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A strong team can make any vision turns into a reality.



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Officers of the board will be determined at the next board meeting.

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Office Hours

Office protocol – By appointments only. This is a reminder that staff are in the office Monday to Thursday from 9am to 4:30pm and Fridays 9am to 1pm. You can book an appointment Monday to Thursday between 10am and 4pm, We will update you of any change.

What is a Co-op?

An autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.

Facts about Housing Co-ops

1. The first housing co-operatives were organized in New York City in the late 1800s.
2. Co-op City in The Bronx is the largest Housing Co-operative in America with 15,372 apartments.
3. Co-operative Housing provides more than 1.5 million families with housing.
4. Across Canada, over 2,200 non-profit housing co-ops are home to about a quarter of a million people in over 90,000 households. There are housing co-operatives in every province and territory.
5. Housing Co-operative developed either as limited equity or market rate.
6. The earliest student housing co-ops were founded in 1932.

Renewed Commitment to Co-op Housing

Canada is renewing its commitment to co-op housing with major investment. The federal government will invest about \$1.5 million to build new co-op housing in Canada, the largest investment in co-op housing in 30 years.

National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis.

Summary of Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on May 31, 2023

The following points are a brief overview of the meeting:

- Only two (2) nominations forms were handed in, as such there were no elections for new board members.
- Jeff Glover & Matthew Didier were both acclimated for a two-year term to the board.
- There are three vacant seats, which the board will try to fill at their first board meeting from the few members that recently showed their interest.
- Members confirmed and accepted the audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2022.
- By-law #44, Organizational by-law, By-law #45, Spending by-law, and by-law #46, Investment by-law, were all confirmed at the meeting.
- By-law #30, by-law #32 & by-law #43 are all repealed and replaced with the three new by-laws.
- Included in by-law #44 is **Consent to Electronic Mail Notification**. A letter for your consent will be sent out soon for you to sign and return to the office.
- The Members Meeting quorum was reduced from 20% to 15% of the membership.
- The number of directors was reduced from nine directors to seven directors.
- A copy of the Board Report will be posted.

Fire Hazards

It was reported that members and/or their guests are throwing lit cigarettes out their windows and over their balconies. This is extremely dangerous and negligent, as this can cause a fire. As a matter of fact, one of our ground floor units' outdoor carpets had a hole burnt in it. This could have ended badly.

Please be reminded that every inch of this property is your home, Inside & outside and it is your responsibility to treat it as such. You should not be allowing your guest to destroy your home. And remember you are responsible for the behavior of your guest, which means any damages to co-op property due to your guest will be charged back to you.

Anyone that is caught throwing their cigarettes off their balconies or out their windows or identified as carrying out this reckless behavior, the police will be called, as this is a serious matter.

Updating Personal Information

Remember to keep your information current by reporting the following:

- A change in telephone number
- A new email address
- New vehicle & license plate
- You need to let us know when someone moves in or moves out.
- A new pet (remember, only one dog is allowed and always read your Pet By-law prior to adopting a new pet). This will provide you with information on which dogs are not allowed in the co-op.

Unit Upkeep & Reminders

A few important reminders based on Annual Unit Inspections

- Report water (kitchen faucet, bathroom sink/tub faucet, constant running of the water in the toilet) leaks immediately.
- Do not place hot pots, etc. on the countertops.
- Do not allow water to settle on the countertops.
- Do not clean your parquet floor with excess water, nor put vinegar in the water. Waxing the floor at least twice per year will help prolong the life of the parquet and to keep the shine.
- **Installation of LED Light Bulbs.** Please be reminded that these bulbs are installed to save on energy and expenses. These bulbs

should last a long time, however, if a bulb burns out, please complete the work for replacement. We ask members not to install incandescent bulbs.

- Do not block access to the fire panel. There must always be a clear path.
- Members are responsible for the cleaning of their stair carpets at least once per year. Preferred twice, but at least once. This will prolong the life of the carpet and prevent the buildup of allergens and bacteria.
- Remember to turn off your lights before leaving home for the day.
- Members are responsible for the painting of their units.
- If your smoke detector is beeping, you may need to replace the batteries. If not, please complete the work order asap.
- Please do not let your oven build up with grease. This is a fire hazard.
- Reminder members in ground floor units and town homes to keep your yards clean please always and clutter free, do not use your yard as storage.

Co-op Food Pantry Coming Soon

We are currently working on a food pantry for the benefit of members. We will be seeking out donations from various agencies, setting up guidelines, etc. Once it is up and running, we will provide more information.

Upcoming Yard Sale

Save the date, Saturday, June 24, 2023. We are looking to have a yard sale on Saturday, June 24, 2023. More information will be posted.

Acknowledgements

- Thank you to Oscar G., Nicholas H., Coen H., Jocelyn H. for adding the soil to the gardens for the ladies. Jihad H. for helping with soil and planting veggies.
- Somduan W. will be caring for the southside garden.
- Somayeh A. for expressing interest in the front garden.
- To the members whose names are not mentioned, but help whenever they can, may it be helping a senior or disabled member, cleaning the laundry room between regular cleaning, picking up trash around the property.
- Paying your hosing on time
- Maintaining your units.

We say a Big Thank You.

More reminders, tips, updates to come in July.

Thanks for reading.