

# Christmas Tree Recycling

January 8 to 19

On your regular garbage day. To avoid problems with snow removal put your Christmas tree at the curb the night before your scheduled collection day. Wrap your tree in an old sheet, large plastic bag or tarp when taking it from your apartment to avoid leaving a trail of needles. Take the bag or sheet off once you get it out of the building. Trees that are wrapped in plastic or that contain decorations will not be collected.

Also, please don't throw your wrapping paper and gift boxes into the garbage or down the chute. Recycle them along with your other paper. Remove bows and ribbons from paper and crush gift boxes before recycling.



# Resolutions for CCOC's AGM

Deadline: March 24, 2007

Take part in the democratic process and have a say on how CCOC works by submitting a resolution. Your resolution should be about something that would apply to all CCOC buildings or tenants. Past resolutions have included promoting organic gardening and making it easier to recycle in CCOC buildings.

Resolutions will be reviewed by a CCOC committee and forwarded to the membership to vote at the May 25, 2007 Annual General Meeting.

Send your resolutions to:

Meg McCallum c/o CCOC  
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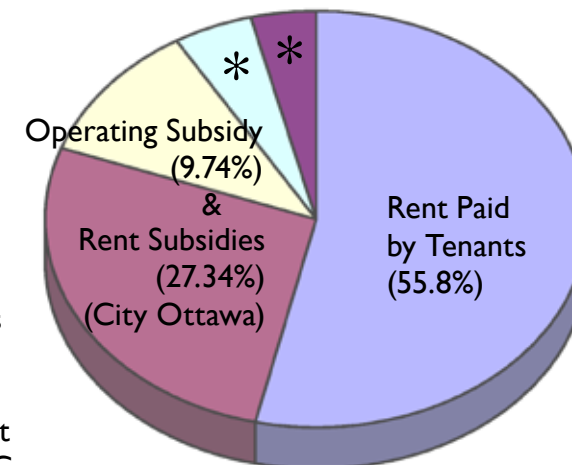
# NewsNotes

## CCOC January 2007

### CCOC's 2007 BUDGET

#### Revenues

Over half of all the money CCOC has comes from the rent that tenants pay: about \$7.2 million dollars each year. The next biggest source of income is rent subsidies transferred to CCOC by the City of Ottawa. Some of these subsidies cover the difference between the reduced rent that rent-g geared-to-income tenants pay and the full rent for the unit. Just over half of CCOC tenants pay subsidized rent.



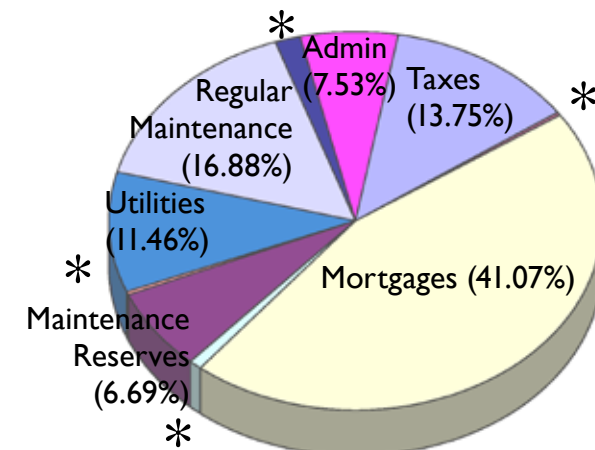
\* Parking, Laundry & Commercial Rent (4.37%)  
\* Mortgage Subsidy (2.75%)(CMHC)

#### Expenses

CCOC's biggest expense every year is paying down our mortgages. For our older properties this cost is balanced by federal mortgage subsidies. Some of our earliest mortgages, from the late 1970's, will be paid in full starting in 2011.

The next biggest expense is Maintenance. About \$2.2 million is spent on maintenance each year.

Another big expense is property taxes: \$1.9 million each year. Like all large landlords, CCOC pays a multi-residential property tax rate, about double the normal residential rate paid by condominium and home owners.



\* Special Maintenance (1.72%)  
Insurance (0.98%) Bad Debt (0.30%)  
Miscellaneous (0.21%)

### Inside...

tax help needed,  
hot apartments,  
CCOC people,  
winter parking,  
recycling trees,  
toques for housing,  
and AGM resolutions.

**613-234-4065**  
Maintenance ext. 707  
Rental ext. 224/225  
Finance ext. 230  
Communications ext. 240

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### City of Ottawa Active Living Club

A club for retired adults interested in outdoor outings. Yearly membership is \$73.50 and includes all activities. Please note that transportation is not provided. Call 613-798-8927 for more information.

Outings include:

X-Country Skiing on local Greenbelt trails	Monday and Thursday	10 am to noon	Jan 8 - Feb 22
Snowshoeing City can provide snowshoes	Tuesday and Friday	10 am to noon	Jan 9 to Mar 30
Hiking	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	10 am to noon	Sep 11 - Nov 24

### CCOC Committee Meeting Schedule

STANDING COMMITTEES	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	TIME (PM)
Membership & Communications	no meeting	February 6	7:00
Development Committee	no meeting	no meeting	7:00
Rental Committee	January 16	February 20	7:00
Property Management Committee	January 18	February 15	7:00
Finance Committee	January 10	February 14	7:00
Board of Directors	January 31	February 28	7:30



**Where:** Board Room at 415 Gilmour Street (ring 808). Call 234-4065, ext. 0 to confirm.

**Note:** CCOC will pay taxi fare and family care for committee members attending meetings.

# CCOC People

## Congratulations to:

### Leo Yerxa

CCOC tenant Leo Yerxa has been awarded the Governor General's Award for Children's Literature - Illustration for his newest book *Ancient Thunder*. In *Ancient Thunder*, Leo celebrates the spiritual bond between the horse and Aboriginal Peoples. Against a backdrop of drumming hooves, his vibrant images evoke the voice of the Great Plains through his original technique and distinctive style. Leo's art is featured in the new CCOC calendar and tenant handbook on the inside back cover.



### Catherine Boucher

CCOC's Executive Coordinator Catherine Boucher was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award by Capital Xtra. Capital Xtra, Ottawa's Gay & Lesbian News Magazine, noted that "Catherine cares passionately about people having a roof over their heads" and recognized her 27 years of working on housing issues.



## People on the Move:

### Dennis Carr

CCOC's Development Coordinator Dennis Carr is on a 4 month Interchange with the Surplus Federal Real Property for Homelessness Initiative Branch of Human Resources and Social Development Canada. Interchanges allow staff to accept temporary assignments in another sector, promoting the sharing of knowledge, business practices and processes.



### Dawn Chambers

You may already have seen or spoken to Dawn at CCOC's reception or in the maintenance office. Dawn is one of CCOC's occasional workers, who has been helping out as needed. Welcome to CCOC Dawn!



# Keeping Sidewalks Safe During Winter

The City of Ottawa Yellow Sandbox Program provides everyone with an opportunity to improve winter walking conditions. The City's bright yellow grit-filled sandboxes are located in Centretown. The grit is for everyone to spread over icy spots on sidewalks.

### Sandbox Locations:

- north side of Besserer at Nelson
- north side of MacLaren between Kent & Lyon
- northwest corner of Laurier & Metcalfe
- north side of Somerset between Bank & Kent
- south side of Gladstone between Cartier & Elgin
- northeast corner Rochester at Gladstone
- northwest corner McLeod at Cartier
- north side of MacLaren between Bank & Kent
- southwest corner of Cartier at Somerset
- northwest corner of Bank at MacLaren
- northeast corner of Albert at Metcalfe
- southwest corner of Elgin at Laurier
- southeast corner of Metcalfe at MacLaren
- south side of MacLeod between Bank & O'Connor
- southeast corner of Maclaren at Elgin
- southeast corner of Elgin at Cooper
- south side of MacLaren between Elgin & Cartier; and
- southwest corner of Booth at Elm.

# City of Ottawa: Overnight Winter Parking



## Don't Get Towed!

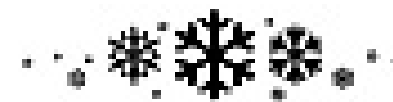
The City of Ottawa overnight winter parking rules are now in effect. That means that you can't park on City streets between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. when there is a forecast of 7 cm or more of snow.

Listen to local radio and television stations for expected snow accumulations and information about on-street parking regulations or call the "SNOWLINE" at 613-580-2460 or the City's Call Centre at 3-1-1.

If you park on the street when winter parking rules are in effect, your car may be ticketed and towed to a nearby street. If your car is towed, call the Ottawa Police Service at 613-236-1222 to find out where it has been towed.

If City crews plan to remove snow on nights when no snowfall is forecast, they will put red "no parking" signs in the snowbanks. Do not park by these signs.

If you have an on-street parking permit, different rules apply. Call the City at 3-1-1 or visit their website at: [www.ottawa.ca](http://www.ottawa.ca)



# CCOC Snow Removal

CCOC removes snow from parking lots when there is 5 cm accumulation or more. Please remember the following points to make snow removal less hectic for all:

- When you see or hear the snow removal crew, please move your car.
- The crew will not clean around your car.
- All cars must be kept in working order.
- Park your car carefully making sure that you use only one space.
- Please be patient. All efforts are made to clear the snow as quickly as possible. We can't be everywhere at once!

Tenants are responsible for clearing walkways and steps if the walkway is shared by three or fewer units. Please contact the maintenance office at 613-234-4065, ext. 707 if you need sand and/or salt.



# Apartment Too Hot?

☞ If your apartment gets too hot during the winter, please check your thermostat and turn it down accordingly.

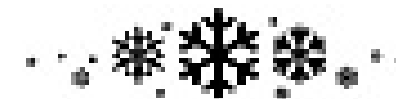
☞ If you don't have a thermostat to control your heat, call the maintenance department at 613-234-4065, ext. 707.

☞ Windows in laundry rooms should never be opened in the winter.

CCOC has had several calls for burst water pipes in past winters. Some were due to people opening windows to cool their apartment down.

**If pipes are near the open window(s) or if the window is left open too long, the pipes can freeze and burst.**

Burst pipes causes flooding of the apartment and possibly the one below. In such cases, the tenant is responsible for damages and will be billed for repairs.



# Can You Help People With Their Taxes?

Every March, CCOC works with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to organize free income tax clinics. We rely completely on volunteers to staff the clinics.

**If you are good with numbers and comfortable with computers, please consider helping out. CRA provides all the training and equipment.**

For more information:  
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