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**As Vancouver's Condominium Market Raises Questions,  
The Canadian Condominium Institute Provides Answers**

(Vancouver, British Columbia) --- Explosive market growth in Vancouver's condominium industry has evoked mixed emotions with many prospective and current property owners. While some are waiting to capitalize on lucrative profits, others fear a speculative real estate bubble and the associated 'pop'. These same prospective and current owners have many questions about their condominium lifestyle, including knowing their rights and obligations as owners, who the decision-makers are, and what protection they have as consumers. The Canadian Condominium Institute (CCI) is an organization, which, among other things, provides answers to these and many other questions.

Chapters are forming all across Canada including CCI-Vancouver, which became a chapter in response to the need for education and information by the thousands of people entering into the highly sought after 'west coast condominium lifestyle'

"[Several years ago] I was sitting in my office looking at the multi-million dollar buildings that were popping up in downtown Vancouver. I remember thinking that these buildings are administered by volunteer council members who, in many cases, don't necessarily have the knowledge of how to manage, administer, and govern effectively. There is a definite need for education. With Vancouver neck-in-neck with Toronto, in terms of population density and condominium expansion, I knew we needed help immediately, so, along with several other individuals with similar concerns, we recognized an opportunity to create a CCI Chapter in Vancouver," explains CCI-V's President, Jamie Bleay.

Every year, the Annual CCI Spring Conference is organized to unite chapter members, provide a forum for education, and the exchange of ideas and information between the chapter members across the country. This year's national conference was held at the Listel Hotel in late May. Aside from focusing on core education areas in building maintenance and repair, insurance, and property law, conference attendees had a great time socializing on a sunset dinner cruise and on a trip up Grouse Mountain. "It was a huge success this year! Members congregated from all over the country, and were just amazed to look outside and see the city full of wall-to-wall condos. Participants could not ignore the contrast against the North Shore Mountains, and truly recognized Vancouver's beauty, the [lure behind why] people move here, and how evident it is that condominium lifestyle is here to stay," says Bleay.

CCI understands that knowledge is power for individual owners, strata corporations, strata councils, property managers, professionals, such as realtors, accountants, lawyers, and trade members, such as contractors. CCI-Vancouver's goal is to be the voice of condominium in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland.

For more information on the Canadian Condominium Institute and the Canadian Condominium Institute's Vancouver Chapter, go to [www.cci.ca](http://www.cci.ca) and <http://www.cci.ca/Vancouver/>.

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