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## The North Vancouver Ghost



As realtors who specialize in selling heritage homes, we have heard our share of ghost stories. Grant even arranged an exorcism for clients who felt their house was inhabited by evil spirits! In the spirit of Halloween, we wanted to share a local ghost story of a once haunted house in Upper Lonsdale. Eve Lazarus, a local author with a passion for Vancouver's unconventional history, shared this story in her book, 'Sensational Vancouver'.

A family of 4 started experiencing some very unusual experiences when they moved into their 1924 Craftsman bungalow. The young children had their bedrooms on the main floor with the parents upstairs in the master suite. One day, in the early hours of the morning, the mother heard the kids running in the hallway.

She jumped out of bed and came downstairs only to find both boys fast asleep. The next day at the same time, she found her 3-year-old son outside on the driveway even though there was no way he could have unlocked the door himself. The next day he woke up, came upstairs and said, "I can't sleep downstairs anymore because the boy and the girl are keeping me awake all night." Other strange things happened...The owners had taken photos of the house when it was for sale. When they went back some time later to look at the photos, they could see a little face gazing out from the window that was now their youngest son's bedroom. They would also often hear doors opening and closing. The family couldn't find any explanation for their ghosts when they researched past owners, but they are sure it was two children. After a few months, everything stopped. They figure the move disturbed the presence somehow. "It was all kind of bizarre." For more intriguing stories, check out Eve's blog: 'Every Place has a Story' and her books 'Cold Case Vancouver' and 'Blood, Sweat, and Fear.'

## North Vancouver Market Update

### Houses

In August and September, there were a total of 136 houses sold compared to 117 sold in the same period in 2016. This is an increase of 16%.

The benchmark price in September was \$1,713,000. This is an increase of 2% from the benchmark price of \$1,680,400 in Sep 2016.

### Apartments

In August and September, there were a total of 201 apartments sold compared to 157 sold over the same period in 2016. This is an increase of 28%.

The benchmark price in September was \$553,500. This is an increase of 19.5% from the benchmark price of \$463,300 in September 2016.

### Heritage

Since July, there was 1 heritage home sale in October in Upper Lonsdale.

There are currently 4 heritage homes listed for sale in North Vancouver. List prices range from \$1,500,000 to \$2,250,000 with a heritage development site in Upper Lonsdale listed for \$4,689,000.

## Heritage Spotlight



**The Wright Residence**  
146 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. 1904.

*Western Corporation, Designers.*

*Register Ranking: A*

*Designated Municipal Heritage Site*

This house was built as the residence of Henry Wright, Manager of the Western Corporation office. Unusual in its design, this Queen Anne Revival style house features asymmetrical massing and a small turret at the rear. The Western Corporation was a development company responsible for the construction of many of North Vancouver's prominent, historic homes, and was instrumental in attracting investment to the North Shore. Their main objective was to provide homes for families of moderate incomes. They employed architects and construction crews to help customers plan and build their new homes and businesses. They brought lumber and building materials from Vancouver by tugboat and scow to a shoreline site east of Lonsdale. Teams of horses then took these to building sites throughout North Vancouver.

Benchmark price: Estimated sale price of a benchmark property. Benchmarks represent a typical property within each market.

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