RF/MAXKELOWNA April Real Estate Review



How many of you felt like April was something like 287 days long? There were many guips like that on Facebook recently with lots of "Lol"s . At times this does seem to be endless but as Dr. Bonnie Henry says, "It's not forever but it is for now!"

Are you getting overloaded with news and reports about Covid-19? Let's talk about some of the good things happening for a change. Are you spending less money on gas? Are your pets happier? Are you reading more? How about getting some fresh air, bike riding, walks or hikes? Time with your loved ones? In "normal" times it seems we spend too much money or find it challenging to find time for enjoyable pursuits. With some optimism on the horizon, this is a good time to make the most of the extra time right now and enjoy it. Yes, there are financial challenges, but we will come out of this. Let's do our best to enjoy what we can and remember the good parts when this is all over.

Real estate! It's a bit like the weather. Everyone likes to talk about it and most people have an opinion. It will come as no surprise to most of you that after a strong March, April was much slower this year. Sales are certainly down but they have not halted, by any measure. There are still people who need to sell and others who need to buy. This is the reason real estate is an essential service. The good news is, there are fewer "tire-kicker" buyers and sellers. Those that are participating in this market tend to be very serious. Interestingly, new listings usually outstrip buyers at this time of year but the opposite is true right now. With fewer listings and serious buyers

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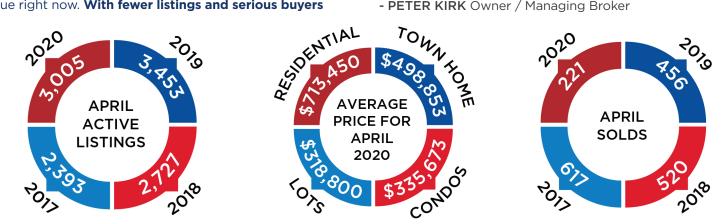
stepping up, prices actually rose by over 2.0%

compared to April of last year. The month ahead should be an interesting one. If, as predicted, the Provincial Government begins to lift some of the restrictions affecting the economy and people take small steps towards greater interaction, shopping, eating out and more, we believe real estate sellers and buyers will also begin to get more active too. For everyone's sake, a slow and steady opening of the economy will be best, but just knowing we are on that path will give everyone a shot of optimism. We anticipate the numbers for May will be up from April.

On a very practical note, have you bought any new plants or seeds yet? The garden shops are busy but remember, those shops count on many people buying and planting stuff too early. Those plants don't survive and new ones need to be bought. Remember what my mother used to say, "most things shouldn't be put outside until the 24th of May weekend". It's easy to remember that date and you'll save yourself time and money if you are just a bit patient. Happy gardening.

Last word. At the risk of being repetitive, once things begin to open slowly, please remember to respect social distancing and sensible precautions. As Dr. Bonnie Henry says, "We will get through this. Be calm, be safe, be patient!"

- PETER KIRK Owner / Managing Broker



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Central Okanagan Monthly Statistics as Reported by OMREB - APRIL 2020

Stat Comparison APRIL 2019 v	Single Family Sales by Price YTD APRIL 2020						
Number of Sales by Month	2019	2020	Price Ran	ige		2019	2020
	456	221	\$0 - \$319,999			3	4
Number of Sales Year to Date	2019	2020					
	1,334	1,227	\$320,000 - \$439,999		999	27	' 17
Residential House Prices by Month	2019	2020	\$440,000 - \$559,999				69
Average	\$697,241	\$713,450			999	106	
Median	\$637,500	\$670,000	\$560,000 - \$699,999		999	161	146
Residential House Prices Year to Date	2019	2020			555	10	
Average	\$696,117	\$722,507	\$700,000 - \$999,999		999	142	. 152
Median	\$640,000	\$666,950					_
Number of Units Listed	2019	2020	\$1 M and Over			38	54
	1,200	633					
Days to Sell by Month - Residential	2019	2020	Active Inventory Central Okanagan - APRIL 2020				
	62	61					
Days to Sell Year to Date - Residential	2019	2020	Residential	Condo	Mobile	s Lots	Townhomes
	65	70	941	571	90	444	363

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Year to date MLS® statistics for Central Okanagan area as provided by OMREB.



KELOWNA & AREA RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES SINGLE FAMILY HOMES - PEACHLAND TO OYAMA



RESIDENTIAL INVENTORY VS MONTHLY SALES CENTRAL OKANAGAN 2020

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

