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Did You know - Smart phone users - Here are the Numbers

51.4 PERCENT

The portion of Facebook users who prefer to express laughter by typing "haha," whereas 33.7 percent rely on emojis and only 1.9 percent use the once popular "lol."

4 FOLD

According the report from SwiftKey, French speakers use four times as many heart emojis than people speaking any other language.

221 TIMES

The Number of times average users in the UK pick up their smartphones per day.



2015 SALES REACH HISTORIC HIGH

Home sales in Metro Vancouver set a new record in 2015, while seller's conditions continued to push prices upwards.

The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver (REBGV) reports that 2015 home sales hit the highest annual total in their history with sales of detached, attached and apartment properties in 2015 reaching 42,326, a 27.8 percent increase over 2014 residential sales, and a 48.4 percent increase over the 28,524 homes sold in 2013.

Price-wise, the MLS® Home Price Index (HPI) saw double-digit year-over-year price increases. The MLS® HPI composite benchmark price for all residential properties in Metro Vancouver closed last year at \$760,900 – almost 19 percent higher than in December 2014.

The number of residential properties listed for sale on the Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®) in Metro Vancouver in 2015 rose by 2.1 percent from 2014,

to 57,249. With sales-to-active-listings ratios above 25 percent for 11 months in 2015, the Metro Vancouver market experienced seller's market conditions for much of the year.

"Home buyers were active and motivated throughout 2015 despite the pressure on supply of homes on the market," Darcy McLeod, REBGV President said. "Housing markets typically experience quieter periods within a calendar year, but that wasn't the case in Metro Vancouver last year."

What does the 2016 market have in store for you? Please call today for the latest market updates!



Terminology Tip

CLEAR TITLE – A clear title is a title that is free of encumbrances, such as liens, deed restrictions, easements, and encroachments. In other words, the legal ownership is clear and no other ownership claims exist against it. A clear title is a necessary requirement in any real estate transaction, and mortgage lenders require proof of clear title in order to fund a mortgage loan.

