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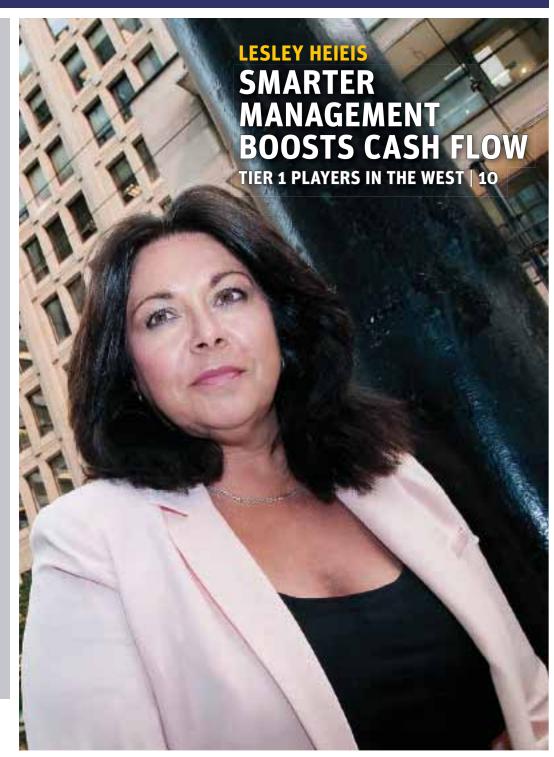
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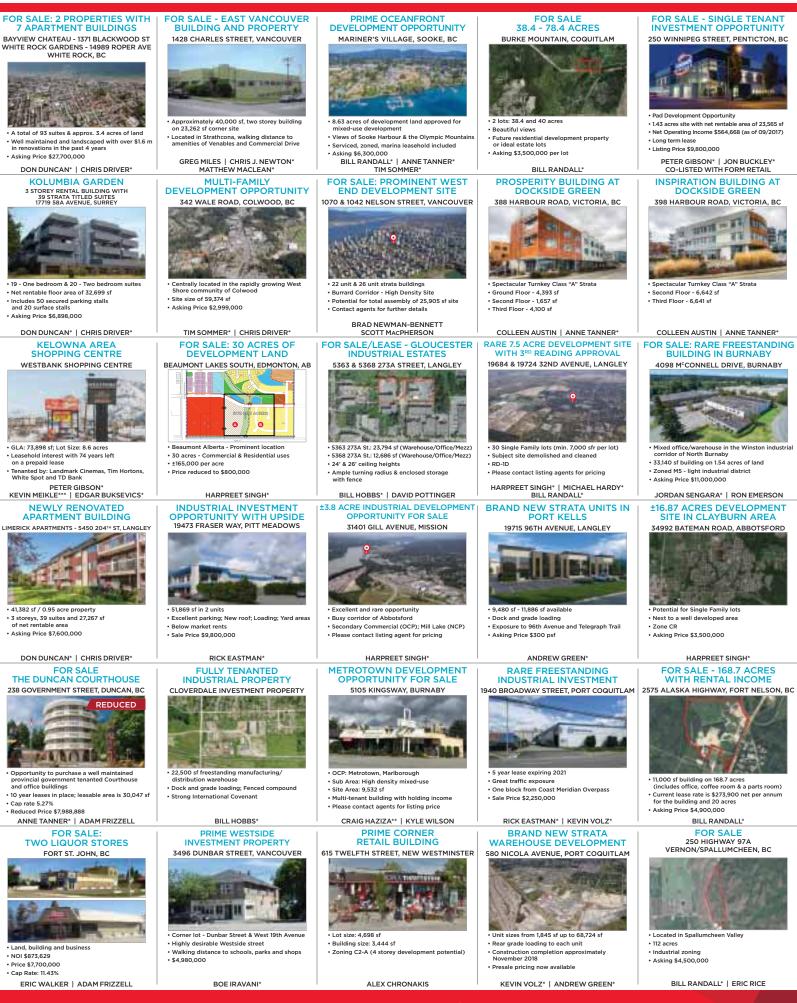
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Job numbers great; government reaction not so much

COMMENT | B.C., Manitoba are among provinces close to full employment, but record gains convince Ottawa to raise interest rates and crack down on the very sector creating the most jobs

he current Canadian job numbers are impressive. British Columbia has seen the jobless rate fall to 5.1 per cent and Manitoba leads the nation with a 4.9 per cent unemployment rate, both indicators of full employment. Across the country, 22,200 jobs were added in August, the ninth consecutive month of employment gains, which drove the national unemployment rate to 6.2 per cent, the lowest since prior to the financial crisis of 2008.

This reflects Canada's stunning second-quarter GDP growth of a whopping 4.5 per cent, making it the fastest-growing economy in the Group of Seven.

But the sterling job performance has enticed Ottawa to both raise interest rates and, strangely, attack the one sector that is generating the most employment.



After the Bank of Canada overnight lending rate was jacked up from 0.5 per cent to 1 per cent over the past two settings, many analysts believe the stage is set for another rate increase on October 25. Such a move is meant to reduce consumer spending, especially in

the housing market and other bigticket buys, but it will create a drag on the entire national economy.

Some economists expect the benchmark overnight interest rate to rise 100 basis points to 2 per cent by the end of 2018. But there is another move that

will have an even greater negative effect on Canada's employment picture.

The biggest job-generating

sector right now is self-employed workers, including often underpaid workers in family businesses, which were responsible for the full increase in total employment in August, according to a study by **Dominion Lending Centres.**

And it is this sector that is now in the gun sights of the federal Finance Ministry, which is preparing to launch the most radical tax overhaul in 50 years.

The plan to add a new tax on investment income in a corporation, along with tough new rules for compensation within a family business, comes at a time when businesses are being bombarded by unsustainable increases to minimum wages, rising energy costs, higher loan rates, carbon taxes and increases to pension plan and employment premiums, to say nothing of the fears attached to renegotiations

on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

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Furthermore, their tax-paying employees depend on the company to provide sustainable, paid employment even when sales or demand is slumping.

Canada's current economy and job generation is the envy of the world. This is not the time to be threatening that success.

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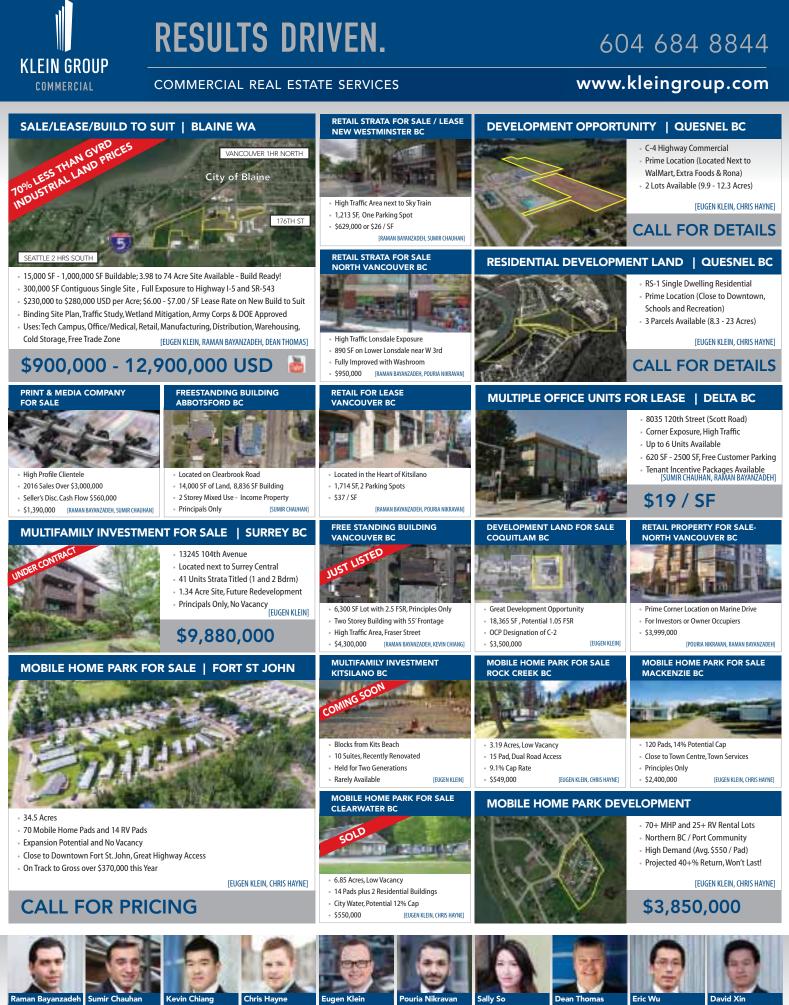
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Property management retools to meet complex demands

COVER | Tier 1 property managers tap international expertise, latest technology to boost rental income for Canadian landlords and investors

By FRANK O'BRIEN wieditor@biv.com

t is the strength of JLL's international network that allows Ron Fiell to run the company's new Canadian property management division from Calgary.

"Why Calgary? Everybody asks that question," joked Fiell, a career property management professional in Alberta who was named manager of JLL's national property management services group this year.

Certainly, the Calgary environment should sharpen Fiell's approach to managing the 58 million square feet of commercial real estate that JLL currently controls across Canada, in both property and asset management.

"It's a horrible market downtown [in Calgary] right now," Fiell said of his hometown, with office vacancy rates in the mid-20 per cent range and the industrial sector struggling. He said the Calgary imperative of retaining both tenants and asset cash flow could help in other cities that may experience challenges. But Fiell added that JLL, which manages four billion square feet of space globally – 400 million square feet in the U.S. - has property management experts in each major Canadian city who can tap into JLL's worldwide expertise for assistance, advice and technology.

"JLL has an exceptional platform. In my 20-plus years in the business, I haven't seen anything like it," he said. "It is very client focused. It is very sophisticated and collaborative." For example, during recent negotiations on a complex, mixed-use Canadian project, JLL flew in management professionals and engineers from its Boston office, with specific experience, for the client meetings.

"The key," Fiell said, "especially for third-party investors that we often deal with, is making sure they don't lose value, keep their tenants happy and build on that."

JLL is strictly focused on commercial real estate. "We don't do residential," Fiell said, explaining that even on mixed-use projects that involve condominiums or apartment rentals, the company will turn the residential management over to other companies. He agreed that this stance could prove a handicap in the Vancouver market, where mixing residential with virtually every form of commercial and industrial real estate is common.

"We are concentrating on Al-berta and Ontario," he conceded. "Vancouver is a difficult market to get into. There are some very good property management firms out there."

Among its Tier 1 Vancouver competitors is Colliers International, ranked second in B.C. behind Bentall Kennedy as the biggest commercial property management firm in B.C.

Colliers manages 55 million square feet of office, industrial



Lesley Heieis, Colliers International vice-president and head of its B.C. property management division: "Everything we do is geared toward maximizing asset performance." | CHUNG CHOW

and retail space across Canada, including 5.3 million square feet in Metro Vancouver.

"More than half of our portfolio is managed on an integrated basis with leasing and other service lines such as project management and tax consulting," explained Lesley Heieis, Colliers vice-president and head of its B.C. property management division. "Our asset advisory services is a unique offering that fully integrates the service lines and provides the client with a single point of contact at no additional cost."

Heieis said Colliers keeps a tight

focus on increasing rental income for its clients. "Everything we do is geared toward maximizing asset performance."

This can include recommending renovations or adding amenities to generate higher rental rates, energy management to reduce operating costs, and even "a complete repositioning of the asset in the marketplace." Colliers provides a 24-7 service centre so it can react to any after-hour calls or emergencies, she noted.

Colliers also leans on the latest technology to boost asset performance. Modern management can't get bogged down with "slow, outdated tools and processes." she said.

"There are many opportunities for technology to be used in the buildings, such as new parking technology including licence plate recognition, digital directories, building automation systems, smartphone apps for occupants, and emergency communication systems. We are always exploring ways to use technology. Many new tenants entering the Vancouver market are high-tech businesses so they have an expectation that modern technologies will be used in the buildings they occupy," she explained.

Heieis said the complicated nature of modern commercial real estate has led to a shortage of property management professionals and building operators in B.C. To this end. Colliers University offers staff training at no cost.

As for the fees associated with commercial property management, Fiell said they are well below the 8 per cent to 10 per cent range seen in the residential sector, and are often negotiated on a project-by-project basis.

Fees are typically a percentage of gross or net revenue depending on the size and type of property, Heieis said. But "in many cases we are flexible. For example, a new development might have a phased fee structure as it transitions from being under construction to an income-producing asset." ∎

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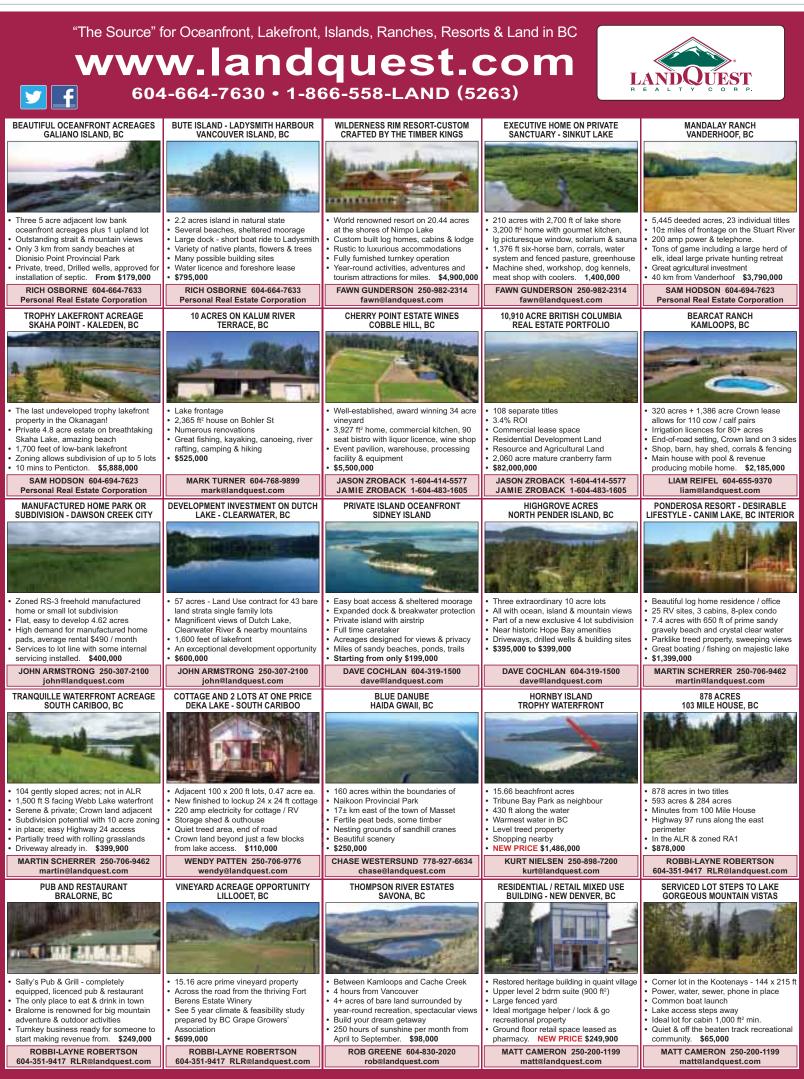
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Technical charts point to prolonged house price slide

FEATURE | Greater Vancouver detached-house price to drop 21 per cent by 2019, technical analyst contends

By FRANK O'BRIEN wieditor@biv.com

The average price of a detached house in Greater Vancouver will decline 21 per cent from its recent peak to \$1.5 million by 2019 and will stay at that level until a recovery begins in late 2021, according to a forecast based on historical trading patterns.

"Sell now and begin buying again in four to five years," is the advice from **Dane Eitel**, a North Shore realtor who has applied the discipline of technical charting used in the equity market to forecast Greater Vancouver's housing market.

His call is for the average detached-house price to fall from the recent peak of \$1.8 million to \$1.48 million to \$1.5 million in the latter half of 2019. Prices will remain in that range for two years before bottoming in 2021. Eitel concentrated on detached housing because it does not have the supply swings common to the condominium or townhouse sectors. "It all starts with detached houses," he said.

By looking at 40 years of Greater Vancouver detachedhouse sales and average price cycles, Eitel is confident that a trading pattern is established that will play out over the next five to seven years.

He noted that the last longterm cycle began in October 1987 and ran to 1996, during which time average house prices increased 190 per cent and



Sales of detached houses in Greater Vancouver are down 33 per cent during the first eight months of 2017, compared to a year earlier. A technical analyst is forecasting 21 per cent price drop over the next two years. |SUBMITTED

peaked at \$286,000 in February 1995. The average price then dropped 19 per cent to bottom out in December 1996.

Prices did not recover to the earlier price peak until November 2002, six years later.

We are seeing a similar pattern today, Eitel said.

"The current Vancouver detached-housing market has been on a long term uptrend line established during the 2008-09 recession," he said. "We have tested this long term uptrend line six times since its inception in November 2008, which was the bottom of that cycle. At that time the average sale price was \$750,686. In each of the six instances, the line has held true and propelled the market higher.

"This time, however, we will be seeing a similar event as during the 1990s, with a growth percentage of 144 per cent over the uptrend, which started from the low point in November 2008 and topped out in May 2017. By 2019 we will be on another collision course with two divergent trends converging on middle ground of the trading range to see which one will win out. This time we do have such downtrend occurrence positioning itself, eerily similar to the '90s. The



Dane Eitel, forecaster: "While this may come as a shocking revelation to some in the real estate community, the fact remains that technical charting works." [SUBMITTED time is upcoming for another long-term [downward] trend of more inventory, less volatility and lower average sale prices," he explained.

Eitel claims that residential investors can use technical charting to successfully time the market.

"From all data collected from the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver [REBGV] dating from January 1977, the real estate market has acted in a predictable manner. This has not been noticed to date as a prevalent factor in the real estate community. Equity markets have been using technical charting all over the world on a daily basis. While this may come as a shocking revelation to some in the real estate community, the fact remains that technical charting works."

Eitel noted that his theory of technical forecasting dates back to **Charles Dow**, who founded both the *Wall Street Journal* and the Dow Jones industrial average more than 100 years ago. Dow, Eitel said, proved that "history repeats itself and human psychology for buying and selling in a marketplace could be prognosticated using technical analysis."

Political factor

Eitel said that current conditions mirror the 1990s in that the Greater Vancouver housing market is also at the peak of a 10-year price growth cycle with similar price increases, and the



"The last time we had a Liberal prime minister and an NDP premier in B.C. was from November 1993 when Jean Chretien was elected and the NDP's Michael Harcourt was already in power, since November 1991. The average detached sale price in November 1993 was \$347,300. The two parties remained in power until June of 2001. The total price growth of the Greater Vancouver detached market during that period of time was 6 per cent," he said.

"I do expect the market to come off from its highs and sell in the lower half of the trading range starting late in 2019 and lasting for years. However, I also firmly believe in Vancouver's property values long term. At any time, you can buy a detached house and 10 years later that property will be worth more."

Current conditions

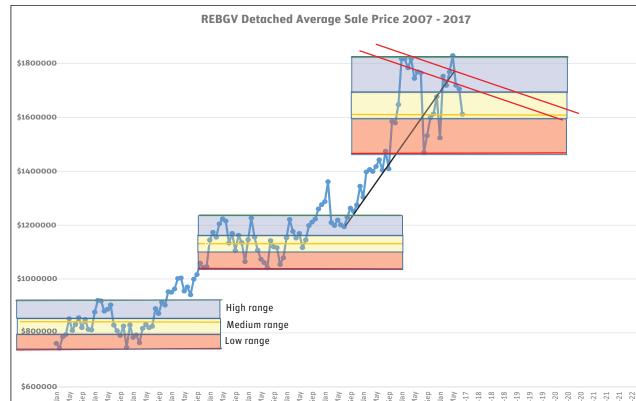
Sales of Greater Vancouver detached houses in August 2017 reached 901 units, a 26 per cent increase from the 715 detached sales recorded in August 2016. The benchmark price for detached properties as of August was \$1,615,100. This represents a 2.2 per cent increase from August 2016 and a 0.2 per cent increase compared with July 2017, reports the REBGV.

This appears to challenge Eitel's forecast of falling sales and higher inventory leading to a prolonged decline in detached house prices.

However, Eitel explains that the board uses benchmark prices, not average prices. He contends average prices provide

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Tracking Greater Vancouver detached prices over 40 years (the last 10 years are highlighed in this chart) shows a consistent pattern of short-term cycles that have always led to higher prices after a breakout. Prices peaked in May 2017 at an average of \$1.8 million and we won't see that high surpassed until late 2023, according to analyst Dane Eitel. | DANE EITEL

a more accurate reading of real market conditions. He says that average Greater Vancouver house prices peaked in May 2017 at \$1.8 million, and have been declining ever since.

Eitel also notes that the REB-GV reports that total sales of detached houses in Greater Vancouver have fallen 33 per cent in the first eight months of this year compared with 2016,

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to 8,268 units. In three municipalities, benchmark prices are lower now than a year ago.

His advice to speculators: sell now and begin buying back into the Greater Vancouver detached housing market in the fourth quarter of 2021, which will be the bottom of the market. The breakout will begin then with a new price peak reached in mid-2023, Eitel contends. ■

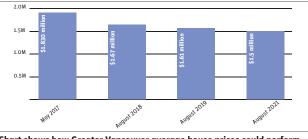


Chart shows how Greater Vancouver average house prices could perform over the next two years, based on technical trading patterns. | WI & DANE EITEL

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Small-business owners go ballistic over federal tax plan

FEATURE | Large number of business failures forecast as federal Liberals move to "close loopholes" with a tough new tax regime

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C mall-business owners and S their advocates are call-ing on the federal government to extend consultation on proposed tax changes that they consider to be potentially ruinous for many small businesses and damaging to the country's economy.

Federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau launched a 75-day consultation period in August on several proposed tax changes - including two that are raising particular ire.

One of the controversial proposed changes is aimed at stopping small-business owners from being able to shift a portion of their business' income to other family members.

That move is called "income sprinkling" and it enables smallbusiness owners to pay less tax because profit is spent as salary to the owner's stav-at-home spouse or to a university-aged child as a way to take profit out of the business and pay an entry-level tax rate. The alternative would be to pay the profit as added salary to the business owner, who would be at a higher tax rate because he or she already has a decent salary. The other change is aimed at taxing so-called "passive investment income," or income that remains within the business, at

a similar rate to that which employees pay on their salaries.



lain Black, CEO, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade: "The proposed changes will have far-reaching implications on every man and woman who is either currently running a small business ... or somebody who is contemplating the same thing." | ROB KRUYT

That change rubs many smallbusiness owners the wrong way.

"I'm putting money in the business for a rainy day," explained Faculty Brewing Co. owner Mauricio Lozano.

"I don't know how my winter is going to be, or how my fall is going to be or what's going to happen in the future."

He said that last winter's persistent snow meant that there were long stretches where few people came to his tasting lounge on Ontario Street.

"Had I not saved in the company some passive income from the previous summer, then how was I going to survive in February? I would have had to have laid off some guys to make sure that I could pay my bills.'

Widespread fear

Greater Vancouver Board of Trade CEO Iain Black sympathizes with Lozano but said that the impact of the changes will be far more widespread than simply causing a bit of hardship for some small-business owners.

Black said that if the proposed changes are implemented there will be a large number of business failures and many situations where potential entrepreneurs become scared to take on the risk of starting a business.

"To suggest that the proposed changes will close tax loopholes that are currently being exploited by a specific profession or two - and do no more than that - is inaccurate," Black told Business in Vancouver.

"The proposed changes will have far-reaching implications on every man and woman who is either currently running a small business, and employing between five and 20 people, or somebody who is contemplating the same thing."

Morneau had said that the point of the changes was to "close loopholes" and amend existing rules to ensure that the richest Canadians pay their fair share of taxes and that people in similar circumstances pay similar amounts of tax.

"When you have an economy that works for the middle class, you have a country that works for everyone," he said.

"Many of the richest Canadians are unfairly exploiting the tax rules designed to help businesses thrive."

Black said that about 60 per cent of jobs in B.C. are created by small-business owners, and that this percentage is the highest in the country.

"Our aim is to get government to pause," he said. "The 75-day consultation and trying to jam all these things through in the dog days of summer is not giving everybody a chance to react to what would be profound changes."

Flawed logic

The current tax situation allows small-business owners who generate up to \$500,000 in profit to pay 15 per cent tax on that income. That profit has to stay in the business and is not removed to pay salaries to employees or the owner.

"The deep flaw in [the government's] logic is that money left in the business, money that is not taken out as income for the business owner or its employees, is being left there for nefarious or tax avoidance reasons," Black explained.

"That is utterly illogical. The money being left in most small businesses is either used to flatten out cash flows on a month-tomonth basis, over the course of a year or years, or it's being used as a cash reserve that is being built up to invest further back into the business either by hiring more people or by purchasing capital equipment, which in turn drives the economy in other sectors."



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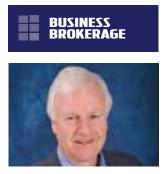
How to qualify a potential franchisee as a "good fit"

ranchising is a huge, rapidly growing industry with over 3,000 franchises in North America, operating over 800,000 units, and employing over 18 million people. Franchises can be an excellent route to business ownership - there are products, systems and processes already in place, and a buyer is not required to start from ground zero. However, for many franchises the returns are marginal and a buyer must conduct extensive due diligence prior to entering into any agreements.

A successful franchise purchase requires both the franchisee and the franchisor to be satisfied that they have found a great fit. A good franchisor will be interested in more than the amount of money the franchisee has available. They will want to ensure that the prospect has the business acumen, enthusiasm and work ethic to operate a successful location.

Hard-working team players who are coachable do best in a franchise. A franchisor will often demand that a buyer be a full-time owner/operator. Successful franchisees are open to accepting support from the franchisor and other franchisees. Entrepreneurs who want to reinvent the wheel or create something new and thrive on doing things their own way will not experience success in a franchise environment.

Franchisees are buying into the perceived strength of the brand name, product or service, and location. The value, like any other existing business, is based on the bottom line to the owner.



By KEN WITHER

Franchises that enjoy long-term success focus on aligning corporate goals with those of its franchisees, ensuring both have opportunity to turn a profit.

A business broker can be a significant asset during the sale of a franchise location. Their role is to cultivate and qualify prospects, understand prospects' needs and interests, and evaluate personalities.

By engaging a professional business broker, franchisors will often mitigate their financial investment and risk of hiring an in-house sales team. The broker's expertise can help potential franchisees have a comprehensive understanding of the opportunity. Thorough scrutiny by all parties will ensure that franchisor and franchisee enjoy a fruitful partnership.

The business broker will market the opportunity using multiple avenues, often generating over 100 responses for a quality franchised food business. However, statistics indicate that fewer than 5 per

cent of all inquirers will ever buy a business. The genuine potential buyers must be quickly established.

The first step is connecting with the potential buyer to gauge communication skills, team player personality, and determine whether the inquirer has relevant skills and experience for the opportunity. It is also essential to confirm their current credit rating, and whether the buyer has the required liquid cash available. Financing is available from the banks and the Business Development Bank of Canada; however the franchisor will often stipulate that a new franchisee must invest between 40 per cent to 60 per cent of the purchase price with cash on hand to prevent the new owner from being encumbered with too much debt.

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Following a positive discussion, the inquirer will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement and complete a simple buyer questionnaire that captures their qualifications and intentions.

Initial information is then shared with the applicant including existing location, sales history, current financial statements, lease information and general information such as royalties, marketing fees, etc.

If a buver indicates they are interested, after the initial review, they will be asked to complete the franchise application form, which includes a net worth statement. A telephone interview will be arranged between qualifying applicants and a key leader at the franchise head office. This allows both parties to get to know each other. If that conversation is satisfactory to both parties, further information is shared with the applicant including the franchise disclosure document.

Due diligence

Due diligence performed by the applicant should include a oneday on-the-job experience, a discovery day at head office to meet the key players, and contacting existing franchisees to discuss their experience working with the franchisor. Applicants will be encouraged to

consult with their financial and legal advisers.

Once both parties decide to proceed, a letter of understanding will be drafted by head office for signature and payment of a deposit will be arranged. Franchise agreement documentation will then be drafted and signed. Extensive training then occurs, prior to taking over, often two to four weeks for the main full-time owner/operator. There will be ongoing on-site support after taking possession of the business, especially for the first few months.

Franchises can be a smart business option for the right buyer. As always, it is "buyer beware" and due diligence is an essential step in the purchase process. Buyers must consider the products or services being offered, brand name recognition, the local competition, the level of support available from the franchisor, as well as their own long-term business goals.

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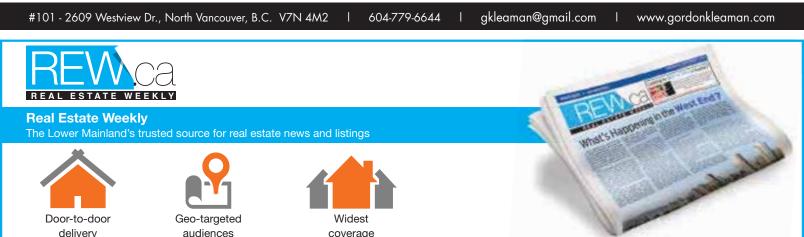
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Commercial real estate filling up in New Westminster

FEATURE | Anvil office tower attracts first major tenant as Aritzia takes big footprint in Queensborough and the Brewery District expands with plans for a second office tower

> **By WI STAFF** wieditor@biv.com

hree years after it was sold by the city to a group of investors led by Vancouver's Ioe Segal and Suki Sekhon, the eight-storey Anvil Centre office tower in downtown New Westminster has its first tenant, an indication of the growing – and quirky – commercial real estate sector in Metro Vancouver's nexus city.

The Anvil will become a gambling destination, the old Keg restaurant on Columbia Street is being retrofitted into a Tex-Mexstyle eatery and "Canada's largest indoor trampoline park" has opened in an industrial site near the SkyTrain Baird station.

Evolution Gaming is taking one floor of the Anvil tower to house a 16,000-square-foot studio that will eventually create 170 jobs, confirmed Roger Leggatt, vicepresident at Cushman & Wakefield, the leasing agency.

When it launches through the BC Lottery Corp. playnow.com site, the operation will offer 10 live tables for blackjack, two types of baccarat and two types of roulette. Players will be able to see dealers via live streaming. Evolution's other studios are in Amsterdam, London, Estonia, Latvia, Romania, Italy, Spain, Malta and Belgium.

Leggatt said Cushman & Wakefield is on the verge of getting some other leases "over the goal line" that would take a significant portion of the rest of the Anvil space.

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Wesgroup is building a residential tower at its Brewery District but also plans another office tower on the nine-acre site. I ROB KRUYT

Meanwhile, clothing giant Aritzia has leased more than 223.000 square feet of industrial space at the Queensborough Logistics Park, one of the largest leasing deals in the region this year, while Wesgroup is eyeing another 200,000 square feet of office space at its Brewery District development.

Directly across from the Royal Columbian Hospital, which is undergoing a massive expansion, the Brewery District is nine acres next to the Sapperton SkyTrain station and one of the most successful mixed-use developments in Metro Vancouver.

Virtually all of its 560,000 square feet of office space was snapped up quickly. TransLink signed a 20-year lease on 261,000 square feet for its eight-storey

headquarters, and a number of doctors and other medical professionals bought office space for \$468 to \$685 per square foot. A third office building was sold to the Health Sciences Association.

Currently, Wesgroup is completing a residential tower on the site, with a mix of rental and strata apartments, and a company spokesman confirmed a new office tower is planned.

In the first half of this year in New Westminster, total commercial building permits totalled \$6 million, compared with \$64.8 million in residential permits and \$11.5 million in institutional and government building permit values.

But there is more commercial building in the pipeline, according to Blair Fryer, the Royal City's communications and economic



The Anvil Centre office tower finally has its first tenant. I SUBMITTED

development manager.

He noted that Westminster Toyota has submitted applications to build a new dealership in Queensborough; and the old Keg building is being renovated into a new Kelly O'Bryan's/Carlos

O'Bryan's location. There is also an application for a new banquet hall.

Meanwhile, the new entertainment complex under the banner of Extreme Air Park opened in August. The park features 40,000 square feet of "wall-to-wall trampolines", according to the developer.

There is also a \$2 million application to expand a liquor store and add commercial space, along with five residential units, on Front Street, and a mixed-use development will add nearly 11,000 square feet of retail and offices with two new residential buildings.

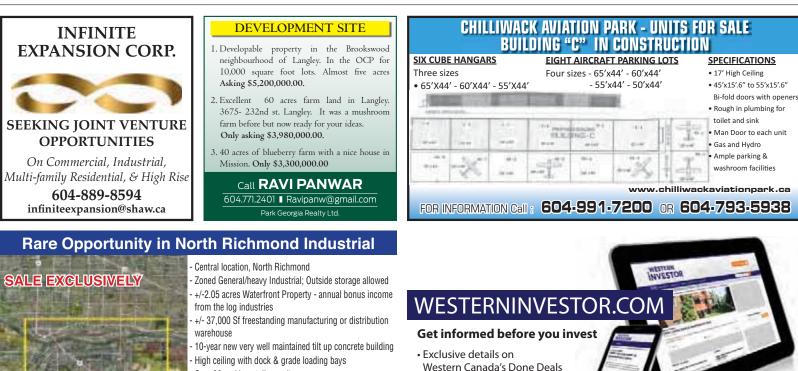
"Much of the commercial under construction is ground-level shopping at the bottom of mixed-use towers, which are dominated by the residential component," Fryer said.

Hospital expansion

The big construction news in New Westminster, however, is the \$1.1 billion Royal Columbian Hospital expansion, which has already started. Plans call for a new acutecare tower, a larger emergency department and upgrades to existing space.

Bird Construction is the contractor for Phase 1, which includes a new mental health facility. Construction started in March and will complete in late 2019.

"This is wonderful news for New Westminster," said Mayor Ionathan Coté. "Royal Columbian Hospital is a key contributor to our local economy." ■



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Greens push to ban foreign buyers of B.C. farmland

FEATURE | Regulations could be tailored after similar legislation in Saskatchewan – but the B.C. drive is really meant to cool a hot housing market in the Lower Mainland

By WI STAFF with Victoria Times Colonist WIEDITOR@BIV.COM

sFraser Valley farmland approaches \$50,000 per acre, the leader of the BC Green Party is calling for the provincial government to ban foreigners from buying farmland in a bid to cool a red-hot real estate market.

Housing prices in Metro Vancouver dipped temporarily after the previous Liberal government implemented a 15 per cent tax on foreign buyers last summer, but prices remain the highest in the country.

Green Leader Andrew Weaver said foreign buyers quickly started looking elsewhere for investment properties, including farmland, where the levy doesn't apply.

Many non-residents are buying land zoned for agricultural use but instead of farming, they're building large homes and selling the property for inflated prices, he said.

According to **Farm Credit Canada** (FCC), farmland values in B.C.'s Lower Mainland increased 17.7 per cent in 2016 from a year earlier – the highest increase in Canada. FCC reports that provincewide farmland values rose 8.2 per cent, year-over-year.

A 2016 **Vancity** credit union survey found that the per-acre market price for the farmland in the Lower Mainland ranges between \$150,000 and \$350,000 for parcels of less than five acres. These prices are about 20 times higher than



Farmland near Smithers: B.C. currently has no restriction on sales of farmland anywhere in the province.

farmland prices across the rest of Western Canada.

"We're seeing a preponderance of mega-mansions starting to appear on what formerly was agricultural land in parts of Metro Vancouver," Weaver said.

"While that may incentivize the construction industry in the area, it's not boding well for the long term, in which the agriculturalland is slowly but surely being taken out of production."

Using agricultural land for pricey homes instead of farming drives up real estate prices and decreases food security, Weaver said.

"We're now in a situation where land and houses are being treated as commodities that are traded like gold or potash or silver as opposed to their purpose," he said.

Tom Davidoff, a business professor at the University of British Columbia, said he doesn't see how prohibiting foreign buyers from purchasing farmland would impact affordability.

"I don't understand how preventing some rich guy from building a luxury mansion on a farm makes an apartment in Vancouver cheaper. I really don't see that," he said.

But limiting large homes on agricultural land makes sense, Davidoff added.

"I think it's wrong to have people building mega-mansions and treating them as residential real estate if the whole point of [agricultural land] is not to be residential real estate," he said.

About 5 per cent of B.C. is zoned as Agricultural Land Reserve, meaning it is protected for agricultural use. There are approximately 150,000 acres of agricultural reserve land in the Lower Mainland.

Provincial regulations limit the land's usage, but each property is entitled to a single-family



Andrew Weaver, leader of the BC Green Party: "Agricultural land is slowly but surely being taken out of production." |TIMES COLONIST

dwelling and owners can apply for exemptions to building and landuse restrictions.

City councillors in Richmond voted earlier this year to limit the size of homes on protected agricultural lands to 10,000 square feet. City staff submitted a report to

councillors in March saying they

received about 15 applications for building permits on agricultural land per year, but the requested square footage had grown. One application submitted in 2016 requested permission to build a near 40,000-square-foot house.

The report also said staff received 26 applications between January and mid-March of this year.

Several provinces, including Alberta and Saskatchewan, have measures in place regulating who can purchase farmland. In Alberta, non-residents are limited to owning 20 acres of agricultural land; Saskatchewan limits nonresident farmland ownership to 10 acres.

Weaver said his proposed prohibition would not apply to anyone who pays taxes in Canada, including Canadians living overseas and people in the country on work visas.

"We want to encourage people to come live here, work here, pay taxes here. What we don't want is third-party, offshore interests using our land, our homes, as tools for speculative investment," he said.

The **Ministry of Agriculture** said in a statement the government shares Weaver's concerns about how farmland is being used and has "been clear in our belief that [protected agricultural land] should be used for farming."

B.C.'s housing minister has said the province is also looking at the foreign-buyers tax and other measures implemented by the previous Liberal administration.

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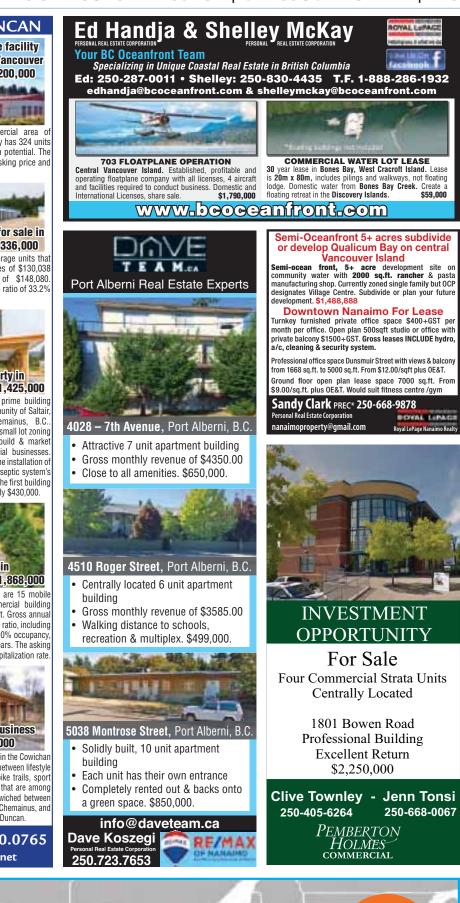
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The Step Code is an amendment to the B.C. Building Code announced by the former Liberal government this April.

Local governments around B.C. are expected to implement the energy-saving changes. The Step Code is slated to come into force starting December 1, 2017.

The new code is designed to reduce the number of air changes – the number of times a home needs to be heated per hour. Under the current B.C. Building Code, a typical new house may average three to four air changes per hour.

But **Casey Edge**, executive director of the VRBA, said because the Step Code targets only new builds, which are already being built to high energy efficiency standards, there's a lot of added cost without a lot of benefit.

"For an additional \$26,000

[on the cost of building an average Victoria house] you get to knock off half an air change; for an additional \$58,000 you can knock off two air changes compared to what we can do now," he said. Edge said the additional

cost is likely to be wrapped into a mortgage and therefore will end up costing new homebuyers a lot more over the years. "In some cases they'll never get their money back," he said.

Edge said implementation of the new code is also a problem. As initially proposed, the Step Code would allow each of the province's 162 municipalities a choice of which tier of the code to adopt.

"This implementation creates confusion, multiple building practices, undermines a uniform code and deviates from B.C.'s agreement with Ottawa to harmonize with the National Building Code," Edge said in a letter to the premier.

According to a **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing** spokesperson, the **BC NDP** government is not ready to comment on the code because it is still stepping up to speed on the issue.

– With file from Andrew Duffy, Victoria Times Colonist

Greyhound wants out of north

Greyhound Canada wants to end bus passenger service in



northern B.C.

An application has been submitted to the provincial **Passenger Transportation Board** to withdraw service from the entire stretch of Highway 16 and along Highway 97 from Prince George to Dawson Creek and, in turn, along the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse, **Stuart Kendrick**, the company's senior vicepresident, has confirmed.

[•] Between a declining rural population and subsidized services provided by **Northern Health** and, lately, by **BC Transit**, he said Greyhound simply cannot stay above water.

"We've just had multiple years of losses on the passenger business," he said. "The ridership is basically diminished and we've seen some increased competition from the subsidized services."

In late June, BC Transit launched a new service connecting Prince George to Burns Lake and Smithers along Highway 16 West, known as the Highway of Tears due to the number of women who've gone missing or have been murdered along the stretch...

Richmond's biggest industrial strata fires up on Mitchell Island



PC Urban's IntraUrban Rivershore will cover 12 acres on Mitchell Island.

The biggest strata industrial project in Richmond is about to break ground on Mitchell Island, with developer PC Urban aiming to pre-sell the space at from \$270 per square foot.

The 12-acre site, the former **Western Steel** manufacturing plant, will house 265,000 square feet of modern industrial real estate in two buildings on the Richmond-Vancouver border.

"We found the only remaining site close to Vancouver suitable for conventional strata industrial units ideal for small and medium-sized businesses," said PC Urban principal, **Brent Sawchyn**.

IntraUrban Rivershore units will range in size from 3,640 square feet to 12,500 square feet, with dock and grade loading available, 26-foot clear ceiling heights, heavy three-phase power, fire sprinklers, T5 lighting and built-in upper-floor flex space. All units will have a view of the Fraser River.

"This development will transform Mitchell Island and bring new businesses and users to the island, rejuvenating the whole area," said JLL executive vice-president **Bruno Fiorvento**, who is leading the saless team. "There are few strata industrial opportunities close to Vancouver and almost nothing on the market. This is may be one of the last projects like this you'll see close to Vancouver."

Over the past four years, industrial strata property in Metro Vancouver has increased in value by 42 per cent, Fiorvento said.

Richmond has 37.3 million square feet of industrial real estate, the most of any Metro Vancouver municipality, but only 2.1 per cent of it is vacant, according to a recent survey by **Colliers International.**



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Vancouver's Nicola Crosby Real Estate has bought five Phoenix industrial sites. I Nicola crosby real estate

NICOLA NABS PHOENIX INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Vancouver real estate firm paid US\$11.37 million as it seeks toehold in U.S.

Vancouver-based asset management company has purchased five industrial buildings in Phoenix, Arizona, for US\$11,375,000. The 109,805-square-foot, five-storey Cabot Business Center is located on East University Drive in Phoenix. The buyer, Nicola Crosby Real Estate, is a subsidiary of Nicola Wealth Management Ltd. The company acquires and manages properties for Spire US LP's real estate portfolios.

Kidder Mathews real estate firm represented the vendor, Dunbar CBC LLC.

"Cabot Business Center is an ideal asset for Nicola Crosby's first purchase in Phoenix," said **Darren Tappen**, Kidder Mathews broker. "The central location, freeway access, quality of the project, and occupancy level bodes well for the new ownership. They are looking for similar opportunities as they look to become a key player in the Phoenix market," he said.

The property is 96 per cent leased and is located within minutes of downtown Phoenix and Arizona State University.



Tofino oceanfront resort of approximately 7.25 acres, with 10 cabins, sold for \$6.25 million. | ENGEL & VOLKERS VANCOUVER ISLAND.



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11,350-square-foot industrial lot with three buildings, Mercantile Way, Abbotsford, sold for \$3.6 million. |- FRONTLINE REAL ESTATE SERVICES



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FROM | NAI Commercial, Vancouver. NAI agents Rick Lui and Jesse Godin report the following:

DEAL | Three adjacent lots in East Vancouver, totalling 14 units of office or industrial space with redevelopment opportunity. Main Street, Vancouver. Price: \$22 million.

NAI Commercial Okanagan agent Philip Hare reports:

DEAL | 26-suite Jubilee Motel sold for approximately \$46,153 per unit. Skaha Lake Road, Penticton. Price: \$1.2 million.

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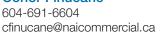
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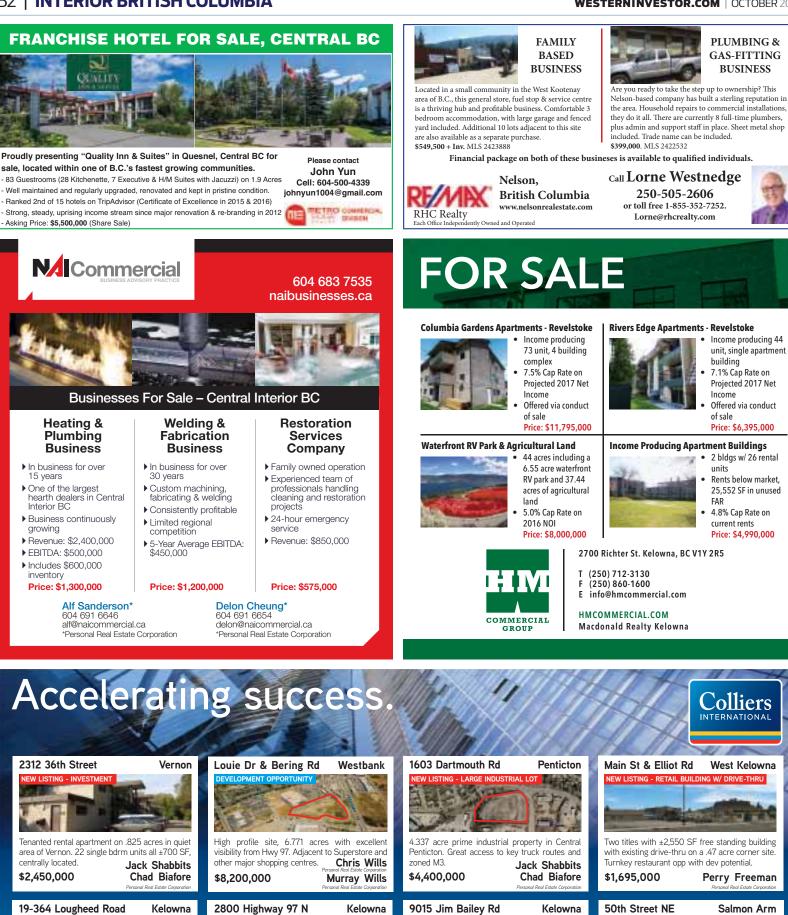
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armland across Canada has increased in value steadily since 1993, posting a 7.9 per cent national increase from 2015 to 2016. All western provinces experienced increases in value in 2016, led by a 9.5 per cent increase in Alberta, an 8.2 per cent increase in B.C. and an 8.1 per cent increase in Manitoba.

Agricultural land in the B.C. south coast region, including the Fraser Valley, has seen the highest regional increase in value in Canada.

"The 17.7 per cent increase was due to continued expansion by local producers, as well as some demand driven by increased interest in rural property," states Farm Credit Canada's 2016 report. "Moderate commodity yields and prices later in the season tempered the farmland market."

Farmland real estate in Alberta was not heavily affected by depressed oil and gas prices. Value increases were second only to P.E.I., thanks in large part to the province's grain sector expanding in the north. The northern region posted an 11.8 per cent increase over 2015. Most sales took place through auction sales or sealed bids from grain producers competing for available land.

Increases across Manitoba were strengthened by desirable growing conditions for soybean, wheat and canola crops. The Central Plains-Pembina Valley region saw the highest provincial increase of 11 per cent, primarily due to private land transactions between landlords and renters.

Saskatchewan saw increases in some regions but remained flat in rural areas. Less than ideal weather in some areas seemed to depress prices. Still, the southwestern region saw an impressive increase of 16.6 per cent, bolstered by the area's lentil harvest.

– Tanya Commisso

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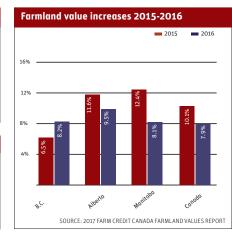
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New franchise "lucrative and stable business model"

COVER | Real Property Management launches Canada's first national property management franchise network

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US-based Real Property Management (RPM) has chosen Vancouver as the headquarters for Canada's first property management franchise business, and it plans to develop a tight team of franchisees to build

its network. Kap Hiroti, vice-president of operations, has already signed up three franchises in Metro Vancouver and Victoria since opening earlier this year.

RPM has set up on West Pender Street in Vancouver, but Hiroti said there is need for professional property management across the province, especially in Prince George and Fort St. John.

"There are a lot of investors buying rentals up there who desperately need professional management," he said.

RPM handles some small commercial properties, but its bread and butter is residential rentals, from detached houses and condominiums to small apartment complexes. It specializes in providing services to investors who own from one to four rental units.

"Many investors don't want to deal with the management side," Hiroti said, or the complications that can arise with government rental regulations, human rights issues, dealing with tenants, and maintenance. Also, he said, many rental investors don't live near the property and need hands-on, local management.

In B.C., as in Alberta and



Kap Hiroti, vice-president of operations for Real Property Management, plans to cap Canadian property manager franchises at 150 - just 10 in B.C. - and then "build them up" | CHUNG CHOW

Saskatchewan, rental property managers are also required to have a broker's licence.

Maximize income

RPM works with landlords to maximize rental income, Hiroti added.

"We believe in action management. When a property comes to us, we look at ways to make it a higher performer asset." This can include finding extra revenue streams - such as renting parking or storage - but may also mean tapping into RPM's network to streamline paperwork and maintenance and repair costs. "If a plumber is needed, we can probably get the work done cheaper because of the volume we do," he explained.

Property management, Hiroti said, "is a lucrative and stable business model" that is increasing in demand as more novice landlords get into the residential rental business.

"We do everything, including marketing, finding tenants, showings, screenings, tenant placement, move-ins and inspections, and then the full services for the tenants while they're in the property. We'll take care of the rent collection and any maintenance concerns that come up. It's very much a hands-off investment for an owner. Once they bring it over to us, we take care of everything on their behalf."

RPM, which started in the U.S. 30 years ago, is North America's largest residential property management company. It has more than 300 offices - 90 per cent in the U.S. - and manages tens of thousands of rental properties for individuals, investors and institutions.

The key aspect of being a landlord is finding good tenants in the

first place, Hiroti noted.

"A large part of our operation is focused on prudent screening of prospective tenants," said Hiroti. "That's the time when you have all of the power."

RPM does more than check tenant references. The company has developed proprietary software for screening tenants through their "digital profile", Hiroti said, which can automatically track a tenant through social media and other sources, and in any country, including China.

It is apparently taking the same detailed approach to screening franchisee applicants as it attempts to set up a robust national platform.

Franchise fee

RPM is currently offering a relatively low-cost entry for franchisees as it ramps up. It starts with a "mobile franchise" that costs \$18,000 to start up and is often run from the franchisees' home office. Once franchisees establish their client list, they can move up to a \$36,000 franchise with an office branded and supported by RPM. This compares with RPM's U.S. franchise fees that start at US\$50.000.

"We plan to cap the number of B.C. franchises at 10 and then build them up," Hiroti said.

RPM's goal is to have no more than 150 franchisees across the country.

While Canadian property management fees are suggested by RPM, individual franchisees have the freedom to decide what they charge their clients. Hiroti said these fees generally work out to approximately 10 per cent of the rent collected.

RPM charges an average royalty fee of 8 per cent of gross income. "For example, if a tenant pays \$1,000 per month, the franchisee would make \$100 and the royalty fee would be \$8," Hiroti explained. The company also charges a 2 per cent fee for marketing and ongoing support.

RPM provides training that includes webinars, online courses and one-on-one individual coaching, and annual conferences.

Franchisees also have to go through the real estate licensing process, if applicable in their province.

The company currently has 17 franchises signed up, including in Vancouver, West Vancouver and Victoria in B.C., and in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland, Hiroti said.

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Resorts find that going smaller is paying off big

RECREATION |Owners say extra space for leisure, not rooms, can be the key to more bookings and higher profits

> By TYLER NYQUVEST, BUSINESS IN VANCOUVER wieditor@biv.com

An Okanagan resort is hoping to curb the trend of overcrowded resort venues by reducing volume to increase profit. And it is not alone.

Cozy Cabins Nature Resort, located west of Vernon in Creighton Valley, is incorporating recent feedback from guests and emerging industry trends in the industry to take a new direction with the business, said resort marketing manager Erik Hatterscheidt.

"[The idea] came out of the fact that when we were developing our resort, we built our cabins a little bit differently than a lot of other resorts out there by spacing them farther apart, spreading them over our 60 acres," said Hatterscheidt.

"We were finding that a lot of guests were booking in with us because of that reason, that extra space."

Because Cozy Cabins is between Vancouver and Calgary, Hatterscheidt noticed that family reunions were commonplace at the resort and neighbouring competitors.

"We found that when [large groups] came in together ... it changed the whole dynamic of the resort, so we started turning them away," said Hatterscheidt.

"Most of the resorts around us make their bread and butter from those types of family reunions. We started saying no to larger groups, which were a huge part of our income, and started booking small families."

After surveying guests, Hatterscheidt discovered visitors would be much more willing to pay a premium for what they already had, minus the extra people.

Cozy Cabins increased its price range approximately 40 per cent with the main focus being quality over quantity. So far, the strategy has worked, said Hatterscheidt.

"Our profit margin went from an average of 15 per cent to 50 per cent. Our revenue has been growing significantly as well."

The trend is becoming a staple to B.C. resorts as tourism numbers increase. Visitors are more interested in quiet, unobstructed landscapes commonly marketed in Canadian travel material. "You cannot provide that kind of [serene] experience if you have any kind of volume," said Laura Neubert, vice-president of business development at Clayoquot Wilderness Resort.

the resort holds a maximum of only 50 guests. | SUBMITTED

The West Coast resort features 25 luxury tents. The qualityover-quantity approach has always served the resort's business strategy, said Neubert.

"It takes a lot of effort to deliver really unique, once-in-a-lifetime

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experiences to every single guest, and you can't do that in great numbers."

Wilderness Resort and Retreat on B.C.'s Sunshine Coast has 125 acres within a provincial marine park, and

Clayoquot was recently named one of the world's most expensive resort experiences. However, guests keep coming back because they'll pay for the type of serenity associated with a lower-volume establishment, said Neubert.

Chris Moore, partner at Wilderness Resort and Retreat in Sechelt, said some resorts fail by design. "In B.C., [some resorts] have so much land, [yet] they put their cabins 15 feet from one another."

Wilderness Resort has 125 acress within a provincial marine park and, at any one time, the facility holds bookings to a limit of 50 guests.

"One of the things that attracted us to our property was that it was water access or float plane access. Getting there is part of the adventure," said Moore...

Sun Peaks widens real estate

Sun Peaks ski resort is adding 24 new, luxury residential units in the village centre, called Village Walk, its first major real estate expansion in nearly 10 years. Most of the buyers overall have been from Canada, the large majority of those

from B.C., said Liz Forster of Sotheby's Sun Peaks. "A lot of people say Sun Peaks is what Whistler Blackcomb was like 25 years ago."

The Village Walk townhomes, ready for occupancy by 2018, are priced in the \$690,000 range, according to Sotheby's listings.

In the last year, 17 per cent of Sun Peak purchasers have been international buyers – half from the U.S. and others from Europe and Australia. Albertans made up about 6 per cent of Canadian buyers in the last year.

According to the BC Real Estate Association, in 2014 the share of Alberta buyers in the Okanagan was about 18 per cent; that has declined to just over 10 per cent so far in 2017.

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Calgary vs. Edmonton as recession "in rear-view mirror"

FEATURE | Real estate investments in big-city Alberta are neck and neck but the capital may be taking the lead

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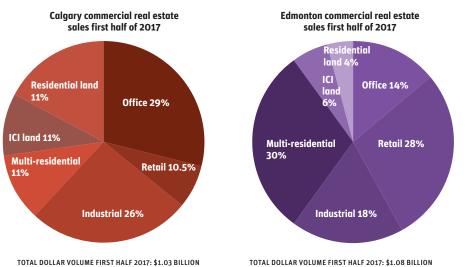
he Alberta economy is on the mend and the evidence can be seen in an uptick of real estate investments in the province's big cities, but the Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB) cautions that the recovery will be muted.

"There is little question that Alberta's economy has rounded the corner and the worst recession in three decades is now squarely in the rear-view mirror," ATB noted in its Alberta Economic Outlook, released in August. ATB Financial is forecasting real GDP growth of 3.2 per cent this year, followed by a more modest expansion of 2.1 per cent in 2018, in cautioning, "Alberta's economy is unlikely to recover to its pre-recession levels this year."

So how is the modest recovery playing out in Calgary and Edmonton real estate investments? Based on recent data, it appears the two cities are running neck and neck with Edmonton poised to take the lead.

Altus Group reports that total commercial real estate investments in Calgary in the second quarter of this year came to \$531 million, while it tallied \$545 million in Édmonton.

For the entire first half of 2017, Calgary saw a 24 per cent increase in the total dollar volume of real estate transactions, pushing it to more than \$1 billon, reports Barclay Street Real Estate. In the same period, Edmonton



TOTAL DOLLAR VOLUME FIRST HALF 2017: \$1.03 BILLION TOTAL DOLLAR VOLUME FIRST HALF 2016: \$827 MILLION

transactions were also slightly higher than \$1 billion, up 52 per cent from the first half of 2016. "The light at the end of the tunnel is getting stronger," said David Wallach, president of Barclay Street Real Estate.

But while the dollar volumes are similar, the investment targets differ in the two cities.

Calgary

Calgary's real estate investments in 2017 are focused on two sectors: office and residential land. The former was led by the sale of 12 office properties owned by Dream **Office Real Estate Investment** Trust to Slate Properties for more

than \$200 million. Considering record-high office vacancies in Calgary, an uptick in office sales is considered a sign of confidence in the city's potential.

Residential land sales, which totalled more than \$175 million in the first half, were boosted by the \$40.7 million sale of the Sam Livingston Building, which is seen as a high-density residential play. Total dollar volume in 2017 for residential land was up from \$79 million during the first half of 2016.

On the industrial front, Calgary posted a decrease in dollar volume, falling to \$270 million, down from \$316 million in the first half of last year. The average price per square foot dropped to \$186, down from \$203 a year earlier. However, Altus reports that industrial accounted for 23 per cent of total dollar volume in the second quarter, the highest of any real estate sector.

(TOTAL DOLLAR VOLUME FIRST HALF 2016: \$713 MILLION)

The smallest contributor was retail with 10.5 per cent of the total, a marked contrast from the pace that retail had been setting in Calgary. In the first half, total retail transactions accounted for \$74 million in transactions, about half the \$137 million at the same time last year. The biggest single retail deal so far this year has been the \$9 million sale of Roxboro River Shoppes to Sun Holdings. Despite the slower sales, the average price per square foot for retail hit a record high of \$417,

led by the sale of two Scotiabank outlets, one of which sold for \$921 per square foot.

Edmonton

In the capital city, the investor focus in 2017 is clearly on retail and office properties.

At more than \$304 million, investment in Edmonton retail was about five times higher than in the first half of last year, and the price per square increased to \$413, up from \$375 in 2016 and \$305 in pre-recession 2014.

The office sector showed a huge increase, with transactions reaching \$149 million in the first half, up from \$45.5 million at the same time a year earlier.

The industrial market also showed strength. In the first half, 41 industrial transactions were reported at a dollar volume of \$193 million, on pace to match 2016, which posted a total dollar volume of \$445.9 million. The average price per square for industrial this year hit \$211, up from \$177 in 2016 and the highest level in at least five years.

A soft spot in Edmonton is residential land sales, which experienced a decrease from 2016. In the first half. 11 residential land deals were made for a total dollar volume of \$43 million, down from 31 sales and a dollar volume of \$126 million at the same time last year.

However, sales of multi-family buildings accounted for 30 per cent of Edmonton's commercial real estate transactions, at \$325 million, up 20 per cent from 2016.



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Northland Expo Centre to merge with Shaw Conference Centre



Shaw Centre will expand its conference venues early next year I SUBMITTED

he debt-ridden Northlands Expo Centre in Edmonton will merge with the Shaw Conference Centre in a move approved by Edmonton city council in early September, the Edmonton Journal reports.

A private report to council recommended the Edmonton Economic Development Corp. (EEDC) take control of the expo centre and merge its trade show operations with the downtown venue.

Mayor Don Iveson said the consolidation will create more business in Edmonton's hospitality sector.

Brad Ferguson, president and CEO of EEDC, said in a statement that the organization is "grateful for [the] vote

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of confidence".

The move is expected to be complete by January 1, 2018. The expo centre is being run by Northlands, a non-profit, that has racked up a \$48 million debt with the city that dates to 2009, Northlands has twice deferred semi-annual payments of \$2 million. Iveson said the city can afford to forgive Northlands' debt and there will be no impact for taxpayers.

"We all knew the Expo Centre was unviable under Northlands," Iveson said. "The city is getting a morethan-\$100-million facility but is also going to have to take on the debt. " The future of other Northlands

properties, such as its racetrack and coliseum, are still to be decided.

Calgary RE forum selling out

Forum chair Darryl Schmidt: seeking answers.

The Calgary Real Estate Forum will be held October 26 but organizers are already expecting a sellout.

The annual forum, at the Telus Convention Centre North Building, comes as Alberta's largest city is seeking answers to some big real estate questions, said Darryl Schmidt, vice-president, national leasing, at Cadillac Fairview Corp., who is the

forum chair this year. Questions, he noted, such as:

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who's leading the way to getting Calgary back on its feet? How should the city protect itself from future economic cycles? Is the dust finally settling?

"Many of the answers will be provided at the 19th annual Calgary Real Estate Forum the largest conference of its kind in Western Canada," Schmidt said in a statement.

"We are expecting another sold-out event this year, with a strong lineup of speakers who will kick off our morning sessions, followed by an exciting luncheon keynote and ending the day with a closing round-table of top executives discussing the future of the real estate market," said Kelsey DeLuca, event manager for Informa, the show organizer. For more information, visit www.realestateforums.com

Farmers fear fed tax changes

A September meeting of St. Albert-area farmers and small business owners heard that federal tax changes could have a big effect on their bottom lines.

Speaker Rob Heron, partner and tax adviser at accounting firm Kingston Ross Pasnak said the proposed changes are going to have a significant impact.

"In my opinion there have not been any changes in the past decade that have been as pervasive as what's being proposed," he said.

The proposed changes to private corporations include ending income splitting where a recipient is not active in the business, taxing passive income at the highest marginal rates and preventing a private

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corporation from converting income into capital gains.

The Trudeau government brought forward the changes in July to "level" the playing field for high-income-earning individuals, whether they are taxed as employment income or corporations. The changes, however, could adversely affect small-business owners and farmers.

Farmers and small business owners that declare dividends among family members will be subject to a "reasonableness test." The Canada Revenue Agency will determine whether each individual contributed enough labour directly into the business to warrant the income. If they fail that test, recipients could be held to the highest tax rates.

The changes also will limit the eligibility of lifetime capital gains exemptions for family members.

- With files from St. Albert Gazette.

ReDev sells Edmonton's Daly Grove Centre

ReDev Properties has sold the Daly Grove Centre, the second Edmonton retail property it has unloaded this year.

Daly Grove Centre has 33,311 square feet of



retail and office space in the residential Mill Woods area. The property is fully leased to a mix of local and national tenants, ranging from medical care facilities to convenience food stores, including a KFC outlet.

"Daly Grove Centre has been a valuable product for us," ReDev president Richard Crenian said in a release announcing the sale. "We're sad to part ways with the centre, but believe our group has maximized the potential of the property."

CBRE Edmonton brokered the deal for ReDevNo financial details were released, nor was the name of the buyer.

Daly Grove Centre had been purchased by ReDev in 2007. It is the 14th asset of ReDev Properties' portfolio to have been acquired, owned, operated and sold since 2001.

ReDev sold Edmonton's 93,353-squarefoot Whitemud Crossing shopping centre in June.∎

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Hermanos doubles up



In a world full of multinational chains, Noel Bernier is a throwback.

The Winnipeg-based restaurateur has spent the past eight years introducing independent unique food and beverage concepts, and now he's going into expansion mode.

He has just opened his second Hermanos restaurant, a 4,000-square-foot, 100seat eatery on South Osborne Street. Both it and the original Hermanos, which is slightly larger and located in the Exchange District downtown, are South Americanstyle steak houses.

Bernier plans to open a third in town in the next 18 months and is looking outside Manitoba's borders for more

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"Hermanos has the potential to be a national steak house brand, fitting a unique category of South American steak house. This is a concept that is growing across North America and Hermanos is a bestin-class offer," he said.

Old space haunts industrial

A cursory look at Winnipeg's industrial real estate market shows a sector firing on all cylinders, but some troubling trends emerge after digging down into the data.

Vacancy dropped from 4 per cent to 3.8 per cent during the first six months of 2017 while absorption jumped by nearly 400,000 square feet during the same period, according to a new report from Colliers International. These positive metrics are pushing rents upwards, too, but one local expert is worried because there simply isn't enough product out there.

"What little that is available is very old," said Tom Derrett, Winnipeg-based vice-president of industrial at Colliers. "The space that's been sitting around

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for months and years isn't moving. It's obsolete."

New space that comes on line is being snapped up quickly, putting landlords squarely in the driver's seat.

A lack of adequate space is also resulting in fewer deals getting done, and that means the province's business community is falling short of its true potential.

"A lot of companies that can't find product in Winnipeg say, 'well, we'll look at Saskatchewan.' We're losing opportunities for development and having people come to our province," Derrett said.

B landlords pressured

As an unprecedented amount of top-grade office space is being built in Saskatoon, landlords of Class B and C buildings are feeling the pressure to upgrade.

With a 13-storey building at River Landing on schedule to open in 2019 plus an even bigger one in the works, landlords of all kinds are preparing for a flight to quality.

Tom McClocklin, president and managing director of Colliers International's Saskatoon office, said the smart landlords of B and C space have already taken action.



Some notable refurbishing projects that have been completed or are underway include the First Nations Bank and the Affinity Credit Union.

There is a 19 per cent vacancy rate in B space, 14 per cent in C space and 5.6 per cent in A space, according to a new research report from Colliers. That makes for an overall vacancy rate of 15 per cent, and Colliers' forecast calls for it to fall to 14 per cent by the end of the year.

McClocklin has a warning for landlords who are reluctant to raise a paintbrush.

"The time is now. [Space] that has been reinvested in will be in high demand. There is always a market for high-quality B-class space. Not everybody needs or wants to be in AAA space," he said. - Geoff Kirbyson

Regina tenants in the driver's seat



New office construction has helped push vacancy rates higher. | SUBMITTED

f you build it, they will come – but vour city's vacancy rate is going to shoot up. That's the lesson learned in Regina, which saw nearly 400,000 square feet of new office space added a couple of years ago with the construction of projects known as Tower Three and Agricultural Place, and has only now started to emerge from the trough.

According to a second-quarter industry report on the city's office sector, the vacancy rate has fallen to 12.4 per cent, down from 13.2 per cent last year.

Michael Kelsey, associate vice-president and a broker in Colliers International's Regina office, said the high rate is purely a result of the new construction and doesn't reflect the true state of the city's economy.

"We were the lowest [vacancy rate] in North America for three or four years in a row before we were the highest. It could be misinterpreted that our market is flocking out like in Calgary. We haven't had any layoffs," he said.

Kelsey predicts it will take two to three years until the market becomes balanced again. Until then, tenants are in the driver's seat. The competition among landlords to attract businesses is causing inducements ranging from six months of free rent to cash to pay for improvements.

"They have to dive for quarters for a while," he said.

Demand is higher for Class A space, which has a vacancy rate of about 8.7 per cent, while Class B is nearly twice that.

"Companies want the high-profile space and the spaces they're leaving need to be back-filled. There is a glut of Class B space on the market," Kelsey said. ■



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