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Resident and board member, Doug Simpson, recently snapped this photograph of a stunning sunset from the west side of our building. We are so lucky to have these beautiful unobstructed views to the harbour and lake from both sides of our building.

## COVER PHOTO

Now that the pool is open again, the Queens Quay Terminal Mermaids are back in their water aerobics classes. From the far left and moving clockwise is Blythe Gibb, Alice Burton, Dorothy McComb, Affaf Owen, Betty Johnston, Ingrid Rinaldi, Pat Watt, Hedy Boutros, Susan Brown, and in the middle Judith Friedland. We have a very capable instructor in Christina, and the classes are open to anyone who would like to join us on Tuesday mornings. Fees apply.



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Time is going by so quickly, so it is time for another issue of our newsletter. As you know from email updates, the most important activity of the board these days is the process of finding a new Condominium Manager to replace Debbie, who has decided to retire after over 30 years of service to our community.

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Debbie for so many years of dedicated, competent, and committed service. She does indeed leave behind large shoes to fill!



The first stage of this process entailed finding a very competent and experienced consultant to help us conduct the search. We did ask multiple parties to submit proposals and after careful consideration and several interviews we have selected Beredan Management and Consulting Inc. to conduct a needs assessment and a Condominium Manager search process for our building. The principal of Beredan is Robert Buckler, who has already started work on this project. Robert has extensive experience with all aspects of condominium management.

Stage two is a 360-degree review of our current operations, aiming to define our requirements for the Request for Proposal document that will be the foundation of the search, as well as to identify areas where we may be able to optimize operations.

This process entails having conversations with various stakeholders, and since the most important stakeholders are you, the owners, the Board and Beredan invited you to provide your thoughts and input into this process. I am happy to report that several owners decided to participate in this process and have already or will soon share their thoughts with Robert.

Finally, stage three will be conducting the search itself. This stage will start in January, and we hope to have a decision in place by early April.

In other news, you have also recently seen the budget for 2022, and once again I am proud to report that we kept the increase to about 1.5%, well below the inflation level. This is of course due first and foremost to Debbie's day to day management, and the cautious and careful decision making of the board.

Wishing all of our residents and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah. I am sure I am expressing everyone's feelings when I close with an optimistic hope for better news to come soon and looking forward to a 2022 as close to normal as possible. Happy New Year!!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any thoughts, suggestions, or issues at [rares\\_l@pateanu.ca](mailto:rares_l@pateanu.ca).

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## IN & AROUND THE QQT NEIGHBOURHOOD

Here are a few things you might want to do over the holiday period :

**Ice skating** has returned to our little corner of the world. The old location apparently will not be repaired, so they moved it over to the stage area with DJ music on weekends. You will also find a place to skate at Nathan Philips Square and Union Station.

The annual Christmas Market returns to the distillery district with a new name - **Distillery Winter Village**. Explore the new modern market under twinkly lights from November 18 to December 31.

**Casa Loma** is also offering a Holiday Light Tour in and around the castle from November 25 to December 30.

....and if you are looking for something else to do that's safe and covid free because you stay in your car.... - check out these **kitchy, home holiday light displays & decorations** around some Toronto neighbourhoods:

- 188 & 262 Brock Avenue
  - 228 & 222 Brenyon Way
  - 6 Holmsdale Cres neara Dufferin & Eglinton
  - Moore Park's Kringlewood on Inglewood Drive since 2013
  - 1 Fletcher Place from 5:30 to 10:30 and tune in to 89.3 on your car radio and support Sick Kids
  - 473 Clinton Street - Wood Cake House
  - 27 Glenlake Avenue
  - Woodland Park Road by the Toronto Hunt Golf course in Scarborough
  - 35 Bertmount Avenue - Leslieville Dollhouse - said to be the most outrageous looking
  - 165 Benjamin Boake Trail - Sheppard & Keele - also in support of Sick Kids
- .... and I am sure there are others to discover.



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