

Government Relations Update

Community of Practice

April 10, 2024

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GR Realignment



WHO WE ARE

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2022 Highlights



2023 Highlights

- **January:** HBRP and FBB came into effect
- **April:** Joint Call with SBOT for Permanent Provincial Housing Roundtable
- **May:** Government Liaison Days and housing targets announced
- **August:** Data Collection Rules Consultation
- **September:** UBCM Convention
- **October:** PAC Days

2023 Highlights

- **November:**

- Managing Brokers Conference
- NCCR Consultation & Administrative Penalties Consultation
- Monitoring new housing legislation
- Canada's Housing Action Plan and SBOT press release

2024 Priorities

- Housing legislation and regulations
- Government Liaison Days asks
- Drug home remediation policy
- ALR review
- Strata documents
- Foreign Buyers Ban advocacy (e.g., Sun Peaks)
- Limited Dual Agency review (with the North)
- *Land Act* amendments
- Climate change policy review, analysis, and advocacy

Short-Term Rentals

- October 2023 – Bill 35
- 3 key elements:
 - increasing fines and strengthening tools for local governments;
 - returning short-term rentals to long-term homes; and
 - establishing provincial rules and enforcement.
- Further exemptions may be needed.

Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing



- November 2023 – Bill 44
 - Permits one accessory dwelling unit.
 - Three to six units permitted on single-family lots.
- Awaiting Standardized Housing Designs
- BCREA supports this legislation and is monitoring implementation.

Transit-Oriented Development



- November 2023 – Bill 47
- Transit Oriented Development Areas (TOD Areas):
 - permit housing developments that meet provincial standards;
 - remove restrictive parking minimums; and
 - utilize provincial policy manual to provide consistent development approach.
- BCREA supports the legislation.

Recent Housing Policies

- Bill 13: *Land Title and Property Law Amendment Act, 2024*
- Bill 14: *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*
- Bill 15: *Budget Measures Implementation (Residential Property (Short-Term Holding) Profit Tax) Act, 2024*
- Bill 16: *Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*
- Federal pre-Budget 2024 announcements

Government Liaison Days 2024



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Group Delegate Photo at the Legislative Buildings

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MLA Meetings



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Real Estate Board GR Staff Advocacy Award



GR REALTOR® Volunteer Advocacy Award

Real Estate Board GR Committee Advocacy Award



Closing Remarks



Questions?