FRASER VALLEY REAL ESTATE REVIEW

Your guide to market activity and insights



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MAY 2023: MONTH IN REVIEW

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The Fraser Valley residential real estate market continued to show strength in May, both with sales and prices. The strong seller's market continues this spring, despite rising mortgage rates.



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Observations, Opinions and Analysis

THE BACKDROP

- inventory remains very tight but new listings are starting to rise
- -the Bank of Canada raised interest rates again in June by 0.25%
- -mortgage rates appear to be heading up again (both fixed & variable)
- demand continues to be steady
- -the jobs market remains steady

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME IN MAY 2023

- inventory picked up with a spike in new listings
- overall property sales were up again month over month
- sellers appear more willing to put their homes up for sale
- the average days to sell a home were very low. 23 for detached homes, 18 days for townhomes and 23 days for apartments. Homes continue to sell fast! Especially townhomes!
- the benchmark price in the Fraser Valley compared to a year earlier for a detached home was down 12.7%, townhomes down 9.8% and apartments down 6.3%

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MY TAKE ON THE HOUSING MARKET

It seems to me that we got some relief for buyers, to meet the steady demand for homes. The pickup in new listings is a welcome shift that may help bring the market into better balance, if that trend continues. Even so, there is still general upward pressure on home prices, month over month. The key is to look at what is happening month over month to both sales and prices, not comparing to last year. Through this lens, sales and prices are still moving up this spring in the Fraser Valley. Today's market keeps favouring sellers.

The resilience of the Canadian housing market might have helped trigger the Bank of Canada to raise rates again in June. Mortgage rates look like they're trending modestly up again (at least for now).

WHAT I'M WATCHING IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

The extent to which mortgage rates move up in June will be something to watch closely. As well, whether the Bank of Canada raises it's benchmark interest rate again in July is anyone's guess. If they do raise again, that could negatively impact sentiment and affordability.

As well, I will continue watching the level of new listings and active listings in the months ahead. The lack of supply might just be easing. If it does improve meaningfully, then the upward pressure on prices might ease, in turn.

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ABBOTSFORD

TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	306	-17.5%
SALES	90	+30.4%
\$ 1,206,800		-14.3%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	107	-38.2%
SALES	74	+94.7%
\$ 625,600		-17.1%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	163	-21.3%
SALES	93	+50.0%
\$ 426,100		-12.5%

MISSION

TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	179	-12.7%
SALES	50	+25.0%
\$ 1,034,200		-14.1%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	21	+5.0%
SALES	13	+85.7%
\$ 646,300		-14.4%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	47	+95.8%
SALES	2	•

BENCHMARK PRICE

\$ 455,300

*percentages are comparisons to previous year figures

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WHITE ROCK / **SOUTH SURREY**

TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	349	-19.2%
SALES	87	+40.3%
BENCHMARK PRICE \$ 1,915,400		-10.0%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	93	-47.8%
SALES	65	+10.2%
\$ 960,400		-6.7%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	201	+22.6%
SALES	79	+12.9%
\$ 626,000		-3.2%

LANGLEY

TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	300	+18.1%
SALES	111	-16.2%
\$ 1,575,000		-14.5%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	129	-42.9%
SALES	93	+16.3%
\$ 821,000		-12.7%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	222	-7.9%
SALES	149	+35.5%
BENCHMARK PRICE \$ 584,200		-8.7%

*percentages are comparisons to previous year figures

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DELTA - NORTH

TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	146	+6.6%
SALES	39	+44.4%
\$ 1,383,500		-12.9%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	20	-44.4%
SALES	8	+300.0%
BENCHMARK PRICE \$ 927,700		-10.5%

TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	20	-31.0%
SALES	7	-50.0%
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SURREY - CENTRAL

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TOTAL

ACTIVE LISTINGS	418	-15.4%
SALES	110	+59.4%
BENCHMARK PRICE \$ 1,535,400		-12.5%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	277	-32.3%
SALES	96	-7.7%
BENCHMARK PRICE \$ 850,300		-7.3%

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TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	100	-8.3%
SALES	41	+17.1%
\$ 558,600		-8.4%

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Current as of June 2023. Source www.fvreb.bc.ca

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SURREY - CLOVERDALE

TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	91	-44.5%
SALES	52	+33.3%
BENCHMARK PRICE \$ 1,513,100		-11.7%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	65	-44.9%
SALES	58	+38.1%
\$ 854,700		-7.5%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	23	-43.9%
SALES	18	-37.9%
BENCHMARK PRICE		_

SURREY - NORTH

TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	262	-8.7%
SALES	55	+61.8%
\$ 1,472,600		-13.9%
TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	64	-13.5%
SALES	33	+17.9%
\$ 761,400		-8.6%

+2.0%

TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS	397	-0.5%
SALES	127	+0.8%
\$ 506,500		-3.9%

*percentages are comparisons to previous year figures

\$ 635,600

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