

Board Talk

YRCC 616 - Observatory II

September 2022

BBQ

September's Condominium Barbecue on Wednesday, September 21 was a great success. We offer our thanks to Lois Kay for organizing the event and to Fire-It-Up for their sandwiches, salads, and cookies. Some sixty guests attended.

Fall Food Drive

The *Fall Food Drive* is running through Thursday, **October 13**. The Food Bank needs help again this year and prefers cash or a cheque donation. Your cheque should be made out to *Richmond Hill Community Food Bank*. Cash in an envelope is also acceptable. Donations can be put in the mail box outside the Management Office. Donations to the Food Bank will be delivered by Lois and Derek Kay.

Cards/Games

Card and board games resume Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Card Room.

AGM

Much as everyone would prefer our AGM to be an in-person event, the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, while abating, is still here. The Board has therefore decided to hold it once more as an online event. The AGM will be held Thursday, **October 20 at 7:00 p.m.** hosted by getQuorum via Zoom. Owners will participate by computer or by telephone. Sign-in instructions will be included in AGM packages.

Owners not owning Zoom-enabled computers wishing to watch and listen to proceedings will be able to do so in the Card Room. This will be non-participatory. Voting will still be by telephone or by proxy.

Rogers Cable Television

Last week the Board received survey responses from only 99 of 201 suite (50%). Therefore, to the Board the results do not provide a straight forward direction for a decision.

There was enthusiasm to combine TV and Internet in a bulk contract with 74% of respondents; however, this group only constitutes 35% of our total population (102 owners not responding). Furthermore, 26% of survey respondents wanted to either do nothing or simply switch the PVR equipment with new Ignite equipment. The reasons for not wanting to combine TV and Internet at this time fell into these categories:

- Don't like Rogers.
- They don't have Internet today and don't see a reason to pay for something in their condo fees they don't use.
- There was no competitive bidding process.

So the Board will continue to explore options with an objective of reaching a decision before the end of November.

One surprise to the Board has been the amount of mistrust and misinformation related to the survey. The intent of the survey and information session was for resident feedback and to engage residents in the decision making. Unfortunately, many owners showed mistrust of the Board and misinformation was circulated. The Board would like to address the most destructive myths.

1. The Board has not already made up its mind.
2. Related to the misinformation that a decision had already been made – At the stage of getting owner feedback and participation in the decision-making, a competitive bidding process was not appropriate. A TV/Internet contract was not put out to tenders as we are not at that stage of the process. Furthermore, our current contract does not expire until April 2024.
3. The recent trouble with the lobby channel was not another example of poor Rogers service. The issue was that there was no signal from our camera to Rogers.

Cut-Over to Heating

Our contractors will be working to cut-over from cooling to heating after the Thanksgiving Weekend. All being well, the heat will be on by October 14.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS)

To use the EVCSs on P1 you will need: an EV (Electric Vehicle), an Android or Apple smartphone, the ChargeLabs app (downloadable from the appropriate app store), and a credit card account. The fee for charging currently \$2.00/hour for time connected, i.e., **the time your vehicle is plugged in** to the charger whether or not the vehicle is still taking a charge. A Driver's Manual for the EVCSs is available from the Management Office who will also arrange a brief workshop/tutorial for interested users.

EVs left plugged in overnight at any of the EVCSs **will not be subject to fines** by our parking control contractor. **Non-EVs** parked in any of the charging bays **at any time** may be ticketed and towed at the Corporation's discretion. Please make your visitors aware of this.

Directors' "Office Hours"

Your directors offer their services as volunteers. Please respect their privacy by not calling them at unreasonable hours. As a guideline, we suggest office hours of Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. You may also contact them by e-mail at yrcc616board@gmail.com.

Annual Plan Updates for October

- Board Members to Sign Code of Ethics
- Irrigation Shut Down
- Prune Landscaping Fall
- Seasonal Furniture Removal, Tennis Court, Benches