

# Board Talk

## YRCC 616 - Observatory II

### August 2022

#### Thank You

The Board thanks Steffen Herrnsdorf, who resigned as a Director on September 1, for his fifteen years of service to the Corporation, most of it as President. Steffen's firm grasp of the systems, finances, and operation of our building has been invaluable. We wish him well.

#### BBQ

Tickets for the September Condominium Barbecue will go on sale in the Lobby on **Monday, September 12 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.** The cost will be \$10.00 per person. *Fire-it-Up* will offer a choice of TWO of burger, veggie burger, chicken breast, Italian sausage, or steak sandwich; a salad, assorted beverages, and cookies. The date is **Wednesday, September 21** starting at **6:00 p.m.** We hope to see a good turn-out from residents and owners. And we hope for a sunny day. If it rains, the event will go ahead but we'll gather in the Party Room instead.

#### Rogers Cable Television

We are in the process of renegotiating our contract with Rogers, our cable television supplier. A survey went out on August 31 asking for feedback. An information session will take place on **Thursday, September 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in the Card Room to assist owners in completing the survey. Please return your completed survey to the Management Office mailbox by **Friday, September 16.**

The options are:

- leave the service unchanged with the risk of increasing scarcity of equipment in the case of failure;
- upgrade to **Ignite** with better service at no change in cost; or
- upgrade to **Ignite with Internet access** with a slight increase in monthly maintenance fees but a probable greater reduction in Internet access fees for those who use the Internet and are currently with, or willing to move to, Rogers.

#### Fan Coil Maintenance

Fan coil Fall service and maintenance is scheduled for **the week of September 5.** Notices of Entry have gone out.

#### Plumbing Inspection Follow-Up

Remedial plumbing work will begin soon with the replacement of suite main shut-off valves identified as needing replacement during a recent inspection.

## **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

Anyone exiting Resident Parking will not have failed to notice the four new Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) in the eight reserved bays in Visitor Parking. In order to be able to use these EVCSs you will need a smartphone app and an account with our EVCS provider who will monitor your use of the charging stations and debit your credit card. The fee for charging is currently \$2.00/hour for time connected, i.e., the time your vehicle is plugged into the charger whether or not the vehicle is still taking a charge. A Driver's Manual for the EVCSs is available and should be sufficient to get you signed up and charging. EVs left plugged in overnight at any of the EVCSs will not be subject to fines by our parking control contractor.

## **Amenities & COVID-19 UPDATE**

All our facilities are open. While the Province's mask mandate is no longer in effect, wearing a mask in the building's common areas is still recommended especially in view of the highly infectious BA.5 variant. Ontario's last reported 7-day average new infections number (August 27) is 1295, down from a recent high of 1760.

## **Bulky Waste**

A reminder that if you have bulky waste items: couches, mattresses, etc., these can be picked up by The City of Richmond Hill. Pick-ups are twice a month on Mondays and must be out for pickup by 7:00 a.m. Please make arrangements through the Management Office and make sure items are brought down on the service elevator **before 5:00 p.m. the previous Saturday.**

## **Smoking & Enforcement**

A reminder that smoking anywhere on the property is in violation of the Corporation's *Rules & Regulations*, and is in some cases a violation of City of Richmond Hill bylaws. The exception is for "grandfathered" smokers who may only smoke **inside** their suites. Smoking on balconies is prohibited.

**Smoking marijuana is forbidden everywhere,  
including in suites, without exception.**

**The Board of Directors has a legal duty to enforce the *Rules & Regulations* and has recently taken legal action against an offender.**

## **Annual Plan Updates for September**

- Mail AGM "Notice of Meeting" to Owners
- Inspect First Aid Kits
- Locker Rooms Inspection