

# SKY/V/EV/S Apartment Report - Summer 2016

DANNY'S CORNER



I want to wish you and your family an enjoyable season as we enter into the summer months!

In previous newsletters, we shared that TD Bank was a good resource for getting coins from your laundry machines counted.

Unfortunately that service has recently been discontinued and already I've had a number of owners contacting me asking for alternatives. Some owners are switching their coin-operated machines to card-based systems through companies like Coinamatic or Sparkle; others pay the steep price of 9-10% for machines that count coins for you; and then there are some who roll and count the coins themselves still. What is your strategy? Reach out to us with the resources you use for counting coins and we'll share it with the rest of the landlords who are looking for options.

Our article in this edition of Skyviews is about Landlord Licensing which is becoming a hot topic in major cities throughout Ontario. Our friends at Hamilton District Apartment Association were instrumental in stopping the licensing program in its tracks in Hamilton. Now, Toronto is talking about doing the same type of program. You can imagine that licensing has the potential to create headaches in the operation of our business. I encourage you to get informed on this issue and get involved by having your voice heard in your municipal government. We already operate in a well-regulated industry that should not require additional oversight.

As you may know, autumn is the ideal time to have your property listed and sold. Sales in our industry always spike from September to November. With that in mind, if you are considering selling your multi-unit residential property in the upcoming months, the summer is a good time to start the process. My team would be happy to meet with you to discuss your options and prepare a complimentary evaluation of your property to achieve top dollar for you. I welcome you to contact us anytime to hear about our unique approach to selling apartment buildings.

- Danny lannuzziello

# Landlord Municipal Licensing: It's More than Just a Toronto Issue

It's been about 3 years since Hamilton ceased their attempt at introducing landlord licensing to their city. If you remember at that time, quite a number of landlords, property managers, and associations gathered their forces together to put a stop to the proposed program that would have put intensive oversight into how landlords operated their rental buildings. Now, Toronto is discussing the same type of legislation for the rental properties in their city.

But this is more than just a Hamilton or Toronto issue. It can have ripple effects throughout the province. As we've seen with previous trends and developments, as things are implemented in the larger markets, they trickle out to the smaller markets as well. Whether you own a rental property in Toronto or in a smaller market in Ontario, the issue of licensing of apartment buildings should be paid attention to.

Those arguing for licensing (including organizations such as ACORN) make the program sound quite altruistic. Landlord licensing is sold as a benefit to residents to ensure their rental units' quality standards are up to par. It is also sold as further accountability for the owners and operators of those properties. Ensuring landlords provide a good quality living space for their tenants is a good idea, in and of itself, but having further oversight in a market that is already fairly regulated can create additional headaches that could be detrimental to owners and tenants alike.

First, there is the issue of overkill... Take Toronto as an example. The city already conducts regular audits of multi-unit residential properties and is known to have an almost "zero tolerance" stance on city issued work orders. The majority of property owners are already diligent in upkeep of their rental properties and comply when the city issues a work order. Licensing, if it targeted just the problem minority (including Community Housing which has had a history of compliance issues), would be a good idea.

Unfortunately it blankets the entire industry with unnecessary additional red tape.

It feels as though the licensing program is being proposed to give tenants a greater voice on the quality of their homes. There are, however, already significant outlets that a tenant can turn to if their living space is not in a safe and liveable condition. Beyond the Landlord Tenant Board, tenants have a voice in the media, through community organizations, and through their own social media networks.

In this respect, it's almost a matter of letting the market speak for itself. If you run a good building - maintaining the common areas and building envelope, upgrading and maintaining your units — you will have a steady stream of prospective tenants to rent units as they become available. If a landlord is not diligent in these areas, a bad reputation can develop resulting in excessive move-outs and a lack of applicants to refill those units. It is, and has always been, in the landlord's best interest to be diligent with their properties. Licensing oversight starts to seem unnecessary from that perspective.

Then there's the issue of the costs associated with implementing a licensing program. Fees would be added on a per unit basis just as a start. There would also be additional costs to comply with licensing requirements through repairs and maintenance in common areas and individual units. These costs have to be absorbed by the landlord, and as we know the margins of profit for multi-unit residential properties continue to be challenged by rising utility costs and shrinking guideline rent increases.

Sure these costs may be passed along to the tenants by increasing rents, but that is likely only possible on turnover. Above-guideline increase applications can be attempted, though it is yet to be seen whether this would be a successful venture in recouping those additional costs.

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If the true purpose of landlord licensing is to make buildings safer for tenants, this again may be slightly redundant. Safety has always been a top concern for landlords in Ontario, and as mentioned earlier, the majority of them are diligent in ensuring their buildings are kept compliant for all safety-related issues including structural, environmental, and fire safety. As it relates to the individual rental units, the majority of those same landlords are diligent in repairing the apartments when it is necessary. Even if it's solely from a liability standpoint, which it's often not, many owners lose sleep at night worrying about the safety of their residents. No one wants to see anyone hurt on their watch.

This is just the preliminary "food for thought" on the landlord licensing issue. Whether you agree or disagree with the principle behind licensing, and the implications it may have, it is an issue

to be aware of and to pay attention to. Whatever comes of the Toronto decision, it will have an impact on how you operate your rental property in Toronto and in smaller markets throughout Ontario.

Get active in your local apartment association, if you are not doing so already. It is networking like this that can provide support and assistance to you in maintaining your properties; and allow a collective voice to be heard by municipal governments when programs such as licensing are being considered. Organizations like FRPO and GTAA are already doing their part to raise awareness on how the landlord licensing program could negatively impact our industry. We all have a vested interest; we all have a voice.

Article By: Cliff Ford, Skyview Realty Ltd, Brokerage

### ARE YOU THINKING OF SELLING?

Below is a partial **list of services** that our team at **Skyview Realty, Ltd. Brokerage** will provide for you.

- Provide you up front with a market evaluation of your building.
- Determine an asking price which is acceptable to you.
- Describe how to prepare your building for the best exposure in the market place.
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- Danny lannuzziello, Broker of Record





- Asking \$2,850,000
- Asking \$570,000 per Suite
- Located in Toronto Community Known as "The Beaches"
- Four of the Five Suites are Well Potential Upside on Over 1,000 Square Feet
- Property is Full of Charactere and very Appealing to Tenants • Treat Financing as Clear
- 2 x Two Bedrooms
- 3 x Three Bedrooms
- Excellent Tenant Profile
- Some Rents on Turnover

## **PORT HOPE** Corner Lot PRICE REDUCED! rincipals Only Please 11 Suites

- Asking \$804.888
- Asking \$73,172 per suite
- Historically Designated & Known as Seaton Hall
- 2 1/2 Storey Late Victorian Age House, Rectangular Floor Plan with Three Projected Gabled Bays
- Many Features of the Earlier Italianate Style, such as Wide Soffits and Paired Windows Loads of Potential in this
- Converted Large Home
- 1 x Bachelor 8 x One Bedrooms
- 2 x Two Bedrooms · Private Driveway with Outdoor Parking and Large **Double Garage Currently** Used for Storage
- · Upside Potential with Unit Renovations
- 6.1% CAP Rate • 26.0% R.O.I.
- Treat Mortgage as Clear



- Asking \$5,200,000
- · Asking \$91,228 per Suite
- Near City of Niagara Falls Municipal Offices and Located in Downtown Area
- Built and Owned in 1983 by the Same Family
- 4 Units Being Fully Renovated
- New Elevator Being Installed by Owner
- 1 x Bachelor
- 22 x One Bedrooms
- 34 x Two Bedrooms
- Walking Distance to Via Rail Station
- Well Constructed
- Concrete Building
- 5.8% CAP Rate
- · Ex. 1st Mortgage to Be Assumed, Purchaser May Arrange 2nd Mtg



- Asking \$1,149,000
- Asking \$95,750 per Suite Tidy 12 Plex with On-Site Superintendant
- Located in a Quiet Residential Neighbourhood
- Electric Baseboard Heating System
- Nice Size Lot 133 Feet x 133 Feet with Ample Paved Parking Area
- 9 x Two Bedrooms
- 1 x Three Bedrooms
- · Good Size Apartment Units
- · Located in Proximity to Shopping, Schools and Park
- 27.0% R.O.I
- · Treat as Clear. Purchaser to Arrange



- Asking \$1,699,000
- Asking \$80,905 per suite
- Approx. 85% of All Units Have Updated Electrical &
- Plumbing Most Kitchens & Bathrooms Updated
- Professionally Managed & Landscaped
- Tenants Pay Their Own
- 3 x Bachelor
- 9 x One Bedrooms
- 9 x Two Bedrooms
- Lots of Useable Vacant Space in the Lower Level
- Brick Balconies
- 6 1% CAP Rate
- 29.3% R.O.I.
- · Treat Financing as Clear



- Asking \$78,958 per Suite
- Short Drive to University of Western Ontario & Fenshawe College
- Four Storev Walk-up Clean & Well Maintaned
- Attractive Low Rate VTB to Coincide With Maturing of 1st Mortgage
- 3 x One Bedrooms 20 x Two Bedrooms
- 5 1% CAP
- 15.0% R.O.I.
- Ex. 1st Mortgage of Appox. \$861,164 @
- 5.433% due Aug 2017 to be Assumed

- LONDON lid 12.Plex in cious Units Principals Only Please 12 Suites
- Asking \$1,250,000
- Asking \$104,167 per Suite
- On Bus Route
- Ample on Site Paved Parking 11 Tenants Pay Their Own Hydro
- Walking Distance to Amenities
- All 2 Bedroom Units Have Been Recently Renovated, Includin New Kitchens and Baths
- 1 x Bachelor
- 11 x Two Bedrooms
- Good Size Bachelor Unit (Vacant) Requires Renovations; Kitchen Cabinets and Bath Missing, Buver to Install
- 6.5% CAP Rate
- 20.3% R.O.I.
- · Well Located rental Building
- Treat Mortgage as Clear!

# **NIAGARA FALLS** PRICE



- Asking \$825,000 Asking \$82,500 per Suite
- Located close to Access to Public . Transit and Various Consumer Amenities within a Short Distance Potential Upside on Current
- Rents 8 of 10 Tenants Pay Their Own Hydro
- Potential to Add Additional Apartments
- 2 x Bachelor
- 8 x Two Bedrooms
  - Building May Require Additional Capital and Upgrading in Order to
  - Maximize its Potential 5.9% CAP Rate
  - 16 2% R O I · Treat as Clear
  - Contact Dani Pizzoferrato

# TILLSONBURG 23 Suites

This property was listed and sold exclusively by Skyview Realty Ltd, Brokerage through Anne Meinschenk, Pat Villani, and Arsalan Wathra. The building was located on a quiet cul-de-sac and featured solid concrete and brick construction. Recent improvements included new common area flooring and lighting, unit renovations, and balcony resurfacing.

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#### **Michael Lombard**

Vice-President Regional Manager - Ontario

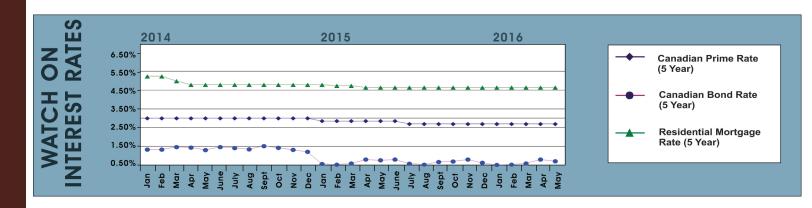
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| 80 Lawton Blvd., Toronto                                | Apr. 01, 2016 | 24 Units @ \$308,333  | \$7,400,000  |
| 137 Church St., St.Catherines                           | Mar 31, 2016  | 95 Units @ \$81,632   | \$7,755,000  |
| 850/860 Kyle Crt., Brockville                           | Mar 24, 2016  | 36 Units @ \$65,000   | \$2,340,000  |
| 5964 Barker St., Niagara Falls                          | Mar 24, 2016  | 17 Units @ \$85,647   | \$1,456,000  |
| 818 Broadview Ave., Toronto                             | Mar 22, 2016  | 31 Units @ \$164,516  | \$5,100,000  |
| 285 North Service Rd., Mississauga                      | Mar 18, 2016  | 81 Units @ \$143,210  | \$11,600,000 |
| 195 Exbury Rd., North York                              | Mar 17, 2016  | 159 Units @ \$159,748 | \$25,400,000 |
| 831 Main St. E., Hamilton                               | Mar 01, 2016  | 13 Units @ \$96,154   | \$1,250,000  |
| 312 Grand River Ave., Brantford                         | Feb 29, 2016  | 55 Units @ \$64,545   | \$3,550,000  |
| 100 William St. W., Oshawa                              | Feb 26, 2016  | 59 Units @ \$101,695  | \$6,000,000  |
| 1235 Huntingwood Dr., Scarborough                       | Apr. 29, 2016 | 14 TH's @ \$290,000   | \$4,060,000  |
| 1440/1442 Lawrence Ave. W., North York                  | Apr. 28, 2016 | 411 Units @ \$112,530 | \$46,250,000 |
| 70 Queen St., Tillsonburg                               | Apr. 22, 2016 | 39 Units @ \$82,308   | \$3,210,000  |
| 40 Beaty Ave., Toronto                                  | Apr. 06, 2016 | 27 Units @ \$117,593  | \$3,175,000  |
| 1 Crown Hill Place, Etobicoke                           | Apr. 04, 2016 | 33 Units @ \$121,061  | \$3,995,000  |
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