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This Okanagan Lake waterfront residence on Pritchard Road on the Westside sold this week for \$7.4 million, making it the most expensive home ever sold in Kelowna. Several homes listed for more could soon push the record higher.

Another day, another record

Most expensive house sale holds Kelowna record for only a day

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After just one day, the \$7.2-million record for the most expensive home ever sold in Kelowna has been shattered.

The priciest title now belongs to a seven-bedroom, 10-bathroom lakefront home on the Westside that sold for \$7.4 million.

Prior to this week, the previous high was set two years ago with a \$5.9-million waterfront home on Hobson Road.

The one-two punch of new records shows that Kelowna is a popular location for the rich looking for luxury homes in stunning settings.

Kelowna is considered to have one of the nicest climates in Canada and an enviable recreational lifestyle, so it attracts people in

all income brackets. But it's the big money that attracts our attention.

And we're talking really big money, because the buyers of both the \$7.2-million and \$7.4-million compounds will only use them part-time.

The owner of the \$7.2-million Woodland Hills home is 29 years old, well-known and will use his new place in the summer, leading to speculation that he's an NHL hockey player.

The buyer of the \$7.4-million Westside lakefront estate is a Vancouver businessman who will use it as a summer cottage.

"The buyer is a very private person and doesn't want any other details released," said selling realtor Roma Niessen of Coldwell Banker.

"I've worked with him for three-quarters of a year and shown him lakefront properties as they've come on the market."

The beauty at 1499 Pritchard Rd. was listed for sale in November. Niessen's client put in an offer in January, and the subjects were taken off and the sale finalized on Wednesday.

The listing realtor is Jane Hoffman, also of Coldwell Banker, who has sold 90 per cent of all the lakefront homes priced over \$4 million in Kelowna.

"This home is an amazing design," said Hoffman.

"The exterior is Mediterranean-inspired, the interior is contemporary, and it's all walls of glass facing the water."

The home sits out on its own private beach point and also features many covered sun-decks, dock with boat lifts, eight-car garage, two offices, media room, wine room and even a dog shower.

This record could fall quickly, too.

Hoffman has numerous multimillion-dollar listings, including one for an \$8.8-million estate on Crawford Road.

Robert Zoost, the Canadian Premier Properties realtor who sold the \$7.2-million home, has listings for an \$11.5-million compound across the street in Woodland Hills and a \$9.5-million contemporary lakeview home in South Mission.