

# **Board Talk**

## **YRCC 616 - Observatory II**

### **October 2022**

#### **Welcome New Board Member**

We welcome Jim Lyle as a new Member of the Board of Director. Jim will serve a one-year term standing for re-election at the 2023 AGM. Jamie MacBride and John Martin were re-elected and will serve three-year terms. Marg Hall and Lois Kay continue their current terms.

#### **Board and Management**

As stated at the AGM, the Board of Directors wants to realign its relationship with Management to a model more typical of most condominiums. In this model, the Board sets policies and procedures, approves spending, delegates responsibilities, receives reports, makes decisions, and directs management. Management, for its part recommends actions, implements policy and procedures, enforces rules, obtains quotes, prepares analysis, and manages day-to-day issues and activities. In practical terms, this means that Board members will be minimizing their involvement in the hands-on management of the property. For example: Delivering guest suite FOB on weekends or putting the elevator in-service for deliveries. We understand that Residents may be accustomed to Board members being actively and directly involved in the management of the property; however, it is not the place of Board members to take on duties and responsibilities of the Property Manager or Superintendent.

The Board understands that this will be an adjustment from some residents as we transition to the new model, and we ask your patience as you get used to relying more on Management.

For their part, Members of the Board are happy to engage in discussions around visions for our condominium community and how these might drive policy and procedures. And, having said that, a reminder . . .

#### **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](mailto:yrcc616board@gmail.com).

#### **Cut-Over to Heating**

The heat is now on. If you haven't already, please make sure thermostats are set to 'Heat' and not 'Cool'.

#### **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS)**

A Driver's Manual for the EVCSs is available from the Management Office who will also arrange a brief workshop/tutorial for interested users.

## **Social Life**

We are pleased to see the return of social activities in our condominium community. September's BBQ was a success. Coffee Morning on the second Friday of the month has started up and Bingo is back. Card and board games happen Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Card Room. And last Friday saw some thirty residents gather in the Party Room for an excellent Pot Luck Supper – congratulations to those who attended for a marvellous selection of foods. A big thank you goes to the organisers of these various events for all their work.

If you would like to join any of the teams that make these events possible, please speak with any of the Members of the Board of Directors, or with Management.

More generally, this is from the President's Report to Owners at the AGM:

*. . . with a view to increasing owner and resident participation in the life of our Condominium, we would like to reenergize our committees. Committees that currently sit, or have sat in the past are: Environment, Housekeeping, Landscaping, Library, New Residents, Refurbishment, and Social. Ideally the membership of these committees would come from owners and residents while the chairmanship would come from the Board of Directors. The Chair would report back to the Board.*

Again if you feel you could contribute in any of these areas, please speak with any of the Members of the Board of Directors, or with Management.

## **Coming Events**

Although we have not had a Christmas Carol Sing for the last two years we hope to have it again this year sometime towards the end of November. We are planning to have our Christmas Wine and Cheese hopefully at the beginning of December. Please keep an eye on notice boards and MaxTV.

## **Fall Food Drive**

*The Richmond Hill Community Food Bank* thanks everyone who contributed to our *Fall Food Drive*. Thank you to Lois and Derek Kay for organising this.

## **Annual Plan Updates for November**

- Remove BBQ to winter storage
- Put up interior Christmas trees & decorations
- Put up outside Christmas tree lights