

# TORONTONIAN TENANTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Dear TTA Members,  
Welcome to the first TTA Newsletter of this year!

## 1. Annual General Meeting

As this was cancelled last May because of the lockdown, it is even more important that we hold one this May!

*The TTA needs a fresh, properly elected Executive group.*

### **ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN:**

- President
- Vice president/Treasurer
- Membership Coordinator
- Membership Communications:
  - Tenant Concerns, e.g., Gmail account
  - Facebook Administrator
  - Website Administrator
- Members-at-Large:
  - Liaison Contacts
    - Other Associations or groups
    - City Hall staff and/or local Councillor
    - City Committees
  - Researchers
    - Municipal by-laws and Provincial Legislation
    - City Hall Monitoring- various City committee agendas and local Council
  - Administrative Support
    - Help with fundraising events, special TTA events, etc.
    - Distribute notices, flyers, etc. through the mail slots of members without access to email.

All help is welcome!

<b>Stand for election! And confirm your membership so you can vote!</b>
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- Membership fees for 2020–2021 were waived. As of May 1, 2021, the \$10 annual fee will be reinstated.
- To run for election, send the TTA email account (see link below) a message about what role(s) interest(s) you and a short biography (15 lines max.)! This will be sent out to all members in advance of the election.
- The Roles and Responsibilities for Executive group positions will be available soon on the TTA website (see address below).
- Plan to attend the AGM in mid-May, virtually, via Zoom! More details to follow.
- The more members who offer some of their time, the lighter and more enjoyable the roles! And the more fun!

## **2. Pending Above Guideline (rent) Increase (balconies and exterior-wall work)**

Shiplake applied for this increase in January 2020, requesting that the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) approve it to take effect on April 1, 2020.

- This application, based on work on the balconies and exterior walls several years ago, is still pending; Shiplake requests it take effect retroactively to April 1, 2020.
- The LTB is gradually reopening with virtual hearings. AGI applications are not a priority now.
- Our paralegal, Dan McIntyre, believes that our hearing might wait for another year! In the meantime -- the current Exec group continues to pull together evidence for Dan to use on our behalf.
- As this AGI is based on a necessary “capital expenditure,” the application will likely be granted to Shiplake. The TTA aims to minimize the percentage of this rent increase (2.27%) for our members.
- This rent increase will affect only those tenants who have lived here since before January 1, 2020. Note – the increase can be less for those members who moved in during different stages of the balcony project.

## **3. “Meeting” with Shiplake**

In late March the TTA sent its first “agenda” list of items to Kurt Low and Katherine Harwood for 2021.

Now with spring and vaccinations under way, the TTA requested their response by email, rather than a virtual meeting. Shiplake’s replies are attached and will also be posted on the TTA website, **45dunfieldtta.org**.

In the meantime, stay healthy and enjoy the spring weather! And stay tuned to participate in the first Annual General Meeting in 2 years!

—Your TTA Executive

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**Questions? Suggestions? Let us know!**

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