Market Report

While the absorption numbers (change in occupied space) were largely unnoteworthy, the announcement of a number of large lease deals, certainly gave the impression of a robust market. In reality demand for office premises continues to be lacklustre as most companies appear ready to make do with their existing leasehold interests, until they have a better gauge of both the business landscape, and remote working (which most employers now view as permanent) Of note was a continued increase in sublease space, not to the degree witnessed at the outset of COVID, but a measurable increase all the same. Notable in the second quarter was the delivery of 601 W. Hastings in the downtown core. Concern remains around the buildout of new builds, with construction costs soaring to levels few anticipated, even as recently as a year ago.



15.6%

Type

Prelease

New

New

Renewal

New

6.9%

Submarket

Downtown

Downtown

Mount Pleasant

Downtown

Yaletown

5.2 %

5 Disney 32,700 SF

\$38.10

\$41.95

\$40.69

\$39.10

Occupier

1

2

3

Microsoft

Lululemon

Annimal Logic

RBC Capital

Markets

Surrey | Class A

North Shore | Class A

New Westminster |

Langley | Class A

Recent Transactions (2nd Quarter 2022)

Size

400.000 SF

120.000 SF

110,000 SF

34,332 SF

Class A

*Class A average asking rent CAD QoQ [quarter-over-quarter]



Occupier's Perspective



A balanced market means tenants have options, but new builds require substantial capex, and existing space usually needs upgrading.

For now, most occupiers have accepted their space will be underutilized, but few appear compelled to right-size.



Recognizing a tight labour market, occupiers are doing everything they can to ensure their employees view the office as somewhere they want to be.

Market Trends

1.8%

10.3%

0.0%

1.9%

Address

1090 West Pender

1280 Burrard Street

110 East 5th Ave

666 Burrard Street

1128 Hamilton Street

24.0%



Office rents showed surprising strength during the quarter (mostly in the suburbs), rising 4.6% to average \$33.90 per square foot.

A number of large lease deals were announced during the quarter, creating the impression of robust demand, but the reality is more nuanced.

Market conditions not expected to change markedly in the coming quarter, not just downtown, but across the region.

Thinking beyond space