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2631 Queenswood Dr Queenswood
375099 \$4,000,000



4409 Moonlight Ln Gordon Head
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377901 \$1,600,000



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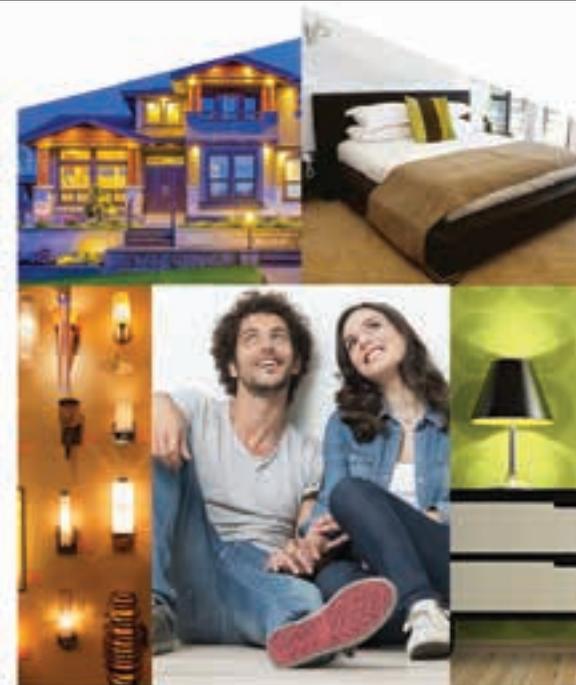


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Real estate news from the region

Victoria real estate market inventory edges up, sales still constrained

While the inventory of homes available for sale in the region remains low, indications suggest a more balanced market may be coming, according to the Victoria Real Estate Board.

"The numbers we saw in April are a further

indication that the market is gradually moving towards a more balanced state compared to the record-setting pace of 2016," says Ara Balabanian, president of the Victoria Real Estate Board.

A total of 885 properties sold in the region this

April, 31.2 per cent fewer than the 1,286 properties sold in April last year. The 10-year average for sales in April is 772 properties.

"We are starting to see hints of a more traditional spring market. Local agricultural production has been delayed due to the late spring, and so has

the local real estate market," adds Balabanian.

"More sellers listed their homes for sale over the month of April compared to the month previous."

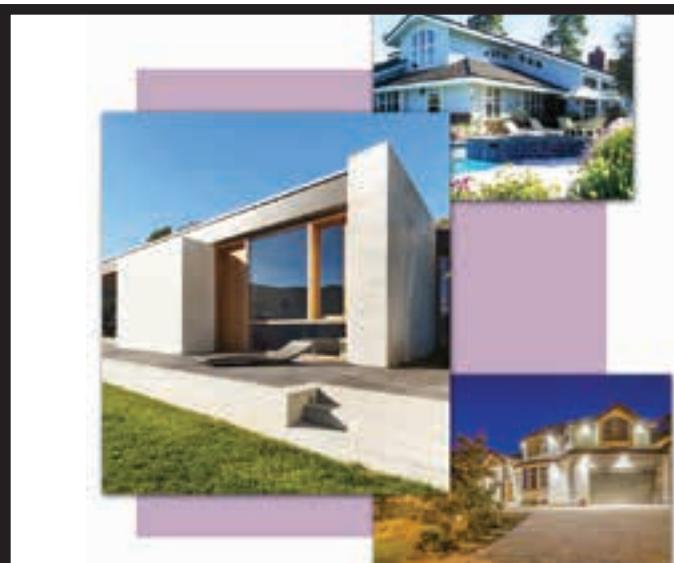
VREB's Multiple Listing Service had 1,690 active listings for sale at the end of April 2017, an increase of 8.6 per cent compared

to March, but 34.8 per cent fewer than the 2,594 active listings for sale at the end of April 2016.

"Inventory is still low, which means that buyers may encounter multiple offer situations in some of the high-demand areas – there is still more demand than supply,"

Balabanian says.

The MLS Home Price Index benchmark value for a single-family home in the Victoria Core in April 2016 was \$684,900. The benchmark value for the same home in April 2017 has increased by 17.6 per cent to \$805,100.



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5002 WEDGEWOOD PL

New MLS 377596 \$699,900

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SUNNY AND BRIGHT!

New MLS 377454 \$379,500

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Hudson Walk Two taking shape downtown

by Tim Collins

This week, the Hudson District added a third urban rental building, Hudson Walk Two, into a Victoria rental housing market plagued with unprecedented low vacancy rates. “These homes offer the ultimate in convenient downtown living and the uptake on them has been the fastest we’ve seen on this project,” said Rick Ilich, president of Townline, the company behind the Hudson District development. “This community continues to come alive and that is very rewarding to see.” Hudson Walk Two is a 16-storey con-

crete purpose-built rental forming part of the Hudson District. It’s the third urban residence in Townline’s plans, preceded by Hudson Mews (120 units) and Hudson Walk One (178 units). The newest project will add 106 units to the city’s rental inventory, an addition lauded by David Hutniak, CEO of LandlordBC.

“We definitely need these purpose-built rental-housing units in Victoria to allow the city to grow and meet the needs of the community. Victoria is changing and while the mayor has done a great job in streamlining the development process and changes in bylaws to allow for secondary housing (garden and basement suites) are great, we really need developments like this if we’re going to seriously address the rental housing shortage,” said Hutniak.

He said the entire community has to recognize that (residential) density isn’t a dirty word but rather a reflection of what the city has to do to grow and prosper.

“The message, I think, has been heard at a political level, but it’s the whole community that has to look at the situation and appreciate that we need more housing,” he said.

Hudson Walk Two is exactly what the city needs said Chris Colbeck, vice president of marketing for Townline. He described the wide variety of pet friendly apartments, featuring 15-one-and-two-bedroom floor plans in condo-style homes as well as walk-up town-homes. The units range in size from 474 to 1,302 square feet.

“The units will allow for a broad range of people to live and work right in the city. It’s a strategy designed to add to the vibrancy of the city,” said Colbeck, adding the development brings a diversity and energy to the downtown core, noting the units are being occupied by a full range of tenants, including students, young professionals, seniors and down-sizers opting for a simpler life downtown.

“The people taking up our suites have everything at their doorstep...yoga, cafes, shopping and markets, Chinatown...it’s all there,” said Colbeck.

The next phase of the Hudson development is now in the planning stages and is planned as a high rise condo building. More information can be found at hudsondistrict.ca.

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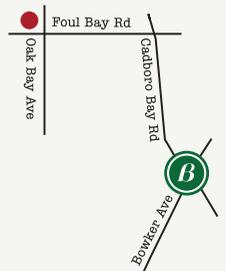
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