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Rising Mortgage Rates Continue to Slow Market Activity

Vancouver, BC – June 13, 2022. The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) reports that a total of 8,214 residential unit sales were recorded by the Multiple Listing Service[®] (MLS[®]) in May 2022, a decrease of 35.1 per cent from May 2021. The average MLS[®] residential price in BC was \$1 million, a 9.3 per cent increase from \$915,392 recorded in May 2021. Total sales dollar volume was \$8.2 billion, a 29.1 per cent decline from the same time last year.

"Canadian mortgage rates continue to climb," said BCREA Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson. "The average 5-year fixed mortgage rate reached 4.49 per cent in June. That is the highest mortgage rates have been since 2009."

Provincial active listings were 4.4 per cent higher than this time last year, the first year-over-year increase in active listings since 2019. However, active listings still remain below what is typical for a balanced market, though current market conditions have a high degree

Market Conditions Calming 60% Provincial Sales-to-Active Listings Ratio 50% 40% 30% Sellers' Market Balanced Market 8 Buyers' Market 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 Source: BCREA Economics

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of variation across regions and product types.

Year-to-date, BC residential sales dollar volume was down 14.5 per cent to \$46.7 billion, compared with the same period in 2021. Residential unit sales were down 26.3 per cent to 43,921 units, while the average MLS® residential price was up 16 per cent to \$1.06 million.

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May 2022 Residential Average Price, Active Listings and Sales-to-Active-Listings Data by Board

Board	Average Price			1	Active Listings	Sales-to-Active-Listings		
	May 2022 Residential Average Price (\$)	May 2021 Residential Average Price (\$)	% change	May 2022 Residential Active Listings (Units)	May 2021 Residential Active Listings (Units)	% change	May 2022 Residential Sales to Active Listings (%)	May 2021 Residential Sales to Active Listings (%)
BC Northern	453,601	380,269	19.3	1,437	1,659	-13.4	29.7	39.4
Chilliwack	819,250	701,027	16.9	1,154	707	63.2	18.9	57.9
Fraser Valley	1,061,764	1,004,174	5.7	5,448	5,006	8.8	24.1	57.0
Greater Vancouver	1,279,785	1,179,831	8.5	10,389	11,483	-9.5	28.4	37.8
Interior Okanagan* Kamloops Kootenay	785,660 641,232 511,987	716,659 540,282 456,112	9.6 18.7 12.3	3,205 849 1,057	2,607 673 1,004	22.9 26.2 5.3	32.6 33.7 28.7	56.0 59.4 36.6
South Peace**	297,050	272,836	8.9	220	344	-36.0	30.0	13.7
Powell River	647,655	473,209	36.9	129	90	43.3	29.5	44.4
Vancouver Island	840,418	642,804	30.7	2,132	1,566	36.1	39.4	69.1
Victoria	1,057,168	901,236	17.3	1,399	1,130	23.8	52.2	89.0
Provincial Totals***	1,000,787	915,392	9.3	27,419	26,269	4.4	30.0	48.2

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May 2022 BC Residential Multiple Listing Service® Data by Board

Board	Dol	lar Volume (000s)		Units				
	May 2022	May 2021	%	May 2022	May 2021	%		
Doard	Residential	Residential Sales	change	Residential Sales	Residential Sales	change		
	Sales (\$)	(\$)		(Units)	(Units)			
BC Northern	193,687	248,316	-22.0	427	653	-34.6		
Chilliwack	178,597	286,720	-37.7	218	409	-46.7		
Fraser Valley	1,395,158	2,866,917	-51.3	1,314	2,855	-54.0		
Greater Vancouver	3,771,527	5,127,546	-26.4	2,947	4,346	-32.2		
Interior								
Okanagan*	820,229	1,045,606	-21.6	1,044	1,459	-28.4		
Kamloops	183,392	216,113	-15.1	286	400	-28.5		
Kootenay	155,132	167,393	-7.3	303	367	-17.4		
South Peace**	19,605	12,823	52.9	66	47	40.4		
Powell River	24,611	18,928	30.0	38	40	-5.0		
Vancouver Island	706,792	695,514	1.6	841	1,082	-22.3		
Victoria	771,732	906,643	-14.9	730	1,006	-27.4		
Provincial Totals***	8,220,463	11,592,519	-29.1	8,214	12,664	-35.1		

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May 2022 Year-to-Date BC Residential Multiple Listing Service® Data by Board

Board	Dollar Volume (000s)			Unit Sales			Average Price		
	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$)	% change	2022	2021	% change	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$)	% change
BC Northern	797,432	867,394	-8.1	1,875	2,326	-19.4	425,297	372,912	14.0
Chilliwack	1,382,950	1,755,380	-21.2	1,567	2,505	-37.4	882,546	700,750	25.9
Fraser Valley	10,001,487	13,148,373	-23.9	8,379	13,182	-36.4	1,193,637	997,449	19.7
Greater Vancouver	21,711,474	25,279,647	-14.1	16,445	21,506	-23.5	1,320,248	1,175,469	12.3
Interior Okanagan* Kamloops Kootenay South Peace**	4,098,837 913,908 720,519 66,814	4,617,461 922,895 732,587 58,319	-11.2 -1.0 -1.6 14.6	4,997 1,385 1,404 246	6,822 1,732 1,679 204	-26.8 -20.0 -16.4 20.6	820,260 659,862 513,190 271,603	676,849 532,849 436,323 285,877	21.2 23.8 17.6 -5.0
Powell River	106,877	98,122	8.9	155	197	-21.3	689,528	498,081	38.4
Vancouver Island	3,249,989	3,082,559	5.4	4,041	4,901	-17.5	804,254	628,965	27.9
Victoria	3,629,778	4,052,058	-10.4	3,427	4,571	-25.0	1,059,171	886,471	19.5
Provincial Totals***	46,680,067	54,614,799	-14.5	43,921	59,625	-26.3	1,062,819	915,971	16.0

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