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Apartment Report - Spring 2021

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After a long and turbulent year, Spring is finally around the corner and it appears that we are starting to head back to a level of normalcy. Even though the current global pandemic did indeed impact the vacancy rate in the apartment industry, the multi-residential market has proven to

be resilient and remains an overall essential service.

In CMHC's annual survey, it was revealed that overall vacancy rates in many areas increased in 2020 due to the combined effects of the economic decline brought on by COVID-19 and the constraint of social distancing measures to curb the spread of the virus. Continued economic unrest led people to be more cautious when making rental decisions and this has had a negative impact on vacancy rates month over month in several Ontario markets. As reported in the 2021 Vacancy Report, Toronto vacancy rates hit an increased level of 3.4%. Vacancy rates in supplementary markets which include St. Catharines – Niagara, Ottawa, London, Kingston and the Greater Sudbury area, have also increased. In other markets that Skyview Realty services, such as Hamilton and Barrie, vacancy rates have actually decreased. Moreover, in Oshawa, Belleville, Brantford and Guelph, the rates have continued to remain stable. We believe that as the pandemic begins to deliberately come to an end, contingent on the Ontario Government's effective vaccine distribution, immigration, as well as the return of international students, will increase again. This allows the sector to have the ability to return to the same level as it was pre-pandemic and with this being said, vacancy rate should continue to decrease throughout the province.

Since August 2020, Skyview Realty has seen a significant escalation in sales volume. We are **Continued on Page 2...**

Standard Lease / Additional Terms; RTA Update

Mark Melchers of Cohen Highley put together a webinar that further explains the changes to the updated Ontario Standard Lease. Excerpts have been shortened for clarity below:

On March 1st, 2021 the new Ontario Standard Lease Form was introduced and must be used for all new lease agreements entered on or after that date. The updated lease considers the RTA changes that were introduced in July 2020 by Bill 184. The Standard Lease creates a contract between a Landlord and a Tenant in Ontario and helps both parties understand their rights to one another to help avoid conflict and promote cooperation and understanding. There are no penalties or fines for Landlords who do not use the proper forms or the updated Standard Lease, however failure to use the proper forms can allow Tenants to break their fixed term lease early. Furthermore, the Additional terms that accompanied the new Ontario Standard Lease help to strengthen the rights of the Landlord.

A summary of some of the most significant changes are as followed:

GIVING NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS:

Notices, including legal notices of termination and LTB applications can now be served to Tenants via an admin email account. Tenants must agree to receive communications in this manner in writing prior to, as its written in the original agreement. The types of notices that are allowed, have to meet the technical requirements set out in Rule 3 of the LTB's rules.

RENT DISCOUNTS:

In order to fill vacancies in todays climate, more Landlords are using marketing and rental incentives and discounts. Landlords must provide these types of rental discounts in Section 7 of the Standard Lease.

CHANGES TO ADDITIONAL TERMS

CLAUSE 20: PAYMENT OF RENT

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If a Tenant's lease has been terminated by order of the LTB, no funds given by the Tenant can be applied to future rent due, only arrears and daily use and compensation. This clause also protects the Landlord as funds accepted after a Tenancy has been terminated will not declare that a new Tenancy has been created by accepting such funds.

CLAUSE 29: REDUCTION IN SERVICES OR FACILITIES

An amendment has been made to mitigate liability of potential rent reduction based on withdrawal of services and facilities. It also include references to S. 123 and S.125 of the RTA to allow the the Landlord to increase or decrease rent for water submetering, sewer and water services.

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seeing a greater number of portfolio sales where in most cases the next generation of family members are wanting to move in a direction that differs from their parents or grandparents. Most Sellers feel that they have hit an all-time high in building values while Buyers on the other hand are taking full advantage of all time low interest rates and are making decisions based on the longer-term economic landscape. As we start to see significant growth in Canada from new Buyers looking to grow their Multi-Unit portfolios, we are also noticing a greater influx of foreign money emerging in Ontario. Pension funds and REITS are spearheading this movement contributing to increased bidding activity on properties for sale. Skyview Realty is adapting to the needs of all Sellers as not everyone wants a frenzy of people at their buildings due to COVID-19, and/or wanting to maintain their sale activity as private as possible.

Interest Rates which are reflective of how the Bond Market is doing, have been generally low for guite some time now. However, at the beginning of 2020 when COVID-19 became apparent, the Bond Rates started to drop significantly and within a few months continued to fall by about 100 basis points on a 10-year bond, and 130 basis points on a 5-year bond. These rates have remained steady until February 2021, but have since increased by about 70 and 50 basis points on a 10-year Bond and a 5-year Bond respectively. With the rates steadily rising on a daily basis, we could be on track to pre-covid rates over the next few months. With positive news on vaccine distribution and overall confidence in the Canadian government, we could see an increase in interest rates and CAP rates in the near future. We may have just peaked on apartment building values driving the current period! The good news is that Capitalization rates are not the only factor that influence the value of your property. However, for a more definitive value, kindly consult with one of Skyview's Sales representatives. Allow us to show you how Skyview's 30 years of experience can be the difference in your next transaction! Until then, stay safe and stay healthy.

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CLAUSE 32I: SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Changes have been made to articulate liability of Tenant for fines levied against the Landlord due to Tenant misconduct or tampering.

CLAUSE 35: INSURANCE

This clause helps to strengthen Section 11 of the Ontario Standard Lease (Tenancy Insurance Clause) as it states that the failure of the Tenant to secure and maintain their insurance throughout their tenancy, will be deemed a substantial breach of their lease agreement and will provide the Landlord grounds to terminate the tenancy.

The following sections are awaiting proclamation under Bill 184:

Section 87(1): Allows the Landlord to file for a rental arrears application against Tenants and former Tenants within 1 year of a Tenant vacating.

Section 87(3): Allows the same as Section 87(1) but where the Tenant is overholding and owes rent and compensation but has vacated, the Landlord has up to 1 year to file an application against them.

Section 89: Landlords can apply for a judgement for damages up to 1 year after a Tenant vacates.

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- **Bid Submission Process**
- 31 x 1 Bedrooms
- **Beautiful Views of City**
- 12 x 2 Bedrooms
- **Great Rental Demand Area**
- 2 x 3 Bedrooms
- All Tenants Pay Own Hydro
- · Significant Upside on
- All Equiptment Is Owned
- Treat Financing As Clear
- Recent Improvements: Roof, Windows And **Balconies**

44 SUITES

ST. CATHARINES



NEWLY BUILT CUSTOM DESIGN PROPERTY

- Askina \$3,200,000
- 1 x 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath
- Close to QEW & Amenities 1 x 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- Tenants to Take Posession 3 x 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths Prior to Closina
- •1 x 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths Stainless Steel
- Appliances, Laminate & Ceramic Within
- •1 x 3 Bedrooms + Office, 3 Baths
- Turn Kev Investment
- Contact Cliff Ford

6 SUITE TOWNHOUSE

SAULT STE MARIE



HIGH-RISE WITH SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAM

- Listing at \$12,500,000
- 125 x 1 Bedrooms 1 x 2 Bedrooms
- Listed at \$99,206 per Suite
- Can Add 1-2 Units in Party RM
- •121/126 Units With Housing
 - Non-Registered Suite on
- Program Expires in 2023 Top Floor
- •Significant Upside in Rents &• 5.3% CAP Rate & 10.6% R.O.I
- Upside in Utilities

·Views of Sault Ste. Marie Bay • Treat Financing As Clear

126 SUITES

BROCKVILLE



NEWLY BUILT 3-STOREY MULTI-FAMILY

- Off Market Listing
- 5 x 1 Bedrooms
- Built By A Premium Builder
- 32 x 2 Bedrooms
- Decent Tenant Profile
- 11 x 3 Bedrooms
- Tenants Pay In-Unit Hydro Card Operated Laundry
- 52 Parking Spots, 19 Underground
- Great On-Site Resident
- Spray Foam Insulation
- Manager
- Treat Financing As Clear
- **48 SUITES**

HAMILTON



MODERN PROPERTY WITH MOUNTAIN VIEW

- Off Market Listing
- 17 x 2 Bedrooms 41 Suites, 1 Unit Not Legal
- Good Onsite Resident Manager
- Tenats Pay Own Hydro Through Individual Meters
- Significant Upside
- 24 x 1 Bedroom
- Treat Financing As Clear
- Ideal Location for Families and Couples
- Recent Capital Improvements: High Efficiency Boilers, New **Balconies & a New Roof**

41 SUITES

NIAGARA FALLS



WELL KEPT BUILDING **CLOSE TO SHOPS**

- **Located Close to Tourism** area of Niagara Falls
- 1 x Bachelor
- Roof Replaced in 2016
- 7 x 1 Bedroom
- Owner Pays All Hydro
- 21 x 2 Bedrooms 3 x 3 Bedrooms
- Upside in Rents on Turnover
 - 4.2 % CAP Rate & 8.4%
- Family Owned And • Treat Financing As Clear

32 SUITES

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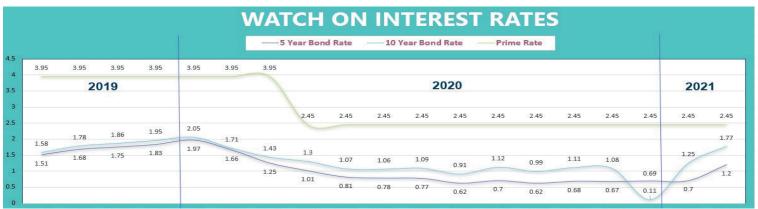


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3360 Paul Anka Dr, Ottawa	Nov. 30, 2020	232 Suites @ \$232,069	\$53,840,000
141 Erskine Ave, Toronto	Nov. 30. 2020	162 Suites @ \$395,556	\$64,080,000
2400 Carling Ave, Ottawa	Dec. 01, 2020	119 Suites @ \$220,168	\$26,200,000
401 West St. N, Orillia	Dec. 18, 2020	55 Suites @ \$190,909	\$10,500,000
204 Kingston Rd, Toronto	Dec. 29, 2020	15 Suites @ \$388,333	\$5,825,000
516 Dawes Rd, East York	Jan. 14, 2021	46 Suites @ \$215,000	\$9,890,000
70 Wilson Park Rd, Toronto	Jan. 15, 2021	25 Suites @ \$319,800	\$7,995,000
1126-1154 Adelaide St. N, London	Jan. 20, 2021	558 Suites @ \$172,043	\$96,000,000
652 Macdonald Ave, Sault Ste. Marie	Jan. 28, 2021	61 Suites @ \$90,164	\$5,500,000
15 Gilmour St & 137 George St, Brockville	Jan. 29, 2021	48 Suites @ \$214,583	\$10,300,000
21 Summit Ave, Hamilton	Feb 01, 2021	41 Suites @ \$185,366	\$7,600,000
89-96 King Edward Ave, London	Feb 01, 2021	155 Suites @ \$121,290	\$18,800,000
55 Wooley St, Cambridge	Feb 10, 2021	39 Suites @ \$179,487	\$7,000,000
2892 St. Clair Ave E, East York	Feb 16, 2021	34 Suites @ \$294,118	\$10,000,000
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