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## February Real Estate Review

Welcome to the latest edition of the Central Okanagan Real Estate Newsletter, your go-to source for the most up-to-date market statistics and trends in the Central Okanagan residential real estate market.

#### **UNVEILING THE NEW BC BUDGET:**

Impacts and Opportunities for Home Buyers and Sellers

The British Columbia government has recently announced its new budget, introducing significant measures directly impacting the real estate market. At RE/MAX Kelowna, we're committed to keeping you informed and ahead of the curve. Here's a breakdown of the key points and how they might affect you:

We have a couple of winners and losers with these new budget announcements.

Our winners are first-time buyers and purchasers of newly constructed properties.

#### **FIRST TIME BUYER:**

The exemption threshold for first-time buyers has been raised significantly to a fair market value of \$835,000 (up from \$500,000), making the first \$500,000 of a property's value exempt from the property transfer tax—the complete exemption phases out at \$860,000.

#### **NEWLY BUILT HOMES:**

For those eyeing a newly built home, the exemption FMV threshold has been lifted to \$1,100,000 (from \$750,000), with the phase-out range extending to \$1,150,000.

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#### **PURPOSE-BUILT RENTAL BUILDINGS:**

A new exemption is introduced for transactions between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2030, to encourage the development and purchase of new purpose-built rental buildings. This move is set to foster a more robust rental market.

These three changes will help offset some of the costs buyers must cope with and a tight rental market.

And now for the losers...

#### INTRODUCING THE TAX ON HOME FLIPPING:

In an effort to stabilize the housing market and discourage speculative buying, the BC government is introducing a new tax targeting home flipping. Here's what you need to know:

**TAX RATE:** A hefty 20% tax will be applied to profits from the sale of real estate held for less than 365 days. This rate will decrease gradually to zero for properties sold between 366 and 730 days after purchase.

**SCOPE:** This tax will apply to properties with housing units and those zoned for residential use, including assignment sales.

**EXEMPTIONS:** There's a silver lining for those selling their primary residence within two years, with an exclusion of \$20,000 from this tax. Moreover, exemptions will be available for certain life changes, aligning with federal property flipping rules.

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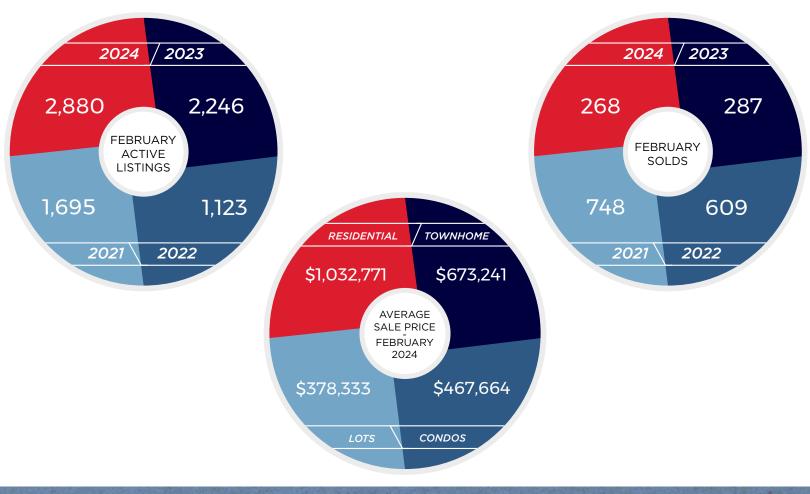
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Central Okanagan Monthly Statistics as Reported by the ASSOCIATION OF INTERIOR REALTORS® - FEBRUARY 2024



Stat Comparison February 2023 vs. February 2024

Number of Sales by Month	2023	2024
	287	268
Number of Sales Year to Date	2023	2024
	476	486
Residential House Prices by Month	2023	2024
Average	1,056,824.00	1,032,771.00
Median	950,000.00	939,625.00
Residential House Prices Year to Date	2023	2024
Average	1,020,411.00	1,027,444.00
Median	922,500.00	915,000.00
Number of Units Listed	2023	2024
	771	997
Days to Sell by Month - Residential	2023	2024
	60	77
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Single Family Sales by Price YTD February 2024

Price Range	2023	2024
\$0 - \$319,999	0	1 (
\$320,000 - \$439,999	1	0
\$440,000 - \$559,999	3	5
\$560,000 - \$699,999	^19	18
\$700,000 - \$999,999	92	89
\$1 M and Over	74	72

Active Inventory
Central Okanagan - February 2024

Residential	Condo	Mobiles	Lots	Townhomes
954	589	90	272	328

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



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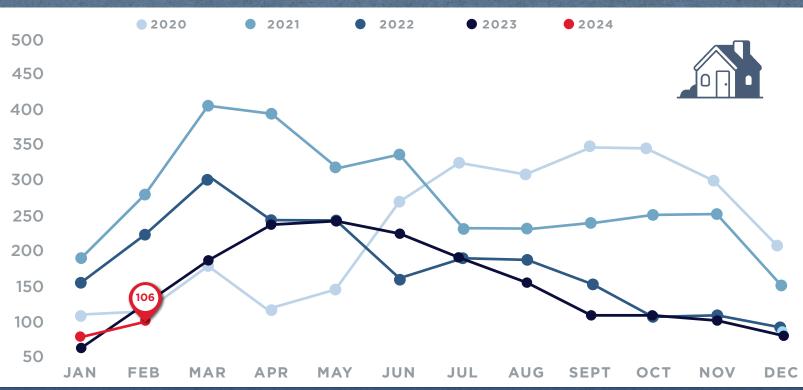
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