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### **Association of Interior REALTORS® and BC Real Estate Association Call for a Full Legislative Review of the *Strata Property Act***

**Vancouver– February 9, 2026.** The Association of Interior REALTORS® (AOIR) and the BC Real Estate Association (BCREA) are asking for a review of the *Strata Property Act*. “Meaningful reform must begin with a full review of the *Strata Property Act*”, said Seth Scott, Director of Government Relations and Communications at the Association of Interior REALTORS®. “REALTORS® work with Strata Corporations and documents every day, and modernizing the legislation is essential to ensuring buyers are able to continue having accurate, reliable, and accessible information.”

The Association of Interior REALTORS® and BC Real Estate Association delivers six policy recommendations regarding the *Strata Property Act*, ranging from Form B Costs, delivery timelines, and mandatory strata council education. The organizations also highlight the operational challenges associated with obtaining strata documents prior to listing, emphasizing the need for change.

The Association of Interior REALTORS® notes that the *Strata Property Act* has not undergone a comprehensive legislative review since its inception over two decades ago. As a result, REALTORS®, strata management, and consumers are working with outdated requirements created before the widespread use of digital technology, that do not reflect the modern realities of strata governance, record keeping, and buyer expectations.

“Without updating the legislation and ensuring that document delivery timelines are manageable, and rush fees are fair and transparent across the province, any proposed regulations from BCFSa will make obtaining strata documents even more difficult and creates conflict between parties in a transaction,” said Scott.

When residents entrust their homes and investments to a strata council, they deserve the assurance that their community is being managed with expertise, transparency, and care. Mandatory strata training will empower council members to make informed financial decisions, maintain buildings proactively, and resolve disputes with fairness and consistency. Residents will benefit from more transparent governance, fewer surprise special levies, and a stronger voice in how their communities are run. By raising the standard of council education, this initiative will lead to safer, better-maintained properties, greater property values, and a more harmonious living environment giving every owner and tenant the peace of mind that their interests are protected and their homes are in capable hands.

“CRT decisions in BC repeatedly surface preventable governance failures with uneven bylaw enforcement, deferred maintenance, and misuse of insurance,” said Jasroop Gosal, Government Relations Manager, BCREA, “With over 1.5 million residents living in stratas, it’s time to fix this with mandatory, no-cost, multilingual training that sets clear competencies and publicly registers certified council members. Modeled on Ontario’s Director Training but tailored to BC’s, and backed by continuing education and government oversight, this evidence-based approach will stabilize reserve planning, reduce special levies, and rebuild trust in strata governance.” Continued Jasroop.

The Association of Interior REALTORS® and the BC Real Estate Association are urging the Ministry of Housing for a full legislative review of the *Strata Property Act* before proceeding with considering additional regulations.

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### **About the Association of Interior REALTORS® and BC Real Estate Association**

The Association of Interior REALTORS® is a member-based professional organization serving approximately 2,600 REALTORS® who live and work in communities across the interior of British Columbia including the Okanagan Valley, Kamloops, and Kootenay regions, as well as the South Peace River region.

The British Columbia Real Estate Association is the professional association for the over 25,000 REALTORS® in British Columbia, focusing on provincial issues that impact real estate.

### **Supplemental Materials**

Proposal for Mandatory Strata Training Program [LINK]

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