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1. Home Ownership Information
   a. Foreign Buyer tax: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/property-transfer-tax/additional-property-transfer-tax
   b. Buying a Home in British Columbia: https://www.bcfsa.ca/public-resources/real-estate/buying-home
      i. Procedures involved in purchasing a home, documents required, and understanding the roles of people who may be involved in the transaction. Provided by the Real Estate Council of British Columbia.
   c. Association of Interior Realtors: https://www.interiorrealtors.ca/
      i. Find A REALTOR: https://www.realtor.ca/meet-a-realtor/#v=location
      ii. Find a Home: https://www.realtor.ca/
      iii. Buyer Information: https://www.interiorrealtors.ca/consumer-info/buyer-information/
   d. New Real Estate Construction: https://www.buzzbuzzhome.com/ca/place/kelowna-bc
   e. Canada Home & Mortgage Corporation: https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/
      i. Provide mortgage loan insurance, mortgage-backed securities, housing policy and programs, and housing research.
   f. Canadian Bankers Association: https://cba.ca/
      i. Offer consumer information on mortgages, financing and the Canadian Home Buyer’s Plan.
   g. First Time Home Buyer’s Program for BC Residents: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/property-transfer-tax/exemptions/first-time-home-buyers
      i. This program reduces or eliminates the amount of property transfer tax you pay when you purchase your first home. See the website for eligibility criteria.
   h. BC Home Owner Grant: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant
      i. This grand reduces the amount of property tax you pay for your principal residence.
      i. A variety of grants and special programs to help Canadians with home ownership.
      i. A program that allows you to withdraw from your registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) to buy or build a qualifying home.
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2. Long Term Rentals (1 year+)
      ii. Midtown: https://1920enterprise.com/
   b. ARGUS Properties Ltd.: https://www.argusproperties.ca/residential
   c. Worman Residential Rentals: https://www.worman.ca/residential-rentals
   d. Associated Property Management: https://associatedpm.ca/residential-property-listings/
   e. Castanet – Kelowna classified advertisements: https://classifieds.castanet.net/cat/rentals/
   f. Craigslist Kelowna: https://kelowna.craigslist.org/search/apa
   g. Kijiji Kelowna: https://www.kijiji.ca/b-apartments-condos/kelowna/kelowna/house/k0c37l1700228a29276001
   h. PadMapper: https://www.padmapper.com/apartments/kelowna-bc
   i. Sabbatical Homes: https://www.sabbaticalhomes.com/

3. Short Term Rentals (1 – 6+ months)
   b. Four Points Sheraton Kelowna Airport: http://www.fourpointskelownaairport.com/UBC
   d. Kelowna Tourism Accommodation Listings: https://www.tourismkelowna.com/places-to-stay/

4. Consumer Information: Renting a Home
   a. What you should know and consider before you rent: https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/consumers/renting-a-home/i-want-to-rent
   b. What you should know after you sign a rent or lease agreement: https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/consumers/renting-a-home/i-am-renting
   c. Tenant Resource and Advisory Guide: https://tenants.bc.ca/
   d. Residential Tenancy Branch: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies/contact-the-residential-tenancy-branch

5. Utilities
   a. Electricity: https://www.fortisbc.com/
   b. TV and internet: https://www.shaw.ca/tv
   c. Internet, home phone, mobile phone and TV: https://www.telus.com/en/
   d. Mobile phone: https://www.bell.ca/ or https://www.rogers.com/