

Skyllevs Apartment Report - Summer 2015

DANNY'S CORNER



It's a busy season here at Skyview! We have a number of new listings which you will find in this newsletter, and I welcome you to visit our website for more details.

With the cost of operating apartment buildings ever increasing and tight restrictions on annual rent increases, some can find it difficult to protect the profit margins on their properties. Just as an example, this years' annual rent increase was 1.6% but utilities have risen by more than 5% overall. Every year the margins seem tighter and tighter, but it's not impossible to reverse the trend. Landlords are now turning to new strategies to improve the profitability on their buildings. One of the more efficient means of doing this is through audits of your property's utility consumption. We have spoken in the past about converting buildings to individual hydro meters as a benefit to your bottom line, but owners typically cannot bill individual units for other utilities such as their water usage. The article in this newsletter edition, by Water Matrix, delves into the ways that owners can see better returns through analyzing their water consumption and taking advantage of incentives to become more energy efficient in those areas.

As many of you know, over the past two decades I have been actively involved in Reena Foundation – an organization doing incredible work for individuals with developmental disabilities. Skyview Realty has recently partnered with Reena for their Appliance Replacement Campaign in their 38 group homes. Would you consider participating with us as well? Please visit skyviewrealty.com/skyview_reena.html for more details.

- Danny Iannuzziello

Tapping Into Tenant's Water Use

By David Gargaro and Jordan Edl, Water Matrix

Water costs are continuing to rise. With municipal water rates increasing by as much as 10 per cent year over year in some regions, these hard costs have become a significant concern for owners of multiunit rental properties. The most staggering statistic is that domestic consumption accounts for 80 to 90 percent of a building's water usage.

In most cases, tenants do not pay for their water usage, and landlords must pick up the tab for the entire building's water consumption. Conservation education and reduction efforts will help to reduce water usage and associated costs, but results depend on tenants' willingness to participate in these programs. Therefore, landlords must find other ways to reduce their buildings' water usage.

Performance monitoring & benchmarking

The first step is to do some basic investigation to determine the building's actual water consumption and associated costs. Examine your building's water bills over the previous two to three years, and calculate your water expenses. Once you have a total per annum cost, divide this number by the number of suites in the building. If the average annual water bill works out to more than \$350 per unit, then it is time to conduct a water audit to determine where to reduce operating costs, as there is a significant likelihood of achieving payback in less than three years.

Make it a habit to regularly monitor and analyze your utility bills, and compare these results over the past two to three years. This will enable you to identify gradual increases or unusual spikes in water usage. New technology can provide real -time monitoring of water usage, but most municipal water meters provide enough data to identify consumption spikes. You should also ensure that staff engage in regularly scheduled maintenance of all water-using equipment.

"Regular maintenance will enable building owners to catch leaks and other prob-

lems," said Jordan Edl of Water Matrix. "Implementing a water conservation program makes good financial sense as well."

Conducting a water audit

A water audit examines a building's water consumption from a number of different perspectives. Consumption can be classified as either non-domestic or domestic. Non-domestic refers to boilers, irrigation systems, pools and water used outside the suite, such as washing underground garages, windows, and walkways. Domestic refers to in-suite water consumption from toilets, showers, dishwashers and taps. A water audit will examine a number of factors, such as current flow rate, water pressure, flush volume and flow rate on taps, and will also measure water lost through leaks and waste.

"We'll compare our findings to the average water consumption figures for similar buildings. We'll also talk to site staff, as they will know about leaks, how often the pool is emptied or topped up, and other water-related issues." said Edl.

Once a water audit has been completed, the auditor can provide recommendations on how to achieve the greatest water savings. This will often include installing lower flow water fixtures, which will reduce overall in-suite water consumption and associated costs. Water-efficient toilets (3 litres is the new standard), low-flow showerheads and sink aerators collectively offer significant opportunities to reduce in-suite water consumption.

Reducing water usage and costs

Advances in water usage technology have greatly increased the efficiency of toilets and sink and showerhead aerators. Compared to toilets and aerators that were popular just five years ago, the newest water-efficient toilets and aerators can reduce overall water consumption by up to 25 per cent. In cases where water-efficient toilets and aerators...

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Water Usage - Cont'd from Page 1 ...have never been installed in units, water savings can reach 30 to 45 per cent. This means that you will see immediate returns on investment with payback in less than three years.

Municipalities and utilities providers across Canada offer different types of incentive programs to landlords who purchase and install water-efficient devices.

"Although many direct incentive programs have been phased out, some still remain, and some incentives exist as part of other more comprehensive energy savings programs," said Edl.

Conclusion

Water audits offer significant opportunities to identify and reduce the water consumption component of a building's operating expenditures.

Ensure that the auditor provides thorough, comprehensive reports on actual water usage in suites and throughout the building, and can provide recommendations on the best available water usage products post-audit.

"A water audit can help building owners to achieve significant returns on their investment." said Edl. "Working with an auditor who understands landlords' needs,

and what products will meet those needs, can help them to efficiently manage their operating costs."

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PROPERTIES CURRENTLY OFFERED FOR SALE

EAST HAMILTON (Near Stoney Creek) - 293 Suites + Commercial



- Two Buildings (148 & 147 units) with Connected Underground Parking & Approx. 42 Garages with Garage Doors
- Buildings Energy Efficiency Upgrades include New Gas Heating Systems, Gas Hot Water Systems, Separate Hydro Meters & LED Lighting
- Thermal Windows (2008)
- 78 x 1 Bedroom
- 148 x 2 Bedroom
- 62 x 3 Bedroom
- 3 x 4 Bedroom
- x Commercial Unit
- Currently Fully Rented
- Ex. First Mortgage to be Assumed due November 2016
- · Buyer to Arrange own Secondary Financing
- · Contact Pat, Anne, or Arsalan for More Info

Asking \$31,500,000



Asking \$8,450,000

Turnover]

- Asking \$119,014 per Suite
- Located in High Demand Area
- Potential to Increase Rents on 5.7% CAP Rate
- Potential to Reduce Utiliity Expenses
- All Fire Systems Updated in
- 19 x One Bedrooms 47 x Two Bedrooms 5 x Three Bedrooms
- Solid Concrete Construction Large Apartments

 - 20 1% R O I · Treat as Clear
 - · Contact Dani Pizzoferato
 - for More Details

AURORA Principals Only Please 9 Suites

- Asking \$2,150,000 Asking \$358,333 per Suite
- Located in Downtown Aurora

 Infee Comments
 Large Bedrooms Property Fronts Onto Yonge
- High Efficiency Boilers Installed Approx. 5 Years Ago

Street

- Tenants Pay Their Own Hydro
- 1 x One Bedrooms 5 x Two Bedrooms
- Three Commercial Units
- 4.9% CAP Rate
- 13.5% R.O.I
- Treat as Clear · Seller Will Hold VTB
- Second Mortgage

 Contact Dani Pizzoferato For More Details

COLLINGWOOD EXCELLENT 8 Suites 1 x Bacheloi Asking \$799 000 Asking \$88,778 per Suite 6 x One Bedrooms

- Located Along Main Com
- mercial Strip Near New
- Shoppers Drug Mart & Other 17.0% R.O.I AAA Retailers
- Tenants Pay All Own Utilies
- Good Re-development Site
- 1 x Two Bedrooms
- 7 2% CAP Rate
- Treat as Clear
- VTB Small Second
- Available



- Asking \$146,333 per suite Located in Great
- Neighbourhood Close to Schools, Recreation Centre etc.
- Balconies all Re-done in
- Terrazo Hallways Tenants Pay Own Hydro
- 5 x One Bedrooms 8 x Two Bedrooms
- Additional Income Potential Through Parking & Storage Lockers
- 5.0% CAP Rate
- Ex. 1st Mortgage to be Assumed of approx \$1,250,000 @ 3.12% due Dec. 2022
- MANY UPGRADES .3% CAP Principals Only Please 27 Suites

KINGSVILLE

- Asking \$3,625,000
- Main Commercial Intersection in Kingsville
- Fully Wheelchair Accessible Building with Ramps & Flevators
- 27 Residential Units Range From 406-2160 Sq. Ft.
- 9 of the Apartments are Newly Added Residential Units with Ensuite Laundry
- 2 x Bachelors
- 6 x One Bedrooms
- 17 x Two Bedrooms 1 x Three Bedrooms
- 1 x Four Bedrooms
- 8 Commercial Units Totalling 9,561 Sq. Ft. Approx.
- Turn Key Investment
- 7.3% CAP Rate
- 16.7% R.O.I



- Asking \$99,583 per Suite Nicely Landscaped with Private Driveway & Large
- Common Parking Lot Some of the Units Have Upgarded Flooring, Kitchen
- Cabinets & Washrooms Good Size Units with Upper Level Private Balconies
- Grand Valley is About a 10 Minute Drive West of
- Orangeville 6.5% CAP Rate
- 14.4% R.O.I.
- Ex. 1st Mortgage to be Assumed Due December 2022 Bearing Interest at 3.37% per Annum



- Asking \$1,895,000
- Asking \$78,958 per Suite Short Drive to University of Western Ontario & Fenshawe College
- Four Storey Walk-up Clean & Well Maintaned
- Attractive Low Rate VTB
- to Coincide With Maturing of 1st Mortgage

Apartments

Solarium

Cabana by the Pool

Beautifully landscaped

Main house is Approx. 5,000

Sq. Ft. including a 700 Sq. Ft.

- 1 x Bachelor
- 3 x One Bedrooms
- 20 x Two Bedrooms • 5.1% CAP
- 15.0% R.O.I.
- · Ex. 1st Mortgage of Appox. \$890,000 @ 5.433% due Aug 2017 to be Assumed

opportunity, with future

development potential.

• Town has said that this

property lies within the

urban boundary - Buyer

to do their own Due

Diligence



- Asking \$1,349,900 Asking \$99,783 per Suite All Two Bedroom Units
 - Possibility to Convert Hydro to Individual Meters
 No Elevator, Underground Parking or Balconies to
 - Maintain Kitchener Consistently Rated
 - As Top Investment City Owned by Same Family For More Than 25 Years
- 15 x Two Bedrooms
- · Located in Nice, Residen
- tial Neighbourhood · Improvements Include
- Low Flow Toilets & New Tiles in Bathrooms
- 4.9% CAP Rate • 19.9% R.O.I
- Treat as Clear



- Asking \$99,783 per Suite
- Great Older Superintendant Couple
- Large Apartments with Large Bedrooms
- Possibility to Convert Hydro to Individual Meters
- Solid Concrete Construction
- 3 x Bachelor 9 x One Bedrooms 11 x Two Bedrooms
- 5.25% CAP Rate
- Ex. 1st Mortgage must be Assumed.
- Second Mortgage may be Assumed by Buyer
- Seller is a Registered Real Estate Broker



- LONDON MAINTAINED Principals Only Please 18 Townhouses
- Asking \$2,425,000
- Asking \$134,722 per Suite
- Tenants Pay Heat/Hydro & Possible to Charge Water
- 3 Bedroom Units Have Full Bath & 2 Powder Rooms
- 2 Redroom Units Have Full Bath & 1 Powder Room
- Each Townhome has Wood Burining Fireplace & Patio
- 12 x Two Bedrooms 6 x Three Bedrooms
- · Each Townhome has Own High Efficiency Furnace & Hot Water Tank
- · Newer Shingled Roofs
- 12.6% R.O.I
- Treat Financing as Clear



- Asking \$182,143 per Suite
- **Brick Construction Which** Includes Decorative Corner Brick & Concrete Foundation • Currently Fully Rented
- Fach Townhome with Full Basement, A/C. Furnace & Hot Water Tank
- · Parking Lot at Rear of Buildings · In Area of Newly
- Developed Homes
- · Veranda for Each House
- 5.0% CAP Rate
- 13.2% R.O.I
- · Treat Financing as Clear

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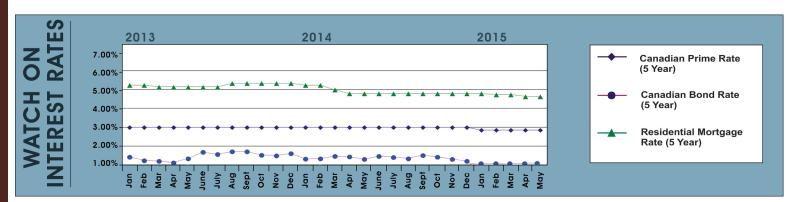
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Skyview Realty has a good number of active and qualified buyers who are looking for multi-unit residential buildings throughout Ontario.

If you are considering selling your property, we may be able to bring you an offer immediately.
For more information, contact us at 416.444.6545 or properties@skyviewrealty.com

We Have Buyers

MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL - RECENT TRANSACTIONS			
80 South Forester Park Dr., 288 Oakwood Cres., Oakville	May 21, 2015	31 Units @ \$179,032	\$5,550,000
5-7 Thorburn Ave., Toronto	May 14, 2015	25 Units @ \$93,600	\$2,340,000
25 Fisherville Rd., Toronto	Apr. 30, 2015	214 Units @ \$199,883	\$42,775,000
12 Bater Ave., Toronto	Apr. 21, 2015	50 Units @ \$171,000	\$8,550,000
45 Charlton Ave. W, Hamilton	Apr. 17, 2015	46 Units @ \$95,000	\$4,370,000
190 Jameson Ave., Toronto	Apr. 10, 2015	62 Units @ \$138,710	\$8,600,000
461 Maple Ave., Kitchener	Mar. 31, 2015	12 Units @ 98,792	\$1,185,000
27 Paisley Blvd E, Mississauga	Mar. 30, 2015	9 Units @ \$188,889	\$1,700,000
1809 Lawrence Ave. W, Toronto	Mar. 26, 2015	29 Units @ \$127,586	\$3,700,000
1 East 35th St., Hamilton	Mar. 26, 2015	12 Units @ \$95,000	\$1,140,000
2170 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington	Mar. 18, 2015	46 Units @ \$175,000	\$8,050,000
586 Victoria St. S, Kitchener	Mar. 17, 2015	11 Units @ \$85,591	\$941,500
98 Leuty Ave., Toronto	Mar 9, 2015	15 Units @ \$211,333	\$3,170,000
618 Evans Ave., Etobicoke	Feb. 27, 2015	25 Units @ \$116,000	\$2,900,000
10 Maynard Ave., Toronto	Feb. 27, 2015	19 Units @ \$151,316	\$2,875,000
56 Cavell Ave., Toronto	Feb. 27, 2015	6 Units @ \$193,333	\$1,160,000
124 River Rd., Bracebridge	Feb. 24, 2015	23 Units @ \$93,043	\$2,140,000
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