

NewsNotes

CCOC

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The End of Operating Agreements: What does it mean?

What happens when CCOC's mortgages are paid off?

We don't expect any big changes for our existing tenants.

Over the next 20 years, we will finish paying off the mortgages on many of CCOC properties. That means we won't have to make mortgage payments anymore (one of our biggest expenses) but it also means that the operating agreements we signed with the federal government will expire and most of the subsidies we receive will end.



What happens when CCOC stops getting government subsidies?

So far it looks like we could continue operating our properties and subsidizing rents without any government help if we have to. We plan to keep providing good affordable housing much as we do now. But, farther in the future, when the buildings get really old, we may not have enough money to keep them in good condition and we may need help from governments.

We've launched a project to help us plan for this "end-of-operating-agreements" period. CCOC's Board of Directors and each of its committees will help staff prepare this plan over the next year.

From time to time we'll give you updates through the NewsNotes. If you want to be part of the planning, consider joining one of the committees (there's a schedule of meeting times at the back of the NewsNotes), or contact Ray Sullivan at 613-234-4065 extension 233 (ray.sullivan@cchohousing.org).

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Please recycle this newsletter!

La fin des ententes d'exploitation: qu'est-ce que cela signifie?

Qu'arrive-t-il lorsque les hypothèques de CCOC sont payées?

Nous ne prévoyons pas de grands changements pour nos locataires actuels. Au cours des 20 années suivantes, nous finirons de payer les hypothèques de nombreuses propriétés de CCOC. Ceci signifie que nous n'aurons plus de paiements d'hypothèques (l'une de nos plus importantes dépenses), mais cela signifie aussi que les ententes d'exploitation que nous avons signées avec le gouvernement fédéral expireront et la plupart des subventions que nous recevons se termineront.

Qu'arrive-t-il lorsque CCOC cesse de recevoir les subventions gouvernementales?

Jusqu'à maintenant, il semble que nous pourrions continuer à exploiter nos propriétés et à subventionner les loyers sans aide du gouvernement si nous devons le faire. Nous prévoyons fournir des loyers à prix abordables tout comme maintenant. Plus loin à l'avenir, lorsque les édifices seront vraiment vieux, nous n'aurons peut-être plus assez d'argent pour les garder en bon état et nous aurons peut-être besoin d'aide des gouvernements.

Nous avons lancé un projet pour nous aider à planifier cette période de la « fin des ententes d'exploitation ». Le conseil d'administration de CCOC et chacun de ses comités aideront le personnel à préparer ce plan au cours de la prochaine année.

De temps à autre, nous vous présenterons des mises à jour par les NewsNotes. Si vous désirez participer à la planification, considérez vous joindre à l'un des comités (il y a un horaire des réunions au verso des NewsNotes) ou contactez Ray Sullivan au 613-234-4065 poste 233 (ray.sullivan@cchohousing.org).

Board of Directors 2009 - 2010

CCOC's Annual General Meeting took place on May 21 with over 60 members in attendance. The annual report is available on our web site www.cchohousing.org

Here is the list of board members:

Glenn Allen	Pam Christie	Luke Pelot
Kerry Beckett	Jane Dickinson	Bill Rooney
Nathan Benson	Jessica Mankowski	Aron Spector
Erica Braun	Andrew McNeill	Doris Zastre
Calinda Brown	Tyler Meredith	



Doug DesBrisay Good Neighbour Award

Congratulations to Bill & Doreen Behan (not shown), Cynthia Paden and Pauline Potvin, recipients of the 2009 Doug DesBrisay Good Neighbour Award, pictured here with CCOC Vice-President Bill Rooney! On behalf of your neighbours, and on behalf of CCOC, thank you for being "good neighbours"!

CCOC Office Closed Canada Day



The CCOC office will be closed on Wednesday, July 1st for Canada Day. It will re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2nd.

For information on Canada Day events, contact the National Capital Commission at 613-239-5000 or online at www.canadacapital.gc.ca/canadaday

H1N1 Flu Virus (Human Swine Flu)

The Public Health Agency advises Canadians to:

- * Wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water, or use hand sanitizer
- * Cough and sneeze in your arm or sleeve
- * Get your annual flu shot
- * Keep doing what you normally do, but stay home if sick
- * Check www.fightflu.ca for more information
- * Check www.voyage.gc.ca for travel notices and advisories
- * Talk to a health professional if you experience severe flu-like symptoms

Going Away on Vacation?

Don't forget to let the CCOC office know. Contact your Rental Officer (Nicole Ext. 245 or April Ext. 224) or Maintenance at ext. 707. If there are emergencies we will need to know who to contact while you are gone.



If you have given a key to a friend while you are away, let us know who this person is and give them a letter authorizing them to enter your unit. That way, if they lose the key or lock themselves out, we can let them into your unit. Without a letter from you, we cannot let them into your unit!.

Dr. Albert Rose Bursary Program

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00 pm Friday, July 10

Albert Rose bursaries, an Ontario government program, help subsidized tenants pay for university and college tuition. Full bursaries are valued at \$3,000. Short term bursaries are also available (\$500 - \$1,000).



To be eligible, you must:

- be a subsidized tenant
- intend to enroll full-time in a recognized post-secondary institution (1st or 2nd year).

Application forms are available at the CCOC office or on-line at: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=6678>

Program de Bourses Dr. Albert Rose

DATE LIMITE DE RÉCEPTION DES DEMANDES :
17 h le vendredi 10 juillet

Les bourses Albert Rose, un programme du gouvernement de l'Ontario, aident les locataires subventionnés à payer les frais de scolarité pour les études postsecondaires. Le montant maximum de la bourse est de 3 000\$. Des bourses à court terme sont aussi disponibles (500\$ à 1 000\$). Les critères d'admissibilité sont:

- être locataire subventionné
- avoir l'intention de s'inscrire à un programme d'enseignement postsecondaire à temps plein (1^{ère} ou 2^e année)

Les formules de demande sont disponibles au bureau de CCOC (415, rue Gilmour) ou sur l'internet à <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=6680>

Ottawa Give Away Weekend



Dates: June 6 and 7

Place: throughout Ottawa

Cost: free

Info: www.ottawa.ca/residents/recycling_garbage/giveaway/

Battery Recycling

Some branches of the Ottawa Public Library are collecting household batteries:

Main Branch: 120 Metcalfe (corner of Metcalfe & Laurier)

Rosemount: 18 Rosemount

This City of Ottawa pilot project accepts alkaline batteries (D, C, AA, AAA & 9-volt), lithium batteries (with ends taped), button cell batteries, both zinc air and silver oxide. It doesn't accept rechargeable or car batteries.



Book Sale & Silent Auction

Dates: June 11 & 12 - 3 to 7 pm, June 13 - 9 am to 2 pm
June 14 - 10 am to 2 pm

Place: 310 Elgin St. in the gymnasium

Cost: free admission

Fundraiser for the arts and swimming programs at the school. Donations of gently used books, cds, dvds, VHS tapes and games (board and computer) accepted at the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Starbucks on Elgin Street.

WestFest

Westboro's festival of music, art and life.

Date: June 12 - 14

Place: on Richmond Road (Golden to McRae)

Cost: free

Info: 613-729-3565 or

<http://www.westfest.ca>



Le Festival franco-ontarien invite chaque francophone et chaque francophile à faire partie de la fête

Date: le 11, 12, 13 et 14 juin

Place: la Plaza des Festivals, 110, ave Laurier

Coût: Billet-passeport \$20

Renseignements: 613-321-0102 ou www.ffa.ca

CCOC Committee Meeting Schedule

STANDING COMMITTEES	JUNE	JULY	TIME (PM)
Membership & Communications	June 3	no meeting	7:00
Development Committee	June 9	July 14	7:00
Finance Committee	June 10	July 8	7:00
Property Management Committee	June 18	July 16	7:00
Rental Committee	June 16	July 21	7:00
Board	June 24	July 29	7:30

Where: Board Room at 415 Gilmour Street (ring 808). Call 234-4065, ext. 0 to confirm.

Note: CCOC will pay taxi fare & family care for committee members attending meetings.