

# From the PRESIDENT

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*The Future  
is Now!  
Let's Face it  
Together*

It has been an eventful few months!

Most recently, we hosted the Annual Trade Show & Conference on May 3 & 4 in Stoney Creek. The trade show was sold out with 42 booths. This exciting event included the popular Property Managers' (85 in attendance) session on the Friday which included an update from CAO and CRMAO. On the Saturday, we started off with our Keynote Speaker, Rhonda Scharf, who humoured us with her presentation titled "Sometimes You're the Windshield... Sometimes You're the Bug". The conference included concurrent sessions featuring topics such as Cannabis, Generations, Managing Weather Risks, Bullying, New Developments, Navigating Proxies, Green Energy, Planning for Aging Condos, Upcoming Changes in the Condo Act, and a Rapid Fire Legal Panel. Thank you to all of the sponsors, in particular our Partner Sponsor: SimpsonWigle LLP.

Thank you to our Conference Committee members; Co Chairs Tania Krysa and Ryan Griffiths; Committee Members Carole Booth, Sally-Anne Dooman, Maria Durdan, Tom Gallinger, Patrick Greco, Steven Hill, Michelle Joy, Ed Keenleyside, Michelle Kelly, Sean Machado, Will Mackay, Rob O'Neil, Stephanie Sutherland, and Sara Vahrmeyer.

At the conference, the attendees and exhibitors completed a survey. Surveying our members was one of the Action Items that was identified as being important (as per our 2017 Strategic Plan). One of the issues that came to the forefront was how the "Condo News" is being distributed. Since our primary purpose is to educate directors, ensuring that the "Condo News" gets into as "many hands as possible" is important. Passing a printed magazine around, along with increasing printing costs, is becoming problematic. With this in mind, we have decided to move to the digital world with the "Condo News". We are excited about this transition as it will enable more people to have access to our magazine.

When the Chapter split two years ago, both Chapters agreed to work together for a period of two years to produce the "Condo News". As we approach the end of the two years, the GHC board of directors discussed this relationship at length and decided that it's time to separate the Communications Committee and have the "Condo News" focus 100% on our own Chapter. We would like to thank the GRC's participants in the Communications Committee and its magazine co-editors who have worked hard to produce an excellent magazine. We wish the Grand River Chapter well with its future communication projects.

Finally, as the Chapter President, I am excited and encouraged to see the opportunity that's in front of us! GHC-CCI began as a grassroots organization focused on educating unit owners and condo directors. In the age of change, whether it's the New Condo Act, "Condo News" going digital, new Board of Directors, or new registered condos, we need to move forward.

Let's embrace the future and face it together by serving our communities.