

## PRESIDENT AND CHAPTER REPORT



Summer flew by and here we are back in the routines and schedules that Autumn brings. I recently overheard someone say "July and August went by so fast. Why don't January and February go by that quickly?" And isn't that the truth?

At the time of writing this report, I awake every morning hearing the geese fly away. Smart creatures they are, as they know what is coming. I do enjoy the four seasons, but summer is such a carefree time, it is hard to let go.

Fall at CCI Manitoba Chapter brings regular monthly Board meetings, Committee meetings, Lunch and Learns and our Annual General Meeting. We generally do not meet over the summer months, however there is still work to be done, membership renewals, preparing for the AGM, responding to members' queries and compiling, editing and distributing the Summer newsletter.

The Board of Directors met on September 12th and October 3rd. The September meeting included catching up on issues that arose over the summer as well as preparing for the year ahead. The October meeting included Board orientation for our newly elected Board members and the election of CCI officers, committees and chairpersons. We also encourage non Board member volunteers to participate on CCI committees. If you are interested, please contact us. Elsewhere in this newsletter look for the list of our newly elected officers, committees and chairpersons.

We are pleased to welcome to the CCI Board of Directors, Alan Forbes, John Popowich and Kathleen Vandale. They bring a new perspective, fresh ideas and of course a vast amount of knowledge and experience in the condominium community. Also re-elected to the CCI Board of Directors, Doug Forbes, Krista Corley and Jane Lecours. Thanks to all those who let their name stand for election. Democracy is alive and well at CCI Manitoba Chapter.

The CCI Manitoba Chapter bylaws allow for fifteen directors of which every year, five terms expire. A Board members term is three years. If a Board member that is currently in the midst of a three year term resigns, there may be other terms of less than three years available for election as well. Condo owners are always encouraged to run for election as are those who work as business partners and professionals in the condominium industry.

Robert Giesbrecht did not stand for re-election and there are no words to thank him for his many years of experience, expertise, time, energy, commitment to and passion for the CCI Manitoba Chapter. Rob has been a dedicated member of the Board and was always in attendance at meetings and events. When asked to do some writing for the newsletter or other programs, answer an inquiry or make a presentation at a Lunch and Learn or other educational event, Rob never said no.

Rob was instrumental in the revision of the CCI Manitoba Chapter guidebook, a resource that we are very proud of. Again, no words, but thank you, thank you, thank you Rob. We will miss Rob and we hope that we will continue to see him at some of our events. Thanks also to Doug Forbes for a moving tribute to Rob at our Annual General Meeting.



The Board of Directors will also meet on November 1, 2019 for a team building session which will focus on orientation and planning. Orientation, planning and team building are all strongly connected and hopefully will set up the new Board of Directors for another successful year.

Lunch and Learns began in September and will be held monthly. The September session was our first attempt at podcasting and we hope to continue doing podcasts in order to reach the broader community. Many thanks to Constance Dame from Karma Property Management Ltd. who organized and sponsored the podcast. Connie also serves on the CCI Board of Directors.

The newly elected Education committee will be looking at programming and members will be advised prior to each session. Please encourage all condominium owners and CCI members to attend. Registration is available on our website. Experience has showed us that the programs are invaluable in learning more about the issues facing condominiums, and networking with other condominium owners, directors and those who work in the industry.

The CCI Manitoba Chapter Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on September 26, 2019 at the Assiniboine Park Zoo, Gateway to the Arctic Building. As well as the election of directors, the agenda included Financial Statements, the President's Report and year-end committee reports.

The AGM was extremely well attended and lots of fun. The evening began with a cocktail networking reception and

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following the business meeting, another round of wine, hors d'oeuvres and draws for the fabulous prizes. The locale was spectacular, the exhibits were amazing and the polar bears did not disappoint.

An extremely classy event with many thanks to our unbelievable committee headed by Krista Corley and including Connie Dame, Jane Lecours, Debbie Buckingham and Patricia Berry.

So many of the attendees remarked about what a great event it was and one person said "I'm going to be talking about this night forever." Amazing is not too strong a word to describe the entire evening. The food was great and the service provided by the venue was excellent.

The committee reached all of their goals, one of which was designating a charity and making a donation on behalf of all members of CCI Manitoba Chapter. Stephen Sutherland of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) was in attendance to receive our \$1,000.00 donation. Stephen made a short presentation during the meeting and also made himself available to chat with attendees before and after the meeting.

Thanks also to the staff of Karma Property Management Ltd. who gave many valuable hours of assistance to make this event happen. The hard work, the commitment and the organization of this event was extraordinary.

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Your sponsorship of CCI events and your commitment is truly appreciated.

The President's Forum was held on October 3, 2019. This event is a favourite among our Condominium Corporation members as it is an opportunity for Presidents or their designate to attend and network with others in the same role. They share common issues, success stories and practical solutions. These forums are held twice yearly. The next one will be held in April 2020 and we encourage you to come out and join us. There is no fee to attend and they are very beneficial for all whether a brand new President, or like me, one who has been in the position as a condominium corporation President for quite a few years.

The CCI National Leaders Forum, Annual General Meeting and National Awards Banquet was held in Toronto, Ontario November 6-9, 2019. The theme of the forum was "Reaching New Heights." Leading a Volunteer Organization was one of the many topics and there was a symposium on Assessing Risks in your Condo and understanding why insurance rates are rising and how condos can manage them.

Networking with other Chapters and Exhibitors and hearing reports from other Chapters, local and National speakers and delegates is always a highlight. Attending on behalf of the Manitoba Chapter are the administrator, the Chapter President and the National Representative. Doug Forbes, a member of our CCI Manitoba Chapter Board of Directors will continue in the role of Past President and Chairman of the CCI National Board of Directors.

Finally, I encourage each and every member to become more involved in CCI. Participation is for everyone including condominium owners and even nonmembers are encouraged to come out and learn more about CCI and our Manitoba Chapter.

Hope you enjoy our newsletter and please get in touch if you would like to see articles on topics near and dear to you or perhaps you would like to write an article. We would love to hear from you.

Until next time! 🇨🇦

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