



Significant Construction Activity will Change Vancouver's Skyline

After ten years of limited office construction, Downtown Vancouver is in the midst of a significant development cycle. The previous decade witnessed the addition of two office towers and two mixed-use projects with office components that contributed 1.15 million square feet to the Downtown market. In comparison, three office buildings accounting for almost 1.1 million square feet of space, as well as an additional 115,000 square feet in a mixed-use tower, are already under construction in Downtown Vancouver and another 280,000 square feet will be added upon completion of Cadillac Fairview's redevelopment of 725 Granville Street in the heart of the Downtown Core. There are eight more proposed developments in the pipeline that could potentially contribute over 2.3 million additional square feet to the market by 2017-2018. Downtown Class A space is currently 1.5% vacant and vacancy has been decreasing for six consecutive quarters, so it is understandable why developers appear to be planning new construction with a sense of urgency. The timeline of most proposed projects will be contingent on securing lead tenants and the expectations of developers regarding future market conditions.

Status of Proposed Developments Creates Several Possibilities

What if all currently proposed buildings are built within the next five years? The result would be an estimated 3.75 million square feet of new supply - and a 28% increase to the current Downtown Class A inventory. Since this amount of construction activity is unprecedented it is nearly impossible to accurately predict the impact that such a significant increase would have, but it's highly unlikely that all or most of the additional supply would be absorbed. Absorption is difficult to predict because so many dynamic factors must be considered, including pent-up tenant demand, relocations to and from the suburbs, expansions and contractions of tenants' space needs, changes in workplace strategy, effects of transportation strategies and changes in demand resulting from growth patterns of foreign economies. Taking into consideration historical absorption rates and a best guess regarding the influence of the aforementioned economic factors, if all of the proposed buildings are completed by the end of 2017 we project that Downtown Class A vacancy could increase to as high as 18%.

However, it is unlikely that all thirteen proposed buildings will come to market in this time frame, so what if only the five confirmed developments are completed in the next five years? The 1,470,000 square feet of confirmed office space represents an 11% increase on comparable existing Downtown supply. Based on the size and nature of the various pre-leasing commitments to date and the pent-up demand that has characterized the Downtown Class A market in recent years, the majority of the new buildings and backfill space created by pre-leases will likely be occupied in a timely manner. Vacancy should trend upwards from an estimated 1% in Q2 2014 immediately prior to the completion of the first confirmed building. A rise in vacancy to 2% in Q4 2014 is projected before a five-year high of 4.2% would be reached in Q4 2015, followed by a decline to 2.4% in 2016 and 1.2% by Q4 2017 due to the lack of confirmed buildings scheduled for completion during the last two years of this development cycle.



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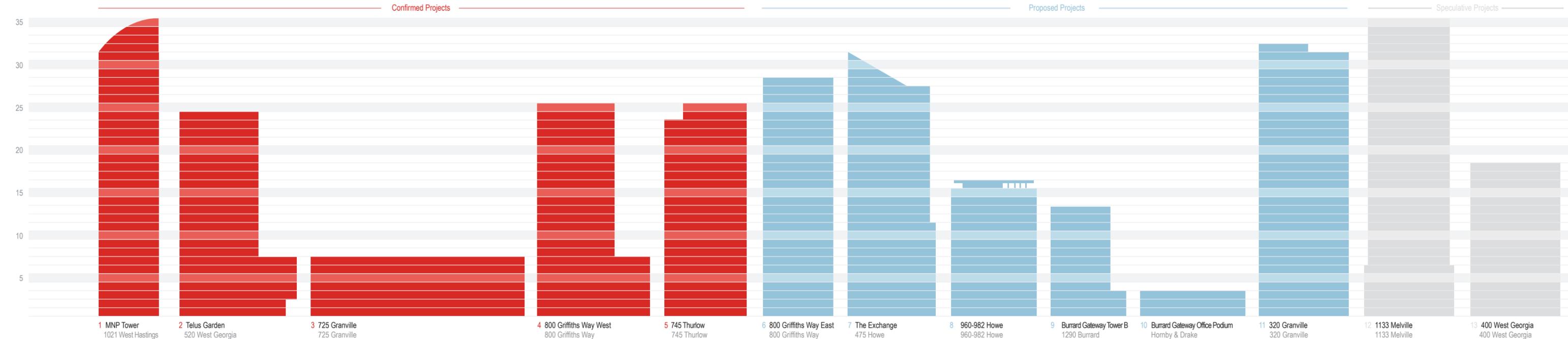
New buildings in various phases of the development process are projected to result in a 21% increase of Class A Downtown inventory over the next five years.



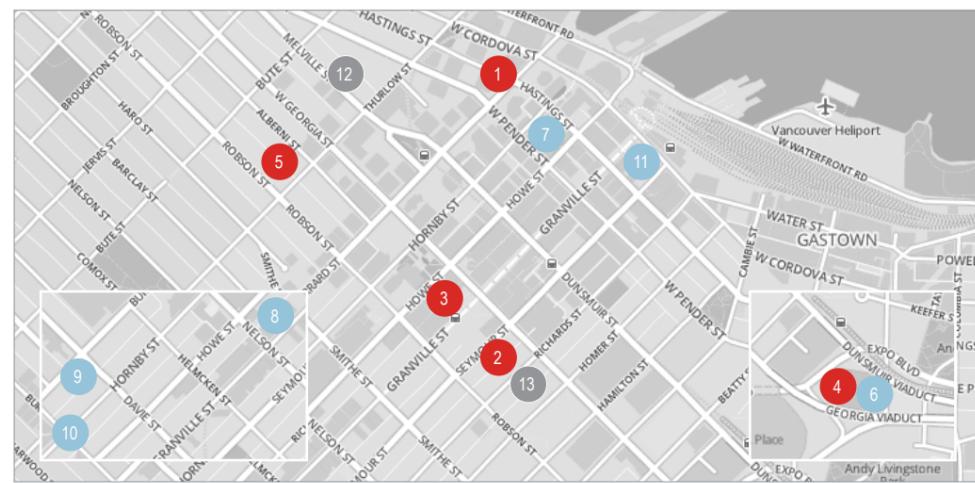
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Downtown Vancouver's Confirmed and Proposed Developments

An analysis of new supply trends in the Downtown Class A office market



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Office Area	265,000 s.f.	445,000 s.f.	280,000 s.f.	115,000 s.f.	365,000 s.f.	70,000 s.f.	360,000 s.f.	250,000 s.f.	130,000 s.f.	99,000 s.f.	340,000 s.f.	N/A	N/A
Typical Floor Plan	8,000 s.f.	20,000 s.f.	70,000 s.f.	11,000 s.f.	18,500 s.f.	8,000 s.f.	13,800 s.f.	18,700 s.f.	11,000 s.f.	33,000 s.f.	11,000 s.f.	N/A	N/A
Floors	35	22	7	25	25	28	30	15	13	4	32	N/A	N/A
Building Class	AAA/LEED Gold	AAA/LEED Platinum	A/LEED Gold	A/LEED Gold	AAA/LEED Gold	A/LEED Gold	AAA/LEED Platinum	A/LEED Gold	A/LEED Gold	A/LEED Gold	AAA/LEED Gold	AAA/TBD	AAA/TBD
Anchor Tenant	MNP (82,000 s.f.)	Telus (+/- 200,000 s.f.) Bull Housser (67,000 s.f.)	Nordstrom (Retail) (230,000 s.f.)	Aquilini Group (60,000 s.f.)	SNC Lavalin (101,500 s.f.) McCarthy Tetrauit (82,000 s.f.)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	N/A
Available Space	159,000 s.f.	178,000 s.f.	280,000 s.f.	55,000 s.f.	181,500 s.f.	70,000 s.f.	360,000 s.f.	250,000 s.f.	130,000 s.f.	99,000 s.f.	340,000 s.f.	N/A	N/A
Estimated Gross Rent	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$52.50	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$60.00	N/A	N/A
Landlord	Oxford Properties	Telus/Westbank	Cadillac Fairview	Aquilini Development	Bentall Kennedy/bclMC	Aquilini Development	Credit Suisse/SwissReal	Manulife	Reliance Properties Jim Pattison Real Estate Group	Reliance Properties Jim Pattison Real Estate Group	Carrera Management Corporation	N/A	N/A
Estimated Delivery Date	Q3 2014	Q3 2014	Q1 2015	Q1 2015	Q2 2015	Q2 2015	Q3 2015	Q3 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2016	2017	2018	2018



Expected Scenario

Based on what we know today Jones Lang LaSalle predicts that, in addition to the confirmed buildings, several of the proposed buildings will proceed and a total of 2,720,000 square feet of Class A space will be added to Downtown inventory before the end of 2017. The most significant single year increase in vacant space is expected in 2015 because of the amount of confirmed space coming to market on the heels of significant additions the year prior; according to our expected development timeline, vacancy is expected to double from 3.1% in 2014 to 6.2% in 2015, followed by a rise to 8.1% in 2016 and a high of 8.5% by the end of 2017. The expected Downtown Class A vacancy trend is based on projected absorption of approximately 1,450,000 square feet between 2014-2017.

While this is significantly higher than today's vacancy rate, around 8% vacancy is generally considered to be a balanced market. At that time landlords will have lost much of the leverage they have in today's leasing environment, and overall market conditions will become neutral but fall short of shifting strongly to the tenants' favour.

Base case: 5 buildings - 1,470,000 s.f., Completed 2014-2017
Medium case: 11 buildings - +/- 2,720,000 s.f., Completed 2014-2017
High case: 13 buildings - +/- 3,750,000 s.f., Completed 2014-2017