homeownership in the province, at 16.5 per cent of homes. This is followed by Whistler at 15.5 per cent. Both areas are not subject to the province's speculation tax or the foreign-home buyer tax.

But the broker owner of Re/Max Alpine Resort Realty in Sun Peaks says the stats are skewed somewhat because many of the foreign owners bought years ago, before the foreign-buyer tax or speculation tax were on the horizon.

"We have owners from Europe and the U.S. who have owned at Sun Peaks for 20 years or more," said Lark Frolek-Dale.

Sun Peaks' recent buyers, such as those who helped sell out both

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the Village Walk luxury townhome project and the new Echo Landing townhome and condo project, are mostly from the Lower Mainland and Alberta, she said.

Sun Peaks is in the midst of a \$40 million upgrade, Frolek-Dale confirmed, which includes a makeover of the Sun Peaks Grand Hotel and Conference Centre and a new \$4 million chairlift, both of which will open this ski season.

Both Sun Peaks and Whistler municipalities have more than double the non-resident ownership rate of third-placed Vancouver (city, not Census Metropolitan Area), which the data revealed to have just over 7 per cent of homeowners not living in Canada. Metro Vancouver was found to have 4.6 per cent of homes owned by non-residents.

Non-resident owners in this study include any homeowners who do not live in Canada, including Canadian citizens who live overseas.

With Sun Peaks and Whistler being two of B.C.'s biggest tourism destinations, the high rate of overseas owners of homes in those areas may not be surprising. But other tourism hotspots in B.C., such as Vancouver Island and the Okanagan, saw much lower



A luxury ski villa at Sun Peaks ski resort, which has the highest overseas ownership rate in British Columbia. Many foreign owners bought into the resort years ago. | RE/MAX ALPINE RESORT REALTY

communities such as Fernie and

overseas ownership rates.

Victoria and Kelowna CMAs, where the B.C. speculation tax does apply, were found to have a non-resident ownership rate of 2.7 and 2.5 per cent, respectively. The speculation tax also applies in Abbotsford-Mission CMA, where the rate was just 1.4 per cent, according to Statistics Canada.

Revelstoke were found to have non-resident ownership rates higher than the provincial average of 3.5 per cent, at 6.6 and 5.2 per cent, respectively. Other popular vacation hotspots, like the Southern Gulf Islands, Salt Spring Island. Nanaimo and the Sunshine Coast, range between more than 5 per cent to almost 7 per cent.

Several communities facing the speculation tax, such as those on Vancouver Island and in the Okanagan, have protested the tax, claiming it will damage the local economy and stall real estate development. West Kelowna Mayor Doug Findlater wrote an open letter to B.C. Premier John Horgan to "reiterate grave concerns" on Tune 21.

However, some B.C. mountain

Annual boat sharing floated in Kelowna

Mission Group, the largest residential real estate developer in Kelowna, is offering an annual boat-sharing app through its subsidiary, Aqua Marine Valet. Aqua Boat Club is a new-boat share program that allows users to access brand-new boats for a fraction of the cost of owning, sidestepping the stress and financial burden of repairs and moorage, among other expenses. As with carsharing programs, members of Aqua Boat Club access a user-friendly smartphone app to reserve a boat. They can take advantage of unlimited boat outings, covering only the cost of the fuel.

The Aqua Boat Club has just added three new boats for its members – a Mastercraft XT20, Cobalt 24SD and Regal 2100 – and created a special rate for weekday membership. Membership in the Aqua Boat Club is \$6,000 a year for unlimited boating on weekdays (Monday to Friday), and \$12,000 a year for unlimited boating seven days a week. Boating season is typically May 1 to September 30 each year.



Regal 2100 is among new boats available under new boat sharing app. | SUBMITTED

According to Mission Group, even the \$12,000 rate is less than half the annual cost of actually owning a boat in excess of 20 feet.

Aqua Boat Club is a part of Aqua Marine Valet, a long-term boat storage and valet service located on Okanagan Lake in the Mission area of Kelowna.

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Kitimat excitement rises as LNG plant nears launch

FEATURE | Industrial real estate seen as the top investment play though prices are already pushing peak levels as final investment decision looms on Shell-led \$40 billion export terminal and pipeline project

By FRANK O'BRIEN wieditor@biv.com

eal estate investors have Kitimat back on the radar but the prices and the potential are both much higher now than during the last boom in the northeast epicentre for the biggest infrastructure project in Canada.

"It is crunch time for Kitimat," said commercial agent Graham Pitzel of Re/Max Kitimat Real Estate, noting that there is a lack of industrial and commercial property to meet what is expected to be heady demand within months.

Pitzel said industrial real estate will lead that demand but prices are already at peak levels and there is very little on the market. Nearly everything not owned by aluminum giant Rio Tinto Alcan is being tightly held by owners, he said.

Prices reflect the supply-demand curve. Of the three industrial properties for sale as Western Investor was nearing press deadline, prices equated to well over \$1 million per acre. An example is 331 Enterprise Way, listed at \$829,500 for a 0.4-acre site with a 2,528-square-foot industrial building.

The expansion of the Rio Tinto Alcan plant a decade ago drove real estate prices high and they have not come down, he said.

Pitzel said bare industrial land starts at \$650,000 per acre, if you can find it.



Harbour view of Kitimat's industrial zone where LNG Canada is expected to officially launch a \$40 billion project this fall. | KITIMAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

He expects a lot of buyers and investors will be looking for industrial as the \$40 billion LNG Canada export terminal and related liquefied natural gas pipelines gets the final go-ahead.

It is widely expected that the Shell-led consortium behind LNG Canada will announce a final investment decision (FID) in the late third quarter or early in the fourth quarter of 2018 for what would be be by far the biggest infrastructure project in B.C.'s history.

"We will start construction this year," LNG Canada CEO Andy Calitz told a Vancouver resource conference in May. "I reaffirm that commitment today."

On June 26 TransCanada Corporation confirmed it had signed agreements to provide \$620 million in contracts with First Nations along the corridor for the natural gas pipeline needed to

Everyone is confident that rental demand will increase and Kitimat will see better times ahead.

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feed the LNG Canada plant in Kitimat.

Another \$400 million worth of contract and employment opportunities for First Nations are expected to be awarded.

On June 19, TransCanada announced that it had conditionally awarded contracts to several joint ventures to build the Coastal



This 0.4-acre industrial site in Kitimat is on the market for \$829.000. an indication of the peak prices in a city that is getting ready to host the biggest infrastructure project in Canada. RE/MAX KITIMAT REAL ESTATE

GasLink pipeline: Surerus Murphy Joint Venture, SA Energy Group, Macro Spiecapag Joint Venture and Pacific Atlantic Pipeline Construction Inc. Those contracts are valued at \$2.8 billion. Even with all this, however, local real estate agents said Kitimat will likely not see a lot of action until the ink is dry on the FID. After all, as Pitzel noted, previous LNG hype had not lived up to reality.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in the multi-family rental sector.

"[Rental] vacancy rates in Kitimat are still high with some properties reaching 50 per cent," said Bruce Long, a multi-family specialist with B.C. Apartment Properties of Macdonald Commercial in Vancouver.

Long said typical per-door prices for Kitimat rental apartment buildings are still in the \$100,000 range, but few are on the market.

"Although we are seeing increased interest in Kitimat from our multi-family investors, most owners are not yet ready to sell. Everyone is confident that rental demand will increase and Kitimat will see better times ahead," Long said.

Long noted that, during the Rio Tinto Alcan expansion project, rents in Kitimat for furnished apartments had reached \$1,800 to \$2,000 per month, but have declined since.

A new 4,500- to 6,500-person work camp being prepped for LNG Canada workers by Civeo Corp. could siphon off some of the rental demand in the city, however.

"But even if only 10 per cent of the workers want to live in town, that would make a big difference," Pitzel said.

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Di Benedetto bites into Famoso pizza chain



Serial franchisor Frank Di Benedetto already oversees 171 Canadian restaurants. | ROB KRUYT

ne of B.C.'s most successful restaurant-franchise entrepreneurs is expanding into the Italian-food business by purchasing the 30-location, Vancouver-based Famoso Neapolitan Pizzeria chain, giving him a total of 171 restaurants. For Frank Di Benedetto, whose FDF Restaurant Brandz closed the deal May 31, the purchase, for an undisclosed amount, is more than just a sound business decision.

"To be successful in this business, it's not just a numbers game or a numerical exercise; you have to fundamentally be passionate about the food," Di Benedetto said. "And you can appreciate from my surname – Di Benedetto – that I'm pretty passionate about Italian food."

Di Benedetto first found success as a consultant at **Ricky's All Day Grill** in the late 1990s. He went on to become president of that chain and then its owner. In 2005, he bought master-franchise rights for Canada from the Beverly Hills-based hamburger chain **Fatburger**.

In 2014, Di Benedetto bought the 28-restaurant ABC Country Restaurant chain and folded that into the Ricky's chain by creating Ricky's Country Restaurants.

He now oversees 86 Ricky's restaurants that are either branded Ricky's All Day Grill or Ricky's Country Restaurant, 55 Fatburger locations and the 30 Famoso Neapolitan Pizzeria bistros.

Most of his restaurants are franchised, with only three corporately owned Ricky's restaurants and three corporately owned Fatburger locations.

Justin Lussier, who cofounded Famoso in 2007 with Christian Bullock and Jason Allard had been growing Famoso so fast that the company was named among the fastest-growing companies by *Business in Vancouver* in 2013.

Lussier said he and his partners are proud of where they have taken Famoso and believe that Di Benedetto is now better suited to continue the chain's growth.

"Frank is one of the most experienced restaurateurs and franchise developers in Canada," Lussier said.

"He and his team have the experience and capabilities to add a lot of value and further grow the Famoso brand."

Allard will stay with Famoso for at least six months to ensure a smooth transition.

Di Benedetto aims to add 20 new Famoso locations across Canada in the next five years.

Alberta, with 18 outlets, has been Famoso's base. Two locations are in Ontario, four are

Petland ranked as franchise leader



Petland Inc., which has 16 locations across Western Canada, has been named among the top-ranked franchises in the world.

Entrepreneur magazine has released its 2018 rankings of the top Global Franchisees, rating Petland No.20, up from No.32 last year and No.190 in 2016.

"It is an incredible honor to be recognized as a top franchise across the globe and ranked with the likes of **McDonalds**, **H&R Block**, **Denny's** and **Subway**," said Petland Inc. president and CEO **Joe Watson**.

Petland Brazil opened its 64th Petland location this month, and Petland Mexico opened its ninth and 10th earlier this year. Petland's master franchisee in Saudi Arabia is planning to open its first location this September.

Petland is a franchise operation with full-service retail pet centres across the United States, Canada, China, Mexico, South Africa, Brazil, and El Salvador.

in Saskatchewan and six are in B.C., with four of those in southwest B.C. and Metro Vancouver.

Di Benedetto plans to create an offshoot brand to Famoso dubbed Famoso Pronto, which would be a smaller, takeout-oriented brand. The move would be similar to how **White Spot Restaurants** created the takeout-oriented Triple O's brand to appeal to customers who wanted the company's signature hamburgers in a less formal setting.

Timmy's plans to invade China



Canadian coffee icon **Tim Hortons** has inked a deal with private equity firm **Cartesian Capital Group** to expand into China.

Under the exclusive master franchise joint venture agreement, Cartesian will develop and open more than 1,500 Tim Hortons restaurants in China over the next 10 years. Tim Hortons president **Alex Macedo** said the company's two main priorities are building and strengthening the company in Canada and then expanding the brand to the rest of the world. Tim Hortons has more than 4,700 restaurants in Canada, the United

States and internationally. BMO Capital Markets said the China expansion presents a growth opportunity for the company.

In 2012, Cartesian partnered with Tim Hortons parent company **Restaurant Brands International** and the **Kurdoglu** family to eventually open more than 900 **Burger King** restaurants in China.

Famoso Pronto eateries are likely to open in high-density locations, such as downtown Vancouver, and Di Benedetto said the concept will be offered first to current Famoso franchisees.

Meanwhile, seven new Ricky's restaurants and 12 new Fatburger restaurants are under development and are set to open by the fall of 2019.

Fatburger restaurants are so far only in the four western provinces, but Di Benedetto said Ontario could soon be in his sights. ■

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"Don't wait to buy land: buy land and wait"

non't wait to buy land, buy land and then wait. I first learned the importance of that saying in 1964 as the youngest realtor in Prince George. I still believe it today.

My career as a realtor has taught me how profitable and rewarding real estate can be. Having assembled development sites for large corporations such as **Woodward's** and **Safeway**, also assembling large subdivisions, selling highrises, islands and then the largest land company in British Columbia to **Imperial Life**.

I couldn't have gone from a realtor to successful investor without also understanding the importance of three key questions:

1: What is your time horizon? 2: How much can you afford to

lose? 3: What do you know about the investment?

All three points should give you pause to think, but the last point is the most critical as it drives the first two.

For more than 50 years I made a lot of money in rural or recreational land and resources from the land because I understand the value. I am often approached by people to invest in other opportunities – commercial developments, the stock market or even foreign rural lands. While they all promised good returns, I do not have a feel for the risk associated with these.

I was researching some historical insights on rural lands – as far back as the 1880's when Vancouver was, in fact, rural. Almost 140 years ago folks were already saying that Vancouver



By RUDY NIELSEN

was too expensive. I came across land prices leading up to and after **Canadian Pacific Railways** announced that Vancouver – or at that time Granville – would be the western terminus for the rail line. Over a 10-year period land prices (per hectare – not a city lot) went from \$200 in 1870, to \$2,000 in 1882 and seven years later in 1889 to \$20,000. Today a hectare of land in Vancouver is valued in excess of \$40 million.

Don't get me wrong, we have had our share of booms and busts, with the following recovery period always leading to the next growth cycle.

We don't have to look back too far in time to see a couple of fairly well documented boom/bust/ growth cycles. Do you remember the late 70s and especially 1981? If you're too young, ask your parents. I am sure they will recall mortgage rates at up to 20 per cent. The other more recent time is the 2007-08 credit freeze and resultant stalled housing and development markets. For a bit of time people were questioning the sustainability of investing in real estate.

So, how much can you afford to lose? And what is your time horizon?

Over the course of my investment career I have bought and sold in short cycles as opportunities presented themselves – but the majority of my current holdings were acquired 30 to 40 years ago. The shorter-term investments certainly help manage cash flow and further secure a hold on my longer-term portfolio by removing the pressures to liquidate to meet short-term needs.

I have made money off my longer-term holds by not selling these properties or refinancing them. You might be wondering how I did this. Well, I know recreational land. Some of my best long-term holds have contained fantastic timber yields and potential subdivisions. Not very sophisticated, perhaps, but if you know your investments you can see the potential beyond a simple land buy-and-hold strategy. I have many times created an effective cash flow, similar to the rents that a commercial real estate property investor may receive - but I don't have to worry about fixing the plumbing and collecting rent.

So now you know the three key questions I consider before investing, but I've saved the most important until the end to prove a point.



The most important strategy you need to understand are these three simple, repetitive wordsresearch, research, research. Do your homework. Get to know one thing better than

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anyone else in the world by doing your research. You will undoubtedly reach a point where there are multiple excellent offers to consider - but you don't have the cash flow to acquire them all. You going to determine the best option based on your answers to the earlier three questions and your commitment to research. If you've done your research, the answer becomes very clear. I still do my research - but years of dedication to this process has enabled me to come to a decision a lot quicker.∎

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Oil pipeline bottleneck blasted



Canada needs to get pipelines built if it wants to transport an additional 1.6 million barrels per day (bpd) of western Canadian production growth by 2035 to new emerging markets, the **Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers** (CAPP) announced in its 2018 *Crude Oil Forecast, Markets and Transportation* report, released on June 12.

"It is difficult for Canadian producers to ensure fair market value for our natural resources without major pipelines or access to new, emerging markets in regions such as China, India and Southeast Asia," said CAPP president and CEO **Tim McMillan**.

Total Canadian oil production is expected to increase to 5.6 million barrels per day by 2035 – an increase of 1.4 million bpd compared to production in 2017. Bolstering the growth will be a rise in oilsands production to 4.2 million bpd from 2.65 million bpd – despite a decrease in oil sands' capital spending for the fourth consecutive year.

"Canadian production is forecast to rise to 5.6 million bpd and yet we do not have the means of getting it to new, global markets," McMillan said.

Canadian oil producers will continue to face pipeline constraints as federallyapproved projects such as **Kinder Morgan**'s Trans Mountain expansion pipeline, **Enbridge**'s Line 3 and **TransCanada**'s Keystone XL have yet to begin construction.

Pot may lift retail



Calgary's long-suffering retail sector may get a lift this year from the cannabis industry, according to **Barclay Street Real Estate.**

The city's downtown retail vacancy rate is down to 10 per cent, but it could fall to single-digits if the push for marijuana retail outlets materializes into bricks and mortar, the real estate agency said.

The greatest density of retail cannabis store applications is in the downtown and Beltline, where 40 of the 245 applications submitted across the city by mid-June are targeted, according to Barclay Street.

Some of these stores may never open, however, because of restrictions on proximity to other outlets and other factors as Canada moves toward the legalization of recreational marijuana this October.

"We anticipate a marked increase in retail subleases from prospective cannabis vendors whose retail applications have been declined," Barclay noted.

Developers recruited

The Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC) is calling on developers, retailers and the general public to take a closer look at its Rivers District vision for the East Victoria Park area of the city.

East Victoria Park is a part of downtown Calgary – including Stampede Park and the BMO Centre – that has long stood as the city's entertainment centre. CMLC imagines East Victoria Park as a vibrant, high-density community with more than four million square feet of mixed-use real estate and thousands of residents.

"There is the opportunity to infuse new energy and new life into the district while attracting developers that respect the community's history and envisioned future," according to CMLC.

CMLC's 20-year vision for the Rivers District master plan is to create a vibrant cultural and entertainment district featuring offices, retail and homes for more than 8,000 new residents.■

Residential investment slows in Edmonton as land sales slide



Encore Tower by Westrich Pacific Corp. completes in 2020 in Edmonton.

f housing is a harbinger of a city's economy, Edmonton could be in trouble.

Residential land sales in the Alberta capital dropped 57 per cent last year from 2016 and "are tracking close" to 2017 levels so far in 2018.

Sales of multi-family rental building buildings through the first three months of this year, meanwhile, have plunged 74 per cent from the record high set in the first quarter of 2017, according to the Edmonton *Flash Report* from **Altus Group**.

The land and apartment building sales reflect the current malaise in the Edmonton residential sector.

The average price of homes in the Edmonton region was virtually unchanged in May compared to May 2017, but sales dropped slightly, new figures show.

The Edmonton region saw 1,776 properties sold through the Multiple Listing Service in May, down 3.6 per cent from one year earlier, reports the **Realtors Association of Edmonton.**

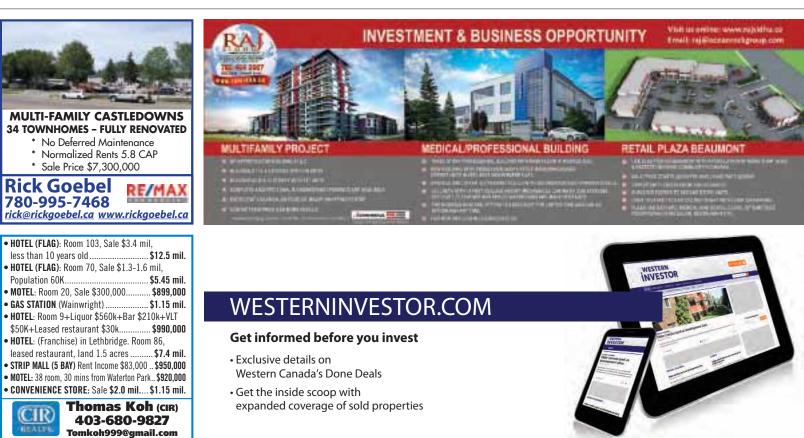
The average sales price for all residential properties was \$377,139, down 0.5 per cent from May 2017. This includes single-family hous-

es, at \$442,348, up 0.4 per cent in the past year; condominiums, down 3.9 per cent in the past year to \$241,571; and townhouses, where prices were virtually unchanged from May 2017, at \$346,800.

Edmonton's rental apartment vacancy rate, pegged at 7 per cent in October of last year by **Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp.** (CMHC), is forecast to drop to 6.2 per cent this year

"Due to high vacancy rates, landlords were forced to offer discounts and incentives to fill their units. This trend will start to end this year. Things might be a little unsteady until 2019, but they will improve," said a report from **Braden Equities**, a large Edmonton property management firm, which is forecasting lower vacancy rates.

The slumping demand for residential land mirrors a downturn in new housing starts. In the first quarter, total Edmonton region housing starts were down nearly 20 per cent from a year earlier, at 1,739 units, according to CMHC.



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Retailers bullish in Saskatchewan



If anything is going to drive Saskatchewan's real estate market out of the doldrums, it's the retail sector.

According to **Colliers Inter**national's just-released Saskatchewan Investor Sentiment, a survey of more than 200 local landlords and investors, the combination of low vacancy and the most stable asking net rents has 60 per cent of players choosing it as their top investment opportunity for 2018.

The study also found 71 per cent of investors were "somewhat" confident in the market, up from 57 per cent a year ago, and those who are "highly" confident is at 10 per cent, the same as 2017.

"Confidence weights heavily on the decision to invest. Retail is the strongest-performing sector in our market," said **Tom McClocklin**, president and managing director of Colliers Saskatchewan.

So, confidence is up but what would send it to the moon? McClocklin said declining vacancy rates in both office and industrial would go a long way. "We're seeing limited new

supply coming on in industrial so we will see a decline in vacancy rates. They have to come down, assuming absorption continues at some level. That's a bellwether that the market is strengthening," he said.

Perhaps the report's most important finding is 20 per cent of respondents are prepared to pay more for space this year, up from zero last year.

year. "They realize that other people are confident in the economy and there will be more competition for assets. That's going to cause multiple offers and bids and a firming of the prices," he said.

Buyers circle Hudson's Bay



A group of investors is preparing to make a pitch to breathe new life into one of the most recognizable buildings in Manitoba.

The **Hudson's Bay** flagship Winnipeg location on Portage Avenue has been a growing source of frustration for the retailer because it required less and less of the six storeys for its merchandise yet was unable to find another suitor – any suitor – to take on any of the space.

The 650,000-square-foot building was built in 1926.

The recently sold Hudson's Bay building in downtown Vancouver is being partly converted into **Wework** shared office space.

Hudson's Bay also sold its Lord & Taylor building in New York City for US\$850 million and at least part of that complex will be converted into Wework office space. Wework has also leased space in the Bay's Toronto flagship store. But it appears plans are dif-

ferent in Winnipeg.

Winn Adair, a commercial realtor with Sutton Group Kilkenny in Winnipeg, is quarterbacking a group that has raised more than \$20 million to revitalize the heritage building.

"We want to do more than buy the building. We want to turn it into a community. We want to get more shops in there and also mix in some residential. We'd like to put a restaurant back in as well as the grocery store in the basement," she said.

One possibility is building a tower on top of the existing structure, which could house up to 30 condominiums.

Adair wasn't in a position to reveal the names of the investors but said they're a mix of local, national and international buyers.

"As Winnipeg approaches one million people in population, now is the perfect time to invest in downtown. [Prices] will jump up per square foot once we reach that mark. I want my guys to be in on the ground floor," she said.

Adair said she would be presenting Hudson's Bay with their offer shortly.

Winnipeg puts Pantages Theatre up for sale – with stipulations



Winnipeg's 114-year old Pantages Theatre is on the block. | SUBMITTED

ne of Canada's iconic theatres is up for sale.

Winnipeg's Pantages Playhouse Theatre, a 1,475-seat venue built in 1914 and which once hosted **Laurel and Hardy, Harry Houdini** and **Buster Keaton**, has been put on the block by the **City of Winnipeg**.

"As a municipality, we don't want to be in the theatre business. We're not the best stewards of this," said **John Kiernan**, director of planning, property and development at the city.

The **Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra** has been running the Pantages on an interim basis for the last eight years.

Located on the edge of downtown, it is one of the few surviving Pantages theatres, which once numbered 75 across North America.

The city is accepting requests for proposal to buy the theatre until the end of August. The successful bidder won't have the option of tearing it down, as the building has heritage status. Just how much needs to be done is a matter of opinion – every project like this is a multi-million-dollar fix – but the seats are tattered, the roof needs to be repaired and the building

envelope requires a serious upgrade. "It absolutely needs refreshing and

it needs a reinvestment – a greater rather than a smaller one," he said. There is precedence for a private

company taking over a historic venue in the city.

True North Sports & Entertainment, the owners of the NHL's Winnipeg Jets, bought the 111-year-old, 1,650seat Burton Cummings Theatre a couple of years ago and now books a variety of musical and comedy acts there.

The city has a number of factors that will be used in evaluating each bid, including experience on other similar projects.

"We don't want somebody holding it on spec," Kiernan said.■ - Geoff Kirbyson





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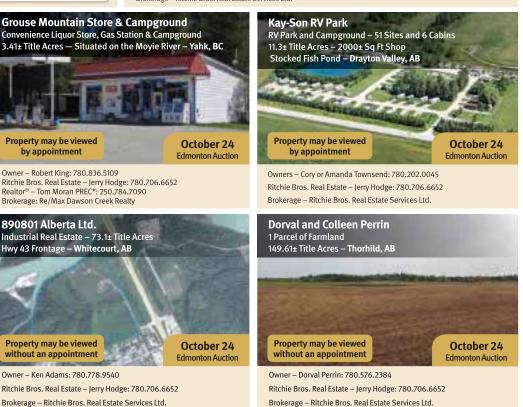
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