

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF YCC 367

BE SAFE !!

PROTECTING YOURSELF AND KEEPING COMFORTABLE

Helpful Hints: Controlling your inside environment

- Make sure that you have a **smoke detector** on every floor. The law also now requires that each home has a **carbon monoxide detector** on each floor.
- Look after your **furnace** and **air conditioner**. The importance of proper furnace maintenance cannot be over-stressed. Annual servicing and cleaning can both prolong the life of your furnace and identify problems while they are still minor. If your Unit still has original equipment, serious thought should be given to replacement. New furnaces and air conditioning units are more energy efficient and typically provide better functionality.
- To avoid serious condensation problems within your unit, it is recommended to keep inside temperatures at about 19 to 20 C. If you use a **humidifier**, 15% humidity is typically a comfortable setting. Excess humidity can result in mold developing on walls, ceilings and the corners of rooms.
- **Dryer vents** should be cleaned out in both the spring and fall. A clogged vent can cause a fire to start in the dryer.
- Adding **insulation** to the attic may also be an option that you may want to consider. An expert opinion should be obtained as to whether the amount of insulation currently in the attic is sufficient or whether any advantages could be achieved by additional attic insulation.
- If you use your fireplace(s), regular cleaning by a professional chimney sweep is recommended and proof of regular maintenance may be required by your insurance carrier in the event of a fireplace related fire. It would be appreciated if a copy or proof of your **chimney cleaning** be submitted to the Management Company. This documentation helps reduce our Insurance rates.
- Unless your fireplace vents to the outside for **fresh air** intake, a window should be left open to allow proper ventilation in the room in which the fireplace is operating.