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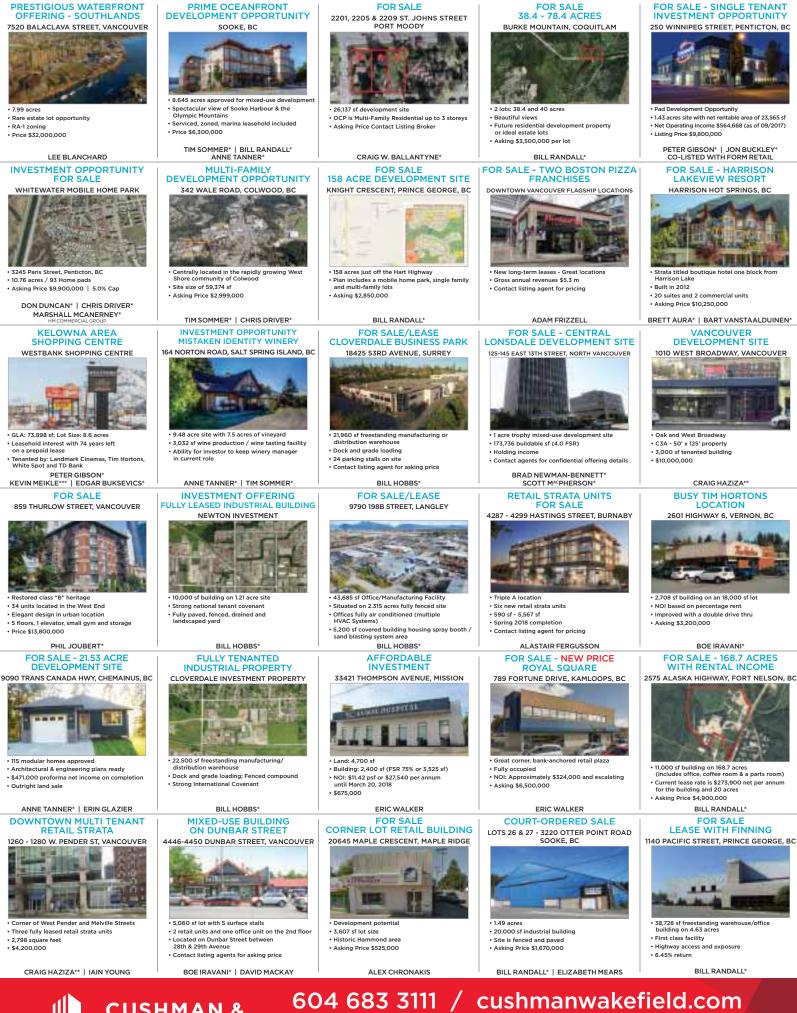
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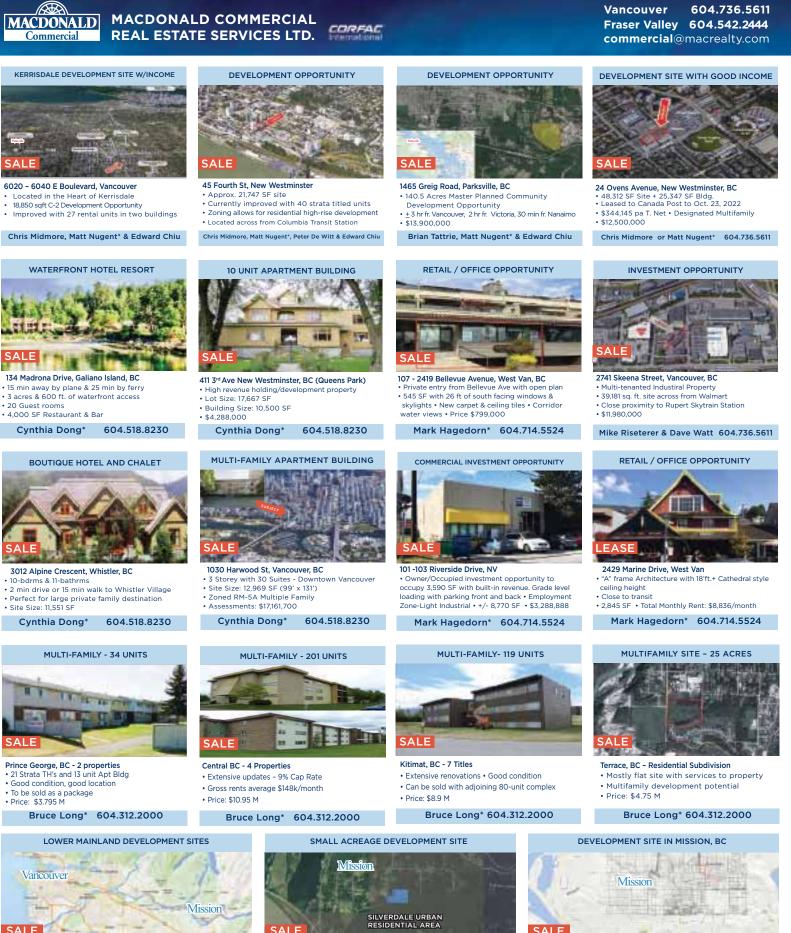
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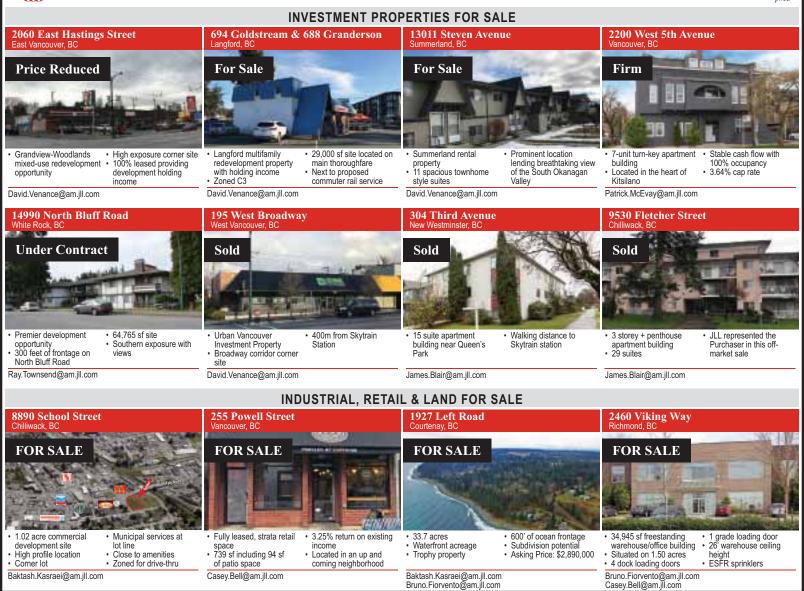
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# Time to push pause button on green housing ideology

**COMMENT** | During an affordable housing crisis, government should step back from costly policies that delay construction and drive up costs but will have zero effect on global emissions

t is time for governments to push the pause button on runaway green building regulations that are driving up the cost of construction and energy but will have zero effect on global greenhouse gas emissions.

Nowhere is the pause button needed more than in Vancouver, which this month mandated a zero-emission zoning bylaw that will foist much higher prices onto what is already the most expensive housing in Canada.

Two years ago, Vancouver brought in a green building code that made new city homes the most energy-efficient in the country.

We get it. Green is good. But the pendulum has now swung into the realm of fantasy.

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Ideologically, the bylaw is



meant to reduce Vancouver's global greenhouse gas emissions to zero to mitigate climate change. Yet Canada produces only 1.6 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions. B.C. is responsible for 0.18 per cent and Vancouver's guilty for less than half of that.

Tiny Vancouver, therefore, already has a near-zero effect on global emissions.

The new bylaw will also outlaw the use of natural gas and allow only renewable natural gas to be used in new homes and other buildings. But B.C. is a world-class producer of natural gas, which can heat homes for one-third the cost of "green" electricity. Renewable natural gas makes up less than onequarter of 1 per cent of natural gas in the province, with little hope for expansion.

The bylaw also adopts the German-inspired Passive House regulations for all new homes. Among other additional costs, this will require expensive triple-pane windows and will mandate that concrete balconies have a thermal break to reduce heat transmission.

It will also require some form of continuous mechanical ventilation and, for houses, walls so thick it will reduce living space and stretch setbacks on lots.

The latest green construction is already heavily mandated on public buildings, which partly explains why it costs more for

Vancouver taxpavers to build a bus garage - up to \$350 per square foot, according to appraisal studies - than it does for the private sector to build a four-star hotel.

The City of Vancouver, and all the B.C. election platforms, say more social housing is needed in the city now, but the new zoning bylaw will delay construction, require unproven technology and make all the homes more expensive to build and heat.

We are saying enough is enough for now. Our new buildings and homes are already among the greenest in the world. Until we get housing affordability under control, let's push the pause button on the costly green ideology.∎

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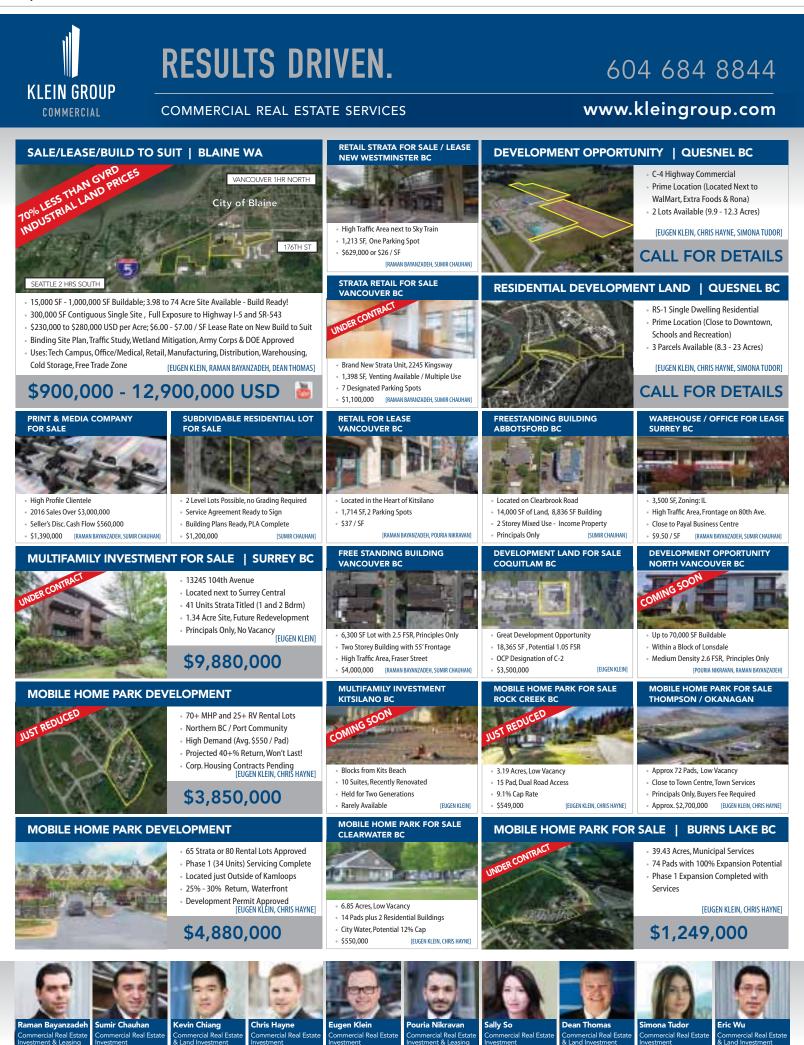
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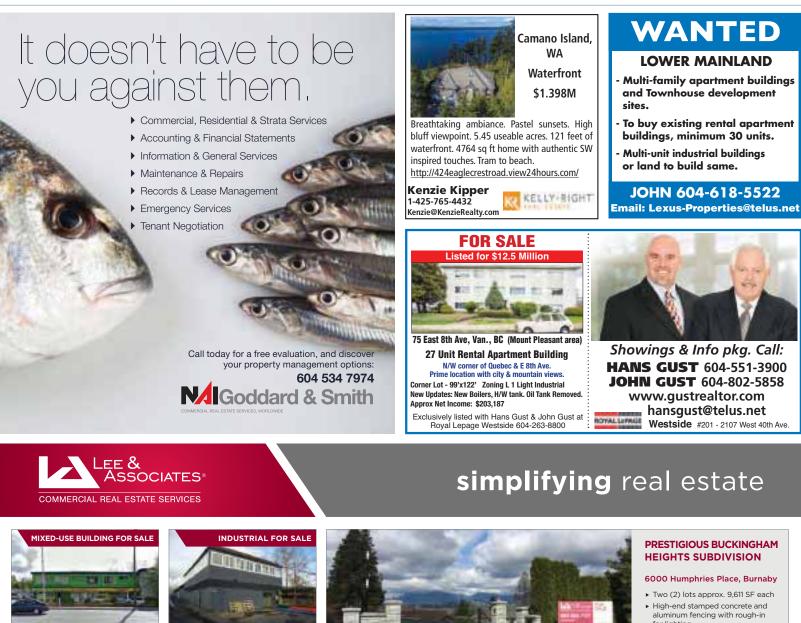


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# Build, baby, build

**COVER** | Real estate development leaders say streamlined supply the answer to Vancouver's housing "crisis"

#### **By FRANK O'BRIEN** fobrien@biv.com

uild more housing faster. That was the chorus from Da trio of speakers at the recent RED (Real Estate Development)Talks in Vancouver which addressed solutions to Vancouver's high housing prices.

San Francisco pro-development advocate Sonja Trauss said it doesn't matter what kind of housing is built as long as there is more of it, and soon.

Trauss, who founded the upstart, 500-member San Francisco Bay Area Renters' Federation two years ago, said that, like in her high-priced city, Vancouver's mandatory public hearing process used to decide density "is broken."

"The people who live near a proposed new development are the last people who should be asked if they want higher density," Trauss told the March 30 meeting. "You are guaranteed to get a 'no.'"

Instead, Trauss, a renter, former math teacher and selfstyled anarchist, tries to pack such meetings with those who will benefit from more housing: young people from other neighbourhoods who will actually buy or rent the new homes. Her group has even sued San Francisco suburban communities that have failed to approve the housing they said they would.

Trauss said more supply is also the answer for Vancouver, whether it is luxury homes, highrise rentals or low-income housing.

"You have to support building, even when it's a type of building you hate," she said. "You really need everything right now.'

A recent international survey by RentCafé found that San Francisco has the secondhighest housing prices and the second most expensive rent in the U.S., at US\$3,360 for a one-bedroom. The city also has the country's second-highest homelessness rate with 795 homeless per 100,000 residents.

As a comparison, RentCafé, a subsidiary of Point2Homes, ranked Vancouver at No. 24 out of 30 global cities for rent levels, with average rents of US\$1,400.

Vancouver has 2,100 homeless people, according to the just-released 2017 survey, representing about 30 homeless people per 100,000 residents.

Vancouver's obsession with a "housing crisis" may be actually overblown, said RED speaker Steven Levitt, author

San Francisco pro-housing advocate Sonja Trauss urges those who need housing to pack public hearings on higher density projects and make their voices heard. | JOHNATHAN EVANS

and partner in Freakonomics.

"High housing prices because it is a beautiful city that lots of people want to move to is a pretty good problem to have," said Levitt, who hails from Chicago. "In my city, the crisis is the highest murder rate in the United States."

Increasing the inventory, which should start by reducing the regulatory costs of building new homes, would likely be a simple fix for Vancouver's housing problem, Levitt suggested.

Paul Kershaw, a University of British Columbia professor and founder of Vancouver's Generation Squeeze, a lobby group for millennials and gen-Xers seeking affordable housing, said some progress has been made. Kershw cited the B.C. foreignbuyer tax, Vancouver's recent empty-home tax and the city's proposal to allow older houses to be converted to multi-unit rentals as steps in the right direction. -

#### Empty-home tax may prove ineffective

Vancouver's new empty-home tax will likely do little to increase the supply of rentals in a city with a near zero per cent vacancy, according to housing analysts and tenant advocates.

"If a residential property is not a principal residence and does not qualify for an exemption, it must be occupied by a tenant for at least six months of the year – in periods of 30 or more consecutive days – or be subject to a 1 per cent tax on its assessed value," according to a March 7 statement from the City of Vancouver. Owners have until July 1 to report on the property's status.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson estimates there are 10,800 homes sitting empty in the city "and likely thousands more under-occupied."

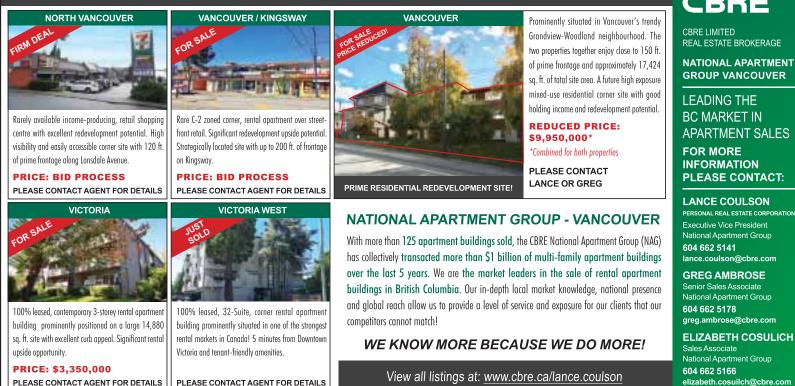
Based on Vancouver's current assessed values, the 1 per cent tax would average about \$16,000 for a vacant detached house and \$6.000 for a vacant condominium.

"I like the principle of it but I think owners will find a way around it," said Brendan Dawe, a spokesman for Abundant Housing Vancouver, a year-old tenant advocacy group. Dawe believes the tax will be expensive to administer and difficult to enforce.

Michael Geller, a Vancouver architect and developer who consults on housing issues, echoed that comment.

"I suspect the empty-home tax will result in some properties rented out, and others sold to owner-occupiers, or investors who will rent them out," Geller said. "But ultimately, it will be administratively expensive and not make rental housing more affordable."

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# Low dollar, high returns driving hotel and motel sales surge

FEATURE | Western Canada's hotel market has been revving steadily, fuelled by British Columbia and foreign buyers, industry analysts say

#### By TANYA COMMISSO

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Investors are taking advantage of hotels up for sale in prime locations across Western Canada, but buyers in smaller regions with limited supply are also benefiting from what is being considered a 'hot' investment market.

The hotel market has been revving up steadily since 2011, according to a new report by **Colliers International**.

Colliers attributes the sector's high sales activity and rising value to Canada's falling dollar, which has spurred an increase in both foreign and local investment in Canada and away from the United States. Foreign buyers contributed 67 per cent of all hotel transaction value in Canada in 2016.

**Carrie Russell**, managing director of global hotel valuation firm **HVS International** in North Vancouver, agrees the low Canadian dollar has played a part in bolstering transactions, but it's only one part of a buyer-friendly situation that's made investing in hotels particularly favourable recently, to the tune of \$4.1 billion in transactions nationally.

"It is a combination of many factors that include strong performance in many markets across Canada for the past few years: the stability and desirability of holding real estate in Canada, the recycling of capital as owners make money on one deal and put money back into another one, and the favourable debt market with a number of lenders interested in financing hotels at low interest rates," she noted.

Russell says revenue per available room (RevPAR) has increased 2.5 per cent nationally in the first few months of 2017, led by major sales in Vancouver and Toronto.

"[Hotel operations have] high fixed costs, so when conditions are strong and average nightly rates can be increased, the profitability can grow faster than more traditional forms of real estate," Russell said.

The \$145 million Rosewood Hotel Georgia sale in downtown Vancouver made headlines in March as one of the priciest perroom hotel transactions in Canada. With 156 rooms and suites, the hotel sold for approximately \$930,000 per door to a Hong Kong-based investor.

This year also marked the opening of the first luxury hotel in Vancouver in years: the \$360 million Trump International Hotel &Tower, the secondtallest building in the city.

While there are fewer big deals or listings available in Calgary and Edmonton, Russell suspects there are off-market deals in the works. Candlewood Suites Calgary Airport and Hampton Inn and Courtyard by Marriott in West Edmonton were recently listed, as demand for hotels near amenities and international airports become increasingly



The \$360 million Trump International Hotel & Tower opened this year in Vancouver, considered one of the best hotel markets in the country.



Slumber Lodge motel in Penticton is on the market for \$4.5 million, among a number of Okanagan motels for sale. ISUBMITTED

#### popular, Colliers stated.

Smaller hotels – typically within a single-digit to double-digit room range – are often purchased by buyers looking to operate the properties themselves. Private investors or real estate investment trusts typically scoop up



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#### **Outlier markets**

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in B.C. traditionally see healthy transaction activity, but according to **Tim Down** from **NAI Commercial Okanagan**, the region's hotel market has been an area of interest for local developers, pension funds and hotel franchisors in recent years.

Argus Properties, a Kelowna developer, purchased Manteo Resort on Lakeshore Drive last year for an undisclosed amount. In 2015, the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort and Conference Centre was sold by BC Investment Management Corp. to Marriott International Inc. for \$168 million.

"Hotel prices will continue to strengthen given the current economic conditions in the Okanagan coupled with the lack of quality, well-located properties available for sale," Down said.

Currently, **NAI Okanagan** has the 68-unit Spanish Villa Resort in Penticton on the market for \$5.9 million. Penticton's 46-unit Slumber Lodge is listed at \$4.5 million by Colliers. The 54-unit Super 8 motel in Penticton was listed for \$3.9 million by **Syber Realty**, but it has just sold.

Okanagan beachfront properties provide high revenue during holiday seasons, but operators are also seeing increased income streams from off-seasons due to a low residential vacancy rate throughout the Okanagan, Down said. The Okanagan's rental vacancy rate sat at 0.6 per cent last fall, even lower than Vancouver's 2016 vacancy rate of 0.7 per cent.

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# NDP prepares shock treatment for foreign homebuyers

FEATURE | Proposed property tax would cover all B.C. homes owned by those not paying Canadian income tax, including homes bought years ago – but first-time buyer incentive would likely survive the election

#### By FRANK O'BRIEN fobrien@biv.com

f you think the BC Liberals got tough on foreign buyers last year, get ready for an even rougher ride for foreign nationals buying B.C. homes if the BC NDP win the May 9 provincial election.

The NDP, leading in the election polls as of press time, says it would add a new property tax and go after the sale of pre-sale contracts on new condominiums. On August 2, the Liberals slapped a 15 per cent foreign-buyer tax on resale home purchases in Metro Vancouver, a move largely blamed for a subsequent collapse of detached-house sales, which immediately plunged as much as 70 per cent in higher-priced municipalities. Metro Vancouver detached sales remain 47 per cent below the pace of a year earlier.

The **Canadian Real Estate As**sociation now forecasts that B.C. housing sales will plunge 17.5 per cent in 2017, the worst year-overyear decline in Canada.

In March, the province moved to water down the foreign-buyer tax, lifting it on international citizens who hold a B.C. work permit and pay taxes in the province. Premier **Christy Clark** also sug gested there may be compensation for such people who had paid the tax on a home purchase.

But the original tax was not broad enough, said **David Eby**, the NDP housing critic and MLAfor



David Eby: BC NDP MLA and opposition housing critic says an NDP government would toughen restrictions on foreign homebuyers and speculators. ISUBMITTED

Vancouver-Point Grey.

"The problem with the foreignbuyer tax, unfortunately, is it doesn't affect anyone who got into the market before the tax was introduced," Eby said in an interview with Western Investor.

Eby explained that, under the NDP's proposed Housing Affordability Fund and Speculator Fee Act, a foreign national who did not pay taxes in B.C. on his or her income would be subject to a provincial property tax on all B.C. homes he or she owns. Eby said that an NDP government would apply a 2 per cent tax on the asseesed value of all such property

sessed value of all such property. The NDP would also close what Eby termed two "loopholes" in the current foreign-buyer regulations: the use of corporate vehicles to disguise home ownership, and the sale of presale condo assignments.

Eby said the NDP would require

that the actual owners of the property be disclosed and "whenever the beneficial benefit is transferred, the property transfer tax would have to be paid."

The NDP would also move to police and tax transactions of sales contracts for pre-sale condos. These are known as assignment sales.

Currently, there is no provincial property transfer tax on pre-sale contracts until the home is finished and a title transfer completed.

Eby said the NDP would require registration of all pre-sale contracts on new homes, and the foreign-buyer tax would be triggered by the sale of such registrations, not just on transfer of title.

Metro Vancouver real estate agents say such extra regulations and restrictions would increase uncertainty. "We don't need any more shocks in this market," said Vancouver **Royal LePage** agent **Adil Dinani**, who has worked in the Metro Vancouver area for 13 years.

#### First-time buyer aid

Regardless of who wins the election, it appears a provincial program to help first-time homebuyers will be safe, though even some real estate agents are critical of it.

"It is a silly program. It was brought in at exactly the wrong time. It stokes housing demand when there is a supply shortage," said **Phil Soper**, Kelowna-based president of **Royal LePage Canada**. In strong markets like Metro Vancouver and Kelowna, he said "it is throwing gasoline on the fire of the housing market."

Soper concedes that his agents are mostly delighted with a

program that hands interest-free, five-year loans to mostly young people to help them buy the most expensive homes in the country.

From the time the B.C. Home Owner Mortgage and Equity Partnership program was announced January 16 to mid-March, 998 applications were received, according to the **Ministry Responsible for Housing**.

Almost exactly half of the applications came from the Lower Mainland, but first-time buyers have signed up from virtually every region in the province.

The popularity of the first-time buyer program means it could survive the election, regardless of who wins.

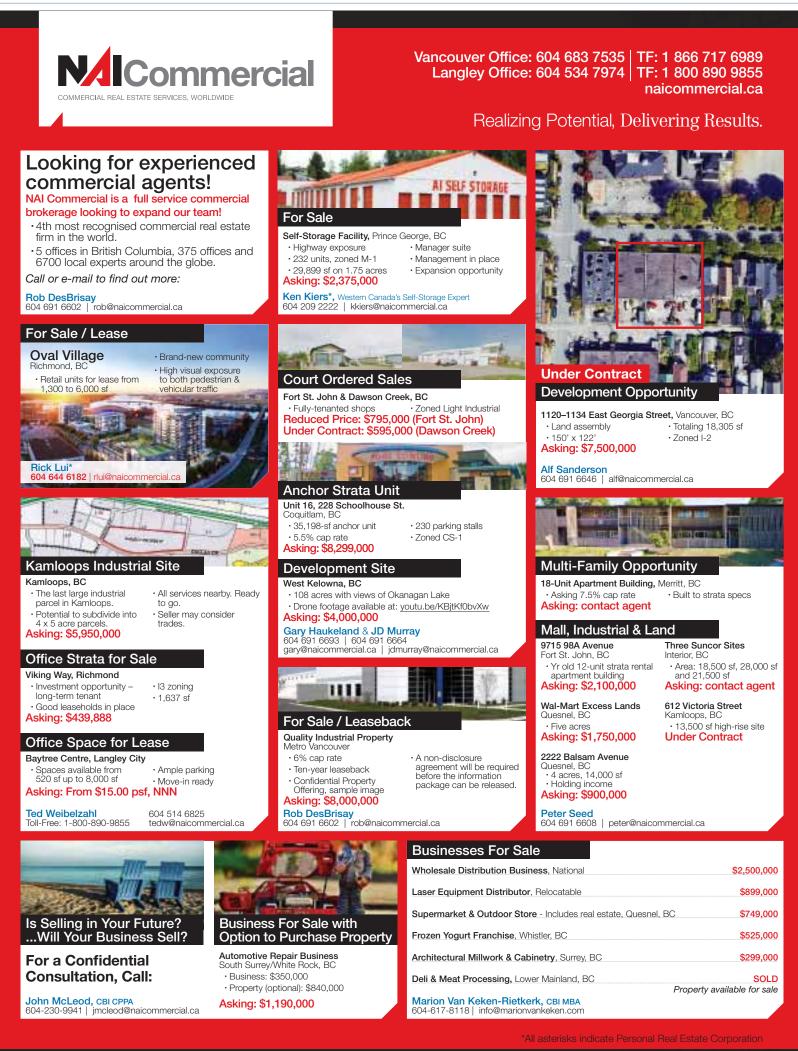
"Our challenge with the program is that a whole lot of people have applied for it. We would have to figure out what it is doing and if it is really helping people and work from there," Eby said.

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# Landlords brace for legalized marijuana grow-ops

FEATURE | New tenancy agreements said needed to weed out insurance hazards – but pot producers are scaling up for what they see as heady times as feds move to make recreational use legal across Canada

#### By KATIE DEROSA, TIMES COLONIST wieditor@biv.com

s Canada edges closer to legalizing marijuana, landlords in B.C. are considering rental agreements with restrictions on growing and smoking in the home to weed out potential fire hazards, odours and liability issues.

The federal task force on marijuana legalization recommended that Canadians should be able to grow up to four plants at home, and be allowed to possess 30 grams of marijuana for personal use. The federal government announced legislation to legalize marijuana on April 20 with an aim for recreational pot to be legal by July of 2018.

**David Hutniak**, CEO of **Landlord BC**, said it's one thing for medical marijuana patients to grow their own cannabis, "but if it's legalized for everybody — and what the task force that reported to the federal government appears to be suggesting is that everybody can have their own little grow-op — that's a different game. And that's the one we're more concerned about."

The association's tenancy agreements will eventually have specific language regarding marijuana use, Hutniak said, which could have restrictions similar to those for smoking tobacco or having pets.

A tenant with a licence to grow medical cannabis could still face



eviction if the activity affects the landlord's ability to insure the property, if they undertake major modifications to the rental unit or their conduct infringes on other tenants, he said.

Any grow operation larger than a few plants on a windowsill could affect insurance coverage, according to the **Insurance Bureau of Canada**. "Insurers are beginning to look at how changes in laws might affect the coverage they offer. ... The operation of a growop is a high-risk activity," said the bureau's spokesman **Andrew McGrath**. "In the past, property insurance has not typically been designed to cover the potential damage a grow-op can cause to a house or condo."

Growing marijuana can involve moisture and high humidity that causes structural damage, and modifications to electrical wiring can pose a fire hazard, McGrath said.

The Canadian Federation of Apartment Associations has written to Health Canada, the Department of Public Safety and the Attorney General of Canada to express its opposition to marijuana growing in rental units.

Sandy Wagner, president of the Vancouver Island Strata Owners Association, said once marijuana is legalized, growing a small number of cannabis plants shouldn't violate any strata bylaws.

However, she said some strata bylaws that have a ban on smoking could extend to cannabis.

The Civil Resolution Tribunal, which resolves strata disputes, recently ruled that if a strata has a no-smoking bylaw, anyone who smokes medical marijuana must do so off the strata property or consume it in an alternative form.



David Hutniak, CEO of LandlordBC: a tenant with a licence to grow medical cannabis could face eviction if the activity affects the landlord's ability to insure the property. |SUBMITTED.

Lawyer **Kirk Tousaw**, who fought the issue of possessing cannabis oils all the way to the **Supreme Court**, said restrictions on smoking or growing small amounts of cannabis in the home could interfere with people's ability to consume medicine.

"If you're a medical consumer, I think there's a human rights issue if landlords are trying to prevent you from consuming in a rental unit," Tousaw said.

The "hysteria" about people growing in their homes has been overblown, he said.

New technology has led to discreet growing cabinets that merely have to be plugged in like a refrigerator. "At the end of the day, we shouldn't be interfering with people's access to medicine," he said.

#### Opportunity

For B.C.'s 10 licensed marijuana producers, and the dozens more waiting for accreditation, legalization is a major opportunity.

The head of a licensed producer of medical marijuana based in Kelowna said his company will expand its workforce to more than 100 from its current 14 if it gets approval to operate in a future recreational cannabis system.

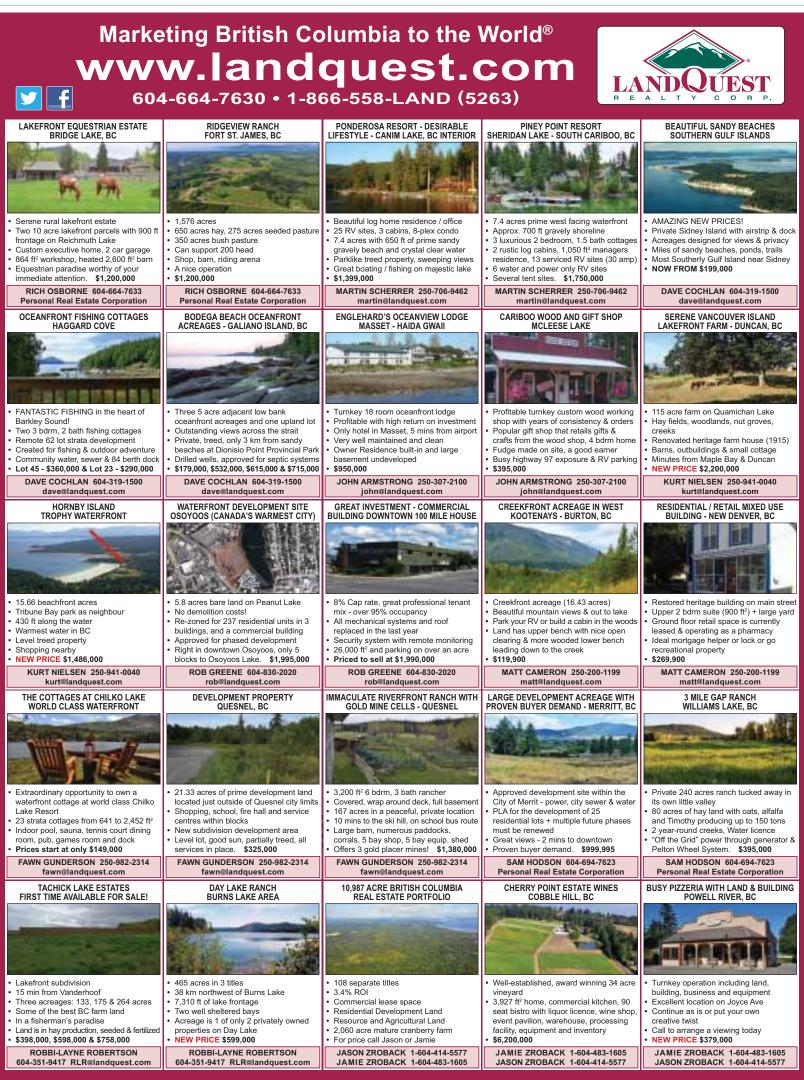
"We're definitely looking to supply the recreational market," said John Miller, CEO of THC BioMed, "and we know that we're going to have to scale up to do it."

Miller also wants dispensaries, which currently source their marijuana either illegally or from patients, to come into one supply chain where licensed producers grow and distribute cannabis. - With files from Business in

Vancouver



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# Eleven things to know before you sign a commercial lease

In commercial real estate leasing, tenants don't get what they deserve – they get what they negotiate.

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**Create competition for your tenancy.** Negotiate on multiple locations simultaneously – with both new locations and lease renewals. By doing so, you create options to play one landlord against another. Share with each landlord that you are receiving proposals on other sites. Remember, the tenant is the customer and the landlord is the seller.

Start the planning and site selection process early. Start at least nine months ahead for new location lease agreements and 12 months ahead for existing locations and lease renewals. You'll need ample time for completing paperwork, searching for alternate sites (if necessary) and accounting for Murphy's Law. If you can't secure a good deal within the first few months, you can still exercise your option to renew or start the relocation process.

Negotiate to win. Remember, the landlord and his agents are playing to win and so should you. You want to get as many landlord inducements as possible – free rent, a tenant allowance, no deposit, a low rental rate, a great location and so on. Ask for more than you expect to get Negotiate for more than

**to get.** Negotiate for more than you expect to get. Ask for eight



By JEFF GRANDFIELD AND DALE WILLERTON

months of free rent if you want five. This allows for wiggle room during negotiations.

Talk to other tenants. Tenants who have recently moved into – or out of – the building can be your best source of information. Introduce yourself and ask them about the landlord, the property management and the rent. For lease renewals, talk with other tenants in the building who have recently renewed to find out how much they are paying now and how smoothly the negotiations proceeded.

Ask questions about the property and the landlord. Commercial tenants shouldn't rely on what the property manager, leasing representative or broker voluntarily tells them about a specific property or leasing opportunity. The Lease Coach typically poses questions such as these: How long has this landlord owned this property? Is the property for sale? How many other properties does the landlord own? Is there local, on-site management? What is the vacancy rate?

Keep your success quiet. One reason why your landlord will raise your rent for the lease renewal period is due to your success. If you have been profiting in a particular location, you likely will not want to move if you can afford the rental increase. Some landlords will take advantage of commercial tenants knowing how expensive it can be to move and set up a new location.

**Don't accept the first offer.** Once your landlord has made the first offer regarding your lease renewal, the real negotiations begin. With patience and good communication, you can improve almost any first offer, which may be a smokescreen anyway.

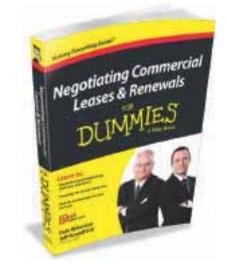
Negotiate for lease renewal incentives. Commercial tenants neglect, or can fear, negotiating for lease renewal incentives. If your lease is expiring, ask yourself what inducements the landlord would give to a new tenant just coming into the property. If these were there for the offering to a new tenant, then why wouldn't an established tenant – with a proven track record – get the same (or better) consideration?

**Don't misunderstand the role of the broker/agent:** When doing site selection, you should phone the number on the "For Lease" sign on the building. Be aware that if multiple agents are involved, there may be commission-splitting. This may diminish your chance of getting a location if the listing agent finds his own tenant to lease the space.

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# **B.C.** | WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### **One agent for** each Victoria listing



The number of listings in Greater Victoria's hot property market has dropped to the point where there is almost one real estate agent for every listing.

At the end of March, there were 1,556 active listings and 1,353 licensed agents, according to the Victoria Real Estate Board. Victoria is in the midst of a seller's market where prices are climbing and listings numbers are shrinking. There are plenty of buyers, but not enough homes for sale.

A decade ago, there were 3,079 listings in March, nearly double what we see today. Real estate agent numbers fluctuate but were close to today's figure, at 1,310 in 2007.

Other numbers have changed.

In March, the benchmark price for a single-family house in the core was \$790,100.

A decade ago, it was \$542.504.

There were 929 properties sold through the Victoria Real Estate Board last month, a drop of 17.1 per cent from 1,121 sales in the same month last year.

The low number of listings

"implies that there are a lot of realtors who do not have a listing on the go at this time," said real estate board president Ara Balabanian.

Greater Victoria's general real estate cycle sees the market stay fairly level for five to seven years, followed by an abrupt increase in price, and then it levels off again, Balabanian said.

#### **Developer eyes** Fort St. John

A local developer is eyeing a massive new 600-acre development along Fort St. John's West Bypass that could one day see up to 6,000 new homes and 15,000 residents.

The XJ Evergreen Estates Corp. is looking to build the master-planned neighbourhood. It has begun the process of applying for an amendment to the city's official community plan to define the land uses within the property.

The development, dubbed Parkwood Properties, encompasses five parcels of land totalling 608 acres, brought into city boundaries in 2014.

Dan Wuthrich, a co-owner of the company, says two of the land parcels have been in and out of his family for several years.

"As the city develops, we thought we had an opportunity to build a legacy project with the largest green space in Fort St. John," Wuthrich said at a recent open house for the development.

Wuthrich and his partners

have enlisted Jim Radford as their development manager to help guide the development through its early stages.

"This is two-thirds of the size of Fort St. John," Radford said, of what would be the biggest residential development in the city's history.

Ken Rogers, the city's development director, expects a public hearing on the development to be held in May.

#### Residential outpaces commercial sales

Altus Group reports that investment in Metro Vancouver residential development sites topped \$6 billion in 2016, up 116 per cent from a year earlier and accounting for half of overall real estate investment spending last year.

Industrial, commercial and institutional land sales lagged behind the residential tally, totalling just \$2.2 billion despite impressive growth of 39 per cent. Together, residential and commercial land sales accounted for two-thirds of the \$12.4 billion in investment sales across Metro Vancouver in 2016.

The investment in residential sites underpins Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp.'s forecast of between 21.500 and 23,500 housing starts in Metro Vancouver in 2017. This follows a record 27,914 housing starts in 2016. Data to date is consistent with that forecast.

# **Giant Fraser River bridge breaks** ground despite mayors' protest



Work has started on a 10-lane bridge over the Fraser River south of Vancouver. | SUBMITTED

he B.C. government has broken ground for the \$3.5 billion Massey tunnel replacement project - a giant bridge linking Vancouver with Richmond.

Meanwhile, Metro Vancouver's Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation also unveiled a vague strategy for fixing Lower Mainland traffic problems.

The mayors are opposed to the Massey tunnel replacement project, and launched a "public outreach" campaign called "Cure Congestion.'

Transportation Minister Todd Stone said the Massey tunnel replacement project is a priority, whereas the mayors want to see other projects on the front burner, including a new light rail transit system to Surrey and the Broadway corridor extension to the SkvTrain system in Vancouver.

The groundbreaking was disrupted by protesters, which included Richmond Coun. Carol Day. The City of Richmond is vigorously opposed to the plan to replace the tunnel with a 10-lane toll bridge, fearing even greater congestion.

In fact, the only mayor in the Greater Vancouver area who wholeheartedly supports the tunnel replacement is Delta Mayor Lois Jackson, who said her community has been asking for the tunnel's congestion problem to be fixed for three decades.

The Tsawwassen First Nation also supports the new bridge, as do farmers in Todd May, president of the **Richmond Farmers Institute.** 

The tunnel replacement will take five years to complete. It is expected to be tolled.

Stone gave assurances that the bridge will be seismically sound, and Linda Reid, Liberal MLA for Richmond East, said that when motorists are canvassed, they say they would rather be on a bridge than underground in a tunnel in the event of an earthquake.

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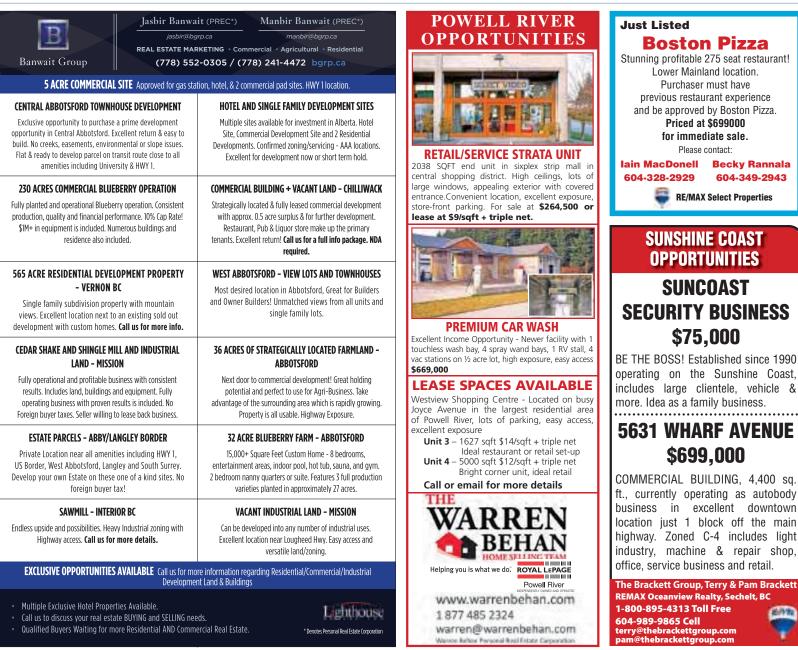
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# DONE DEALS | OUR READERS REPORT ON COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE



The second-to-last gas station in downtown Vancouver has sold and the last one is up for sale. | DAN TOULGOET

# VANCOUVER GAS STATION SELLS FOR \$72M

Development means only one station remains in land-hungry downtown

nthem Properties has bought the secondto-last gas station in Vancouver's downtown peninsula, paying a reported - and stunning – \$72 million for the 16,369-square-foot site on West Georgia Street.

The Anthem team is "enthusiastically looking forward to creating a stunning residential project on this high-profile site," said Anthem CEO Eric Carlson in a news release. The site still requires rezoning.

"It was a real estate decision," said Chevron

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spokesman Adrien Byrne. "It was one of the highest-performing sites in our network in B.C. but, given the vibrant real estate market in Vancouver, we made the decision last year to put the site on the market, and now it is sold."

Wesgroup recently bought the 18.009-squarefoot Chevron station site at 5505 Dunbar Street for \$19.4 million.

The last gas station in downtown Vancouver, an Esso outlet on Burrard Street, is listed for sale by Colliers International.



37-unit rental apartment building, Royal Avenue, New Westminster, sold for \$8.43 million [JLL CANADA



16-unit rental apartment building on College Street, Chilliwack, sold for \$1.65 million. HOMELIFE GLENAYRE REALTY

FROM | Avison Young, Vancouver. Avison Young principal Chris Wieser reports:

DEAL | 54-suite rental apartment building on Hugh Allan Drive in Kamloops. Price: \$9 million.

FROM | Macdonald Commercial Real Estate Services Ltd., Vancouver. Macdonald agents Stuart Wright and Nick Goulet report: DEAL | A 10.863-square-foot warehouse sold in an off-market deal. 15th Street, North Vancouver. Price: \$3.12 million.

FROM | Frontline Real Estate



Eight-unit rental apartment building on Oxford Street, East Vancouver, sold for \$2.36 million. | HQ COMMERCIAL

Services Ltd., Langley. Frontline agents Mike Harrison and Justin Mitchell report the following sale:

DEAL | 1.08 acres of single-family development land, sold for double its assessed value. Sunnyside Heights, South Surrey. Price: \$3.2 million.

FROM | HQ Commercial, Vancouver. HO agent Mark Goodman reports: DEAL | Eight-unit, 51-year-old apartment building on Oxford Street, East Vancouver, sold for \$295,000 per unit. Price: \$2.36 million.



# **DEALS ACROSS WESTERN CANADA**



Six new, fully leased strata townhouses, Westmount Drive, Prince George, sold for \$2.1 million.



54-suite rental apartment building in Kamloops sold for \$9 million. LAVISON YOUNG



54-unit rental apartment building on 158 Street, Edmonton, sold for \$7.63 million. | JLL CANADA



Multi-tenant retail building of 13,420 square feet, in downtown Maple Ridge, sold for \$2.5 million. | WILLIAM WRIGHT COMMERCIAL



13,261-square-foot office and retail building, East Hastings Street, Vancouver, sold for \$8.8 million.



70-unit rental apartment building in Edson, Alberta, sold for \$3.13 million. | CBRE, EDMONTON



1.38-acre industrial property in Tilbury Industrial Park, Delta, sold for \$5.12 million.



17,418-square-foot waterfront development site, with 3.5 FSR zoning at Royal Avenue and Dufferin Street, New Westminster, sold for \$4.88 million. | WILLIAM WRIGHT 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 | JLL Canada**, Vancouver. JLL agent **David Venance** sold the following:

DEAL | 37-unit Edmond's Kourt apartments, near SkyTrain station, priced at \$227,837 per door. Royal Avenue, New West. Price: \$8.43 million.

JLL agent **Samuel Dean** reports: **DEAL** | Woodridge Place apartments, zoned RA7. 54 units, priced at \$141,305 per unit. 158 Street, Edmonton. Price: \$7.63 million.

FROM | Lee & Associates Commercial Real Estate and Amex Realty, Vancouver. Agents Don Mussenden and Jazz Singh co-brokered the following sale:

**DEAL** | 13,261-square-foot Strathcona office and retail building, zoned M1. East Hastings Street, Vancouver. Price: \$8.8 million.

FROM | William Wright Commercial, Vancouver. William Wright agent Marianne DeCotiis sold the following:

DEAL | Six new, fully leased strata townhouses with annual rental income of \$123,000, sold for \$350,000 per unit. Westmount Drive, Prince George. Price: \$2.1 million.

William Wright agent **Cory Wright** reports:

**DEAL** | Multi-tenant retail building of 13,420 square feet, zoned C3. Lougheed Highway, downtown Maple Ridge. Price: \$2.5 million. **DEAL** | New Westminster waterfront development land of 17,418 square feet, at 3.5 FSR, assessed at \$1,856,000. Corner of Royal Avenue and Dufferin Street, New West. Price: \$4.88 million.

FROM | HomeLife Glenayre Realty. HomeLife agent Rick Toor sold the following:

DEAL | 16-unit, 15,136-squarefoot rental building sold for \$103,437 per suite. College Street, Chilliwack. Price: \$1.65 million.

FROM | CBRE Edmonton. CBRE agent Bradley Gingerich reports: DEAL | 70-unit multi-family property, sold for \$44,750 per door. Edson, Alberta. Price: \$3.13 million.

FROM | Colliers International, Vancouver. Colliers agent Craig Kincaid-Smith brokered the following sale:

DEAL | Two-tenant, 1.38-acre industrial property, zoned I-2. Mac-Donald Road, Tilbury Industrial Park, Delta. Price: \$5.12 million.

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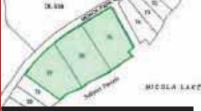
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#### **For Sale**

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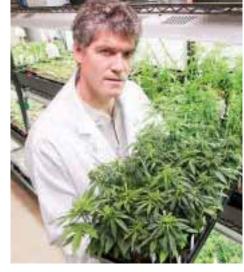
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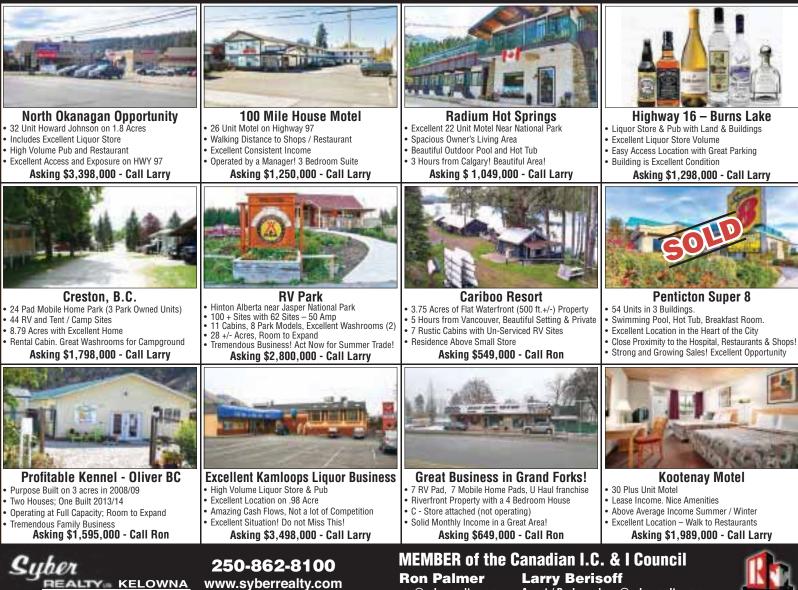
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# THE NUMBERS

otel investment in Canada is soaring, with a weak Canadian dollar drawing in record levels of foreign investment. Transaction volume in 2016 grew 70 per cent over 2015 and posted the highest volume of the sales in the current six-year cycle, according to a recent report by Colliers International. The market finished the year with \$4.1 billion in transactions and is expected to top \$3 billion in 2017.

Foreign capital, mainly from mainland China, comprised 67 per cent of all transactions in 2016 – or \$2.75 billion in sales. The biggest areas of interest for investors continue to be Vancouver and Toronto.

Surrey and Richmond's airport (YVR) area had two of the top fastest-growing RevPAR (revenue per available room) rates in the country, with Surrey growing 16.2 per cent, and YVR room revenue rising 13.1 per cent.

The price per door of Canada hotel sales averaged \$133,600, including both traditional and strategic transactions. The price is 17 per cent above the 2015 value of \$114,000.

The low dollar is also enticing Canadians to avoid investing south of the border, where their money doesn't go as far.

"While not all opportunities are of interest to foreign capital, the traditional tranche of the market is also benefiting from a captive Canadian investor pool that generally has less incentive to move monev into U.S. dollars," Colliers noted.

Hotel rooms have a relatively high capitalization rate as compared to other commercial asset classes. Colliers places the average 2016 cap rate at 7.3 per cent. However, rates are expected to compress as low as 5 per cent into 2017 with increased buyer competition and global interest.

Hotel supply is expected to grow by an average of 1.5 per cent in 2017 – the biggest growth seen in the last six years. The most supply expansion will be seen in smaller centres close to Edmonton and Calgary. By Tanya Commisso

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18.6%	4.6%		
13.3%	2.8%	Regina	\$46 million
15.1%		Saskatoon	\$90 million
- · ·	8.7%	Winnipeg	\$208 million
9%	4.9%		
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Vancouver

Total monthly retail sales Apartment rental vacancy \$6.5 billion 0.7% B.C. Vancouver Calgary Alberta \$6.4 billion 7% Saskatchewan \$1.7 billion Edmonton 7.1% Manitoba \$1.7 billion Regina 5.5% Saskatoon 10.3% Winnipeg 2.8% SOURCE: CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORP. RENTAL MARKET REPORT, OCTOBER 2016

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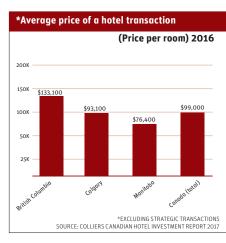
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Calgary Edmonton	\$434,400 \$377,170		
Regina	\$290,600		
Saskatoon	\$297,900		
Winnipeg	\$285,231		
	MPOSITE PRICE, METRO REGION		
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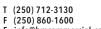




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# Small towns and big players share in marijuana buzz

**COVER** | B.C. towns see investment, job growth with legalization of recreational marijuana – but others see promise in energy and science

#### **By BAILA LAZARUS**

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s the Canadian marijuana industry awaits federal legalization of recreational pot - expected in July 2018 - eyes (and money) are turning to smalltown B.C. for a potential profit explosion.

But big players are also catching the buzz.

Among the producers intending to make their mark is **Sante Veritas Therapeutics**, which is transforming the old **Catalyst Paper Corp**. office building in Powell River into a medical marijuana grow-op.

The company intends to brand itself as an integrated producer and marketer of cannabis products and therapies.

"Powell River was chosen because of our local affiliation and the warm reception by the municipality toward legalized cannabis cultivation," said Sante Veritas CFO **Suzanne Wood**. "The city recognized that we would bring temporary as well

as permanent jobs both during the construction phases as well as for the long term." Sante chose the 30,000-square-

foot Catalyst site because it was "a location that suited the strict requirements of **Health Canada** as far as security, amenities as well as providing the opportunity for future expansion."

As well, two founding members

of the company, **Donovan Edwards** and **Bob Poore**, have lived in the Powell River area for many years.

The building, once part of the largest paper mill in the world, is just entering the permitting phase.

Powell River economic development officer **Scott Randolph** said the city and community have been strongly supportive of the project. They expect an investment of \$6 million to \$7 million in refurbishment, the creation of 50 jobs and spending in the community of \$2 million to \$3 million annually.

"For smaller towns, it's a great direction to move in order to diversify the economy and create jobs," said Randolph.

In Duncan on Vancouver Island, **Broken Coast Cannabis** has been operating since 2014. Growing in a 26,000-square-foot facility, it produces approximately 1,700 kilograms of pot per year, supplying 7,000 patients.

Co-founder and general manager **John Moeller** acknowledges that the company's ability to take advantage of legalization will only be determined by how much product they can grow.

#### Research

Pot's potential has already spawned some serious players, like **Canopy Growth Corp.**, a medical marijuana company



University of British Columbia adjunct professor Jonathan Page: the Anandia Labs founder co-led the first genome sequencing of Cannabis sativa. | CHUNG CHOW



Sante Veritas is transforming the old Catalyst Paper mill offices in Powell River into a marijuana grow operation | BAILA LAZARUS

that, in 2014, went from a penny stock to a \$500 million company almost overnight.

Even serious science institutes are getting in on the game. Last



John Moeller, co-founder and general manager, Broken Coast Cannabis on Vancouver Island: financing may prove difficult. ISUBMITTED

fall, **Genome BC** announced a \$500,000 investment in **Anandia Labs**.

Founded by **University of British Columbia** (UBC) adjunct

professor **Jonathan Page**, who coled the first genome sequencing of Cannabis sativa, Anandia Labs specializes in testing medical marijuana and using genomics for plant breeding.

Because pesticide use is a concern in any product consumed by humans, Anandia also plans to use genomics to develop pestresistant strains.

One sector that expects to benefit from the marijuana industry is clean-tech and energy savings companies. **Legend Power** for example, recently received an order for one of its energy management systems from a licensed marijuana grower.

"It's probably one of the most – if not the most – energy-intensive industries per square foot that there is," said **Erik Wolfe**, senior manager of channel sales for Legend Power.

But Moeller believes growers will continue to face financial pressure as they attempt to expand. Banks will remain leery of the industry, he said.

"Even if it's legalized here, in the States it's still seen as the proceeds of crime so banks aren't lending any money," he said.

Cannabis stock manager Brayden Sutton is more conservative when he thinks about when legalization will actually occur, believing Canada won't see any rollout until 2019. Until then, the markets will remain unsettled, he said.

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#### NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA | B7



# Calgary awakens to a 10-million-square-foot hangover

FEATURE | Small players nibble at bargain-priced office space as exhausted resource giants shove floors of sublease back onto a glutted downtown market

#### **By FRANK O'BRIEN** fobrien@biv.com

t seemed like a good idea three years ago when oil prices were cresting \$110 per barrel and a pipelines appeared ready to link Asia with Alberta crude: build a record amount of office towers to cash in on Calgary's oil-fired bash. Well, the party ended hard and now Alberta's biggest city is suffering, with nearly a quarter of its downtown offices - 10 million square feet – empty and more sublease space being pushed onto the Calgary market every month.

There is also 1.4 million square feet of office space under construction downtown that will complete this summer.

Some point to a slow rise in oil prices and other economic signals to suggest this could be the bottom. After plunging to US\$30.32 per barrel in February 2016, oil prices had recovered to US\$53.40 as of Western Investor press time. Also and this may be a stretch – the annual tarp auction - where sponsors bid to brand the Calgary Stampede famous chuckwagon races, increased to \$2.4 million this year, up from \$2.3 million in 2016.

The ATB Business Index that measures the confidence of Alberta business owners in their own operations, saw the first-quarter 2017 index reach its highest point since the fourth quarter of 2014, also a positive indicator.

But analysts are hedging their bets.

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Telus Sky: only 40 per cent of the space is leased in a tower that completes in 2018. | SUBMITTED

"There are no forecasts that suggest a quick return to the highgrowth environment Calgary has been known for," concluded a sobering first-quarter office market report from Avison Young.

Avison Young pegs the downtown office vacancy rate at 23.9 per cent, with an overall Calgary vacancy rate of 22.5 per cent, both by far the highest of any major Canadian city.

Others say the vacancy rate is even worse when all the sublease space is tallied. Cushman & Wakefield believes total vacancy has already hit 30 per cent.

Avison Young noted there is more than four million square feet of sublease space available. And it appears to be increasing.

In the first three months of 2017, nearly 270,000 square feet of surplus offices were shoved back on the downtown market, including

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three floors given up by Repsol Oil & Gas Inc. at Bankers Hall West.

Anthony Scott, director of research at Barclay Street Real Estate, noted there are glimmers of recovery but at "the smallest end of available options." This refers to startup companies leasing downtown offices of 2,000 square feet or less.

This pales, however, beside both the increase in sublease space and the upcoming new office towers. Add it all up and the downtown vacancy rate this year will be around 26.6 per cent, according to Barclay Street research.

Scott explains that an additional 501,000 square feet will come to the market over the next few months, most of it in Manulife's 707 Fifth building.

A further one million square feet floods into the downtown over the next 18 months, which includes



Brookfield Place's 1.4 millionsquare-foot office tower opens this summer in downtown Calgary. It is nearly 80 per cent pre-leased. SUBMITTED

more than 450,000 square feet of sublease space in the Bow tower, as well as unclaimed space in Brookfield Place and the Telus Sky tower. Brookfield has about 80 per cent of its 1.4 million square feet pre-leased, while Telus Sky is still looking to fill 60 per cent of its 460,000 square feet by the

time it opens late in 2018.

Things are looking a bit better in the Beltline, where 18.1 per cent of the office space is vacant, down marginally from the fourth quarter of last year. However, more than a fifth of the Class A Beltline offices are empty.

Beltline tenants are feeling the love with "generous inducements such as free rent, furnished space and improvement allowances," Scott noted.

Such perks will continue, Barclay forecasts, "until demand begins to erode the large inventory of available space."

Calgary's suburban office sector is divided into bad and worse. Worse is the southern suburbs, where more than a quarter of the office space is vacant, almost three million square feet. As of the first quarter, Avision Young counted 14 buildings that had at least 50,000 square feet empty.

The northern suburbs saw the vacancy rate increase to 19 per cent in the first quarter, from 18.3 per cent a year earlier. In the first three months of this year, office absorption went negative by 322,000 square feet.

#### Calgary's big office glut

Area	Vacancy rate
Downtown	23.9%
Beltline	16.4%
South suburbs	24.3%
North suburbs	19.0%
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## Alberta | WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Tallest tower wins approval



What would be the tallest tower in Alberta – and likely in Canada – has won conditional approval from Edmonton council.

The 80-storey tower is planned for The Quarters, an uptrending Edmonton enclave on the banks of the Saskatchewan River.

The proposal is from **Alldritt Group**, which plans to build the highrise south of Jasper Avenue and west of 96th Street. The plans include public-access parks and retail space.

"The site could give way to a glass tower containing condominiums, a hotel, shops, restaurants and two publicly accessible parks," according to Alldritt. "It would replace a pair of derelict apartment buildings and a vegetated space overlooking the river valley, which would remain accessible via expanded publicly accessible green spaces."

The project is tentatively called The Quarters Hotel and Residences.

Some have opposed the project, saying it's too tall for the top of the bank, shouldn't require river valley land and doesn't follow the agreed-on area redevelopment plan. Those in support say it will revitalize the area.

Mayor Don Iveson said those

who voted for the deal were finally satisfied it would ensure parkland and the city's interests will be protected if the development doesn't go ahead.

The tallest building under construction in Alberta currently is the 69-storey **Stantec** office tower in Edmonton that completes in 2018. The tallest building in Canada is the 72-floor First Canadian Place tower in Toronto that was built more than 40 years ago.

## Big plans for Sturgeon County



A St. Albert developer hopes Sturgeon County will approve its plan to build a 1,100-home community on the city's border.

Sturgeon County council received a draft area structure plan for the Keys Cross development in mid-April. It also got a draft servicing and land-use application for an expanded Northern Lights Estates subdivision.

Keys Cross developer **Art Val**erio said his proposal is for a \$60 million to \$80 million project that had been in the works for about nine years, much of which was stalled due to poor relations between the city and the county.

The plans are the first to be

subject to the joint-approval process for lands near the St. Albert-Sturgeon border established back in 2014. Both are also on lands subject to an annexation agreement between the two governments signed earlier this year.

In 2014, Sturgeon and St. Albert councils signed a memorandum of understanding stating that neither government would approve a multi-lot subdivision in the lands along their shared border without the other's approval.

Last February, the county and city signed another agreement to start talks on having St. Albert annex these borderlands from the county.

The Northern Lights and Keys Cross projects both have to be referred to St. Albert for approval.

A report to council showed that Keys Cross would eventually see 2,479 people move into 1,112 homes on a 153-acre parcel.

A report to council said that the development would feature a mix of single-family, townhouse, apartment and seniors lots aimed at people who can't afford to live in St. Albert.

It would also feature a concierge service that residents could call to arrange deliveries, lawn care and other services, the report said.

The neighbourhood would hook into St. Albert's water and sewer systems, the report added.

There is no word on when final subdivision approvals may be granted. ■

– With file from St. Albert Gazette

## NEXT or exit, Calgary Flames warn



Rendering shows early design for proposed CalgaryNEXT stadium. | SUBMITTED

o CalgaryNEXT, no Calgary Flames.

L N That is the warning from Calgary Flames president and CEO Ken King, who said the hockey team will exit if it can't work out a deal to build a new stadium.

And, he said, this is not a threat. "There would be no threat to move, we would just move, and it would be over. And I'm trying my level best to make sure that day never comes, frankly," King said during an April interview on *Sportsnet 590 The Fan* in Toronto.

"If people smarter than us in more powerful positions than ours don't feel that we're a critical piece of the social, economic and cultural part of our city, then who are we to argue with that?"

The controversial CalgaryNEXT proposal for the East Village is ambitious. It includes an arena, stadium and field house. But it also has critics, including Calgary Mayor **Naheed Nenshi**, who said the project is already dead.

Instead, the city is considering building a new arena near the existing Saddledome stadium in Victoria Park, the current home of the Flames.

King said he's happy to participate in that process.

Some critics have pointed to the high cost for CalgaryNEXT, which would require public funding.

Threatening to move the Flames could persuade Calgarians to part with their tax dollars, according to New York-based author and investment analyst **Martin Fridson**.

"It's emotion overriding the economic aspects of it," he said. "And that's what they're counting on. So I think it's a highly successful, highly effective tactic," he told the CBC.

The estimated cost of the Calgary-NEXT project ranges from \$1.3 billion to \$1.8 billion, including cleanup of the land along the Bow River west of downtown, according to a Flames estimate.

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# Chinese developer gains foothold for delayed B.C. project

**RECREATION | Taicheng Development** Corp. has plans for about 1,000 homes on 178-acre Sea-to-Sky Highway site just north of Vancouver

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Chinese development company that paid \$30.5 million for 480 acres near Squamish, B.C., five years ago is now proceeding with its first development on part of the site.

Taicheng Development Corp. bought the land through a courtordered, cash sale in 2012.

Last month, Taicheng was given a permit to set up an office in the Britannia Beach area, following approval from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District.

"They're setting up their offices so they can do their planning on site," said Tony Rainbow, vice-chair of the district board. "They'll be working on site."

The permit would allow the company to set up an office trailer on the site of the future development for a three-year term.

It's expected to be about the size of one or two portables, and would house about seven employees.

The setup of the office marks

another step in a very lengthy process.

Land for the project had been purchased in 2012 and development applications have been submitted.

However, it will still be some time before shovels hit the ground, as the district has not yet approved the plans.

"They have a long, long way to go," Rainbow said.

The latest proposal for the project would have about 1,000 homes constructed on 178 acres of land.

It's expected to include a mix of houses, townhouses, row houses and apartments. Options to include laneway housing are expected to be available for houses on single-family lots.

Developers are hoping to have a central park and commercial space that could accommodate a coffee shop, pub and restaurant, among other things.

Included in the property is the gravel pit south of the mining museum, the former Makin lands and some of the land leading to the top of Furry Creek.



Rendering shows some of the houses planned for Britannia Beach area north of Vancouver. ISUBMITTED

While proponents think its proximity to Vancouver would make it ideal for young

commuting families - and recreational users - local critics have voiced concerns about the

traffic that it might cause. - With files from Steven Chua, Squamish Chief

#### Canmore's boom-time ghost faces bulldozer

#### By Tanya Foubert, Rocky Mountain Outlook

Some Canmore residents may not have lived in the community long enough to remember when the global economic crisis burst the bubble of real estate speculation 10 years ago, but one derelict and abandoned condo project at the time still stands along Kananaskis Way as a reminder of what can happen when developers go belly up.

The condo project at 110 Montane Road has been a thorn in the side of municipal planners for a decade. Now, after almost 10 years of the project sitting unfinished, Richard Williams, junior planner with the Town of Canmore, said a demolition permit has been issued.

"The owners are in discussions with the Town regarding the demolition and redevelopment of the property," Williams wrote in an email to the Rocky Mountain Outlook.



Abandoned Canmore resort will be demolished. | ARYN TOOMBS, ROCKY MOUNTAIN OUTLOOK

Bighorn Mountain Resort, as it was called when it began construction, saw financial difficulties hit its Kananaskis Way project in 2007. By 2009 it went into receivership. By September 2010, a new company had purchased the project, which sat idle and unfinished for a year and a half at that point, and rebranded it as Innoka Point Resort.

But that deal also fell through, with no construction restarted on the fractional ownership project consisting of five blocks of four townhomes as well as a 5,000-square-foot amenity building.

The abandoned building was a significant cause for concern for local condo projects and hotels, like the Windtower directly across the street from it. With balconies falling off the sides of the building, by 2012 the municipality was receiving complaints about the project's state.

While the derelict condo project was eventually fenced for safety, by 2013 it was owned by a numbered Alberta company. By the summer of 2015, the development permits to finish the project had expired with the municipality. Demolition became the final option.



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# Soaring assessments threaten B.C.'s most affordable homes

#### FEATURE | Modular home park owners consider selling as allowable rent increases trail higher property taxes

#### **By WI STAFF & SARAH PETRESCU** TIMES COLONIST wieditor@biv.com

**C** oaring assessments are threatening the viability of the most affordable housing option in British Columbia, warns the executive director of the Manufactured Home Park Owners' Alliance of BC.

Manufactured homes on rented pads cost about one-tenth of what an average detached house in B.C. costs, and provide thousands of seniors and others with the lowest-cost homes in the province, said Al Kemp, the alliance's executive director.

That security is in doubt, the alliance's executive director said, because park owners are under annual rental restrictions while assessed values, and subsequent property taxes, are increasing dramatically.

"Owners are being squeezed,', Kemp said. Assessment values on manufactured home parks have skyrocketed in the past year, but park owners can increase pad rents by only 3.7 per cent this year under B.C.'s Residential Tenancy Act.

One owner of a Vancouver Island park appealed to Kemp for help after receiving their 2016 assessment. "We will be out of business soon as our low rent-controlled increases never allow us to catch up," the owner wrote.

Kemp explained that BC Assessment "doesn't have a clue" how to value manufactured home parks, which are a hybrid of commercial



Retiree Lothar Netzel holds a garage sale outside his home at Thetis Lake Campground and Trailer Park. The park's residents are facing eviction to make way for a proposed high-density housing project. I DARREN STONE, TIMES COLONIST

and residential real estate. The land-value sale of one park, for example, will raise the assessed value of neighbouring parks that may not have the same development potential, he noted.

"There is a park in Nanaimo where [the assessed value] went up by \$1.2 million because of the sale price of another park in the area," Kemp said.

Some park owners, including longtime owners, are selling their parks for redevelopment, which means residents must scramble to find affordable housing somewhere else.

Such is the case in View Royal near Victoria where the assessed value of the 18-unit Thetis Lake Campground and Trailer Park jumped by more than \$400,000 in the past year, to \$2.98 million. The owner of the park is now

selling to a developer who wants to build 45 single-family homes and 14 townhouses on the 12.5acre property. Residents are facing eviction by next fall.

"We don't want to leave. It's basically cheap living, close to a park and we're comfortable here," said Lothar Netzel, a retired watchmaker who has lived at the trailer park for 20 years.

His 600-square-foot home was built in the 1970s, as were several others in the park. Netzel said he looked around at other mobile home parks, which are few and far between these days. Other houses are much more expensive.

The March benchmark price of a detached house in View Royal was \$645,000, with a townhouse at \$502,000, both up about 19 per cent from a year ago, according to real estate board data. Greater

Victoria's apartment rental vacancy rate is less than 1 per cent.

The park has been owned and run by the same family for 40 years. Owner Eric Gieringer couldn't be reached to comment on the future of the property.

But Netzel said a letter to residents in January laid out a plan and compensation.

They were told the park owners had entered into a sale agreement with the Limona Group, a developer that wants to build homes on the property that borders Thetis Lake Regional Park.

#### **Density zoning**

The sale hinges on the development being approved for rezoning from the Town of View Royal. If it goes through, the owner of the campground trailer park has offered each mobile homeowner \$10,000 as compensation.

"What can we do with \$10,000?" Netzel asked, pointing to steep house prices and a tight rental market throughout the capital region.

Don Dobbie said he bought his mobile home in 2007 for \$44,000 his foray into home ownership in his early 20s. Over the past 10 years, he has added new siding, installed a new heating system and renovated his kitchen. Last year, he tried to sell the home and had an offer for \$89,000, but was told by the landowner no new tenants were being accepted due to the uncertain future of the park and zoning.

Dobbie said he worries about other owners in the park, some of whom are low-income and have disabilities, with few supports.

View Royal Mayor David Screech said that while he sympathizes with the owners, View Royal does not have any mobile home bylaws.

The Thetis Lake property is zoned as a campground and has been able to operate as a trailer park because it predates the town and its rules, he said.

"In my opinion, they have been given a generous offer, more than what's required by law," he said.

Screech said council did direct the park owner to cover the cost of removing the mobile homes. He said that council has looked at the initial proposal from the developer for the property and offered feedback, namely looking for high-density housing and more green space.

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SkyCity stalled on pre-sales



Winnipeg developers planning to build a 45-storey, \$200 million condominium/commercial tower - to be called SkyCity Centre – have been given a 12-month extension to finalize their plans.

Angela Mathieson, president and CEO of **CentreVenture** Development Corp., said Fortress Real Developments Inc. and Edenshaw Developments Ltd. have until April 30, 2018, to demolish the St. Regis Hotel on Smith Street and begin constructing the new complex. Bank financing required the developers to pre-sell 60 per cent of the units, and thus far, only 50 per cent have been sold.

"[Buying a pre-sale] is a newer phenomenon in Winnipeg and there is some reluctance for people to buy them. It's taking some time. They are marketing them like crazy but they have a ways to go," Mathieson said.

## **Landlords** look to expand

Despite an underperforming economy, two-thirds of Saskatchewan commercial landlords and investors plan to expand their portfolios in 2017.

According to the latest Saskatchewan Investor Sentiment report from Colliers International, the majority of investors in the province are pursuing opportunities and taking advantage of recordlow interest rates and bargain prices.

Nearly three-quarters (71 per cent) of respondents said they expect to pay less in 2017 than they did last year while 29 per cent expect prices to remain the same. Not a single investor said they expected to pay more for property this year.

The report's only blemish was that 65 per cent of landlords expect one or more tenants to default this year.

"I think that's a reality of a slowing marketplace and a changing retail landscape," said Tom McClocklin, Colliers'Saskatoon-based president and managing director. "Some fashion retailers are struggling and we're seeing some turnover."

Some industrial tenants are also feeling the effects of the sputtering commodity market, he said.

"Investors had pretty substantial gains in their portfolios, as far as value goes. They still believe in real estate as an asset class and in its long-term value," McClocklin said.

The poll was conducted in December through interviews with 200 landlords and investors in the Saskatchewan market, including private equity, publicly traded and institutional landlords.

## Saskatoon office tower planned

A Saskatoon-based real estate developer thinks enough of the local business climate to build a \$50 million office building downtown.

Tenants at what will be called the World Trade Centre Saskatoon are expected to include a a mix of government agencies, non-governmental organizations and other trade-related entities associated with the World Trades Center Association (WTCA).

"The sky hasn't fallen here," said Don Atchison, a senior consultant at Canwest Commercial and Land Corp. and former mayor of Saskatoon.

Most forecasts are calling for GDP growth of about 2 per cent this year, which is "pretty good" considering the predictions for other jurisdictions, he said.

Precise details will be revealed in June, but the building is expected to be eight to 10 storeys high at the corner of Fourth Avenue and 22nd Street with a footprint of 120,000 square feet.

The WTCA is a business network active in nearly 100 countries.

## **Micro-suites pitched for Winnipeg**



Andrea Wong poses in micro-suite in Vancouver: now coming to Winnipeg. RICHARDIAM

sborne Village Inn, which has been vacant since late 2015, is now planned for conversion into a mixed-use building featuring Winnipeg's first micro-sized rental suites.

A spokesman for Cushman & Wakefield Winnipeg, which is marketing the three-storey property in the heart of Osborne Village, said it is currently looking for tenants for the main floor and lower level. Each storey has a floor plate of about 9,500 square feet.

The rental apartments will reportedly range in size from 275 square feet to 450 square feet with rents starting at \$975 per month and moving up to \$1,400.

The micro-suite concept has been proven in Vancouver, where Reliance Properties repurposed an old downtown building into 30 rental suites that measured from 226 to 291 square feet. Opened in 2010 and immediately rented out, the little apartments now rent for north of

\$1,000 per month.

A similar concept is also being planned for downtown Edmonton.

In Winnipeg, the Osborne building will also receive an exterior facelift, including new windows and an outdoor patio on Osborne Street.

The building's owner, Winnipeg's Fusion Capital Corp., has been largely silent about its plans for the property, which opened up in the 1960s as the Champs Motor Inn. Sources said the original intention was to convert the top two floors into a boutique hotel with 20 to 30 rooms with a restaurant on the main floor and a bar in the basement.

Perhaps the biggest immediate effect will be on people looking to quench their early-morning thirst, as the stand-alone beer vendor on the property will close at the end of April. The 2,000-square-foot building, known for having the latest hours of any beer store in town, will be repurposed.



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