

# News-worthy

Here are some newsworthy items we sourced from close to home in Ontario and across the broader condominium community.



## Favourable outcome for mom and disabled son includes new reasonable accommodation policy

After delaying installation of a wheelchair ramp, a Springfield, Massachusetts landlord, property management company and condominium trust will attend fair housing training, implement a reasonable accommodation policy and pay US\$15,000 to resolve allegations that they failed to grant requests for a wheelchair ramp and easier building access for a tenant whose young son is severely disabled. Attorney General Maura Healey said, "Tenants with disabilities should be able to use and enjoy their homes to the fullest extent possible." Without a ramp, the tenant was required to carry her son and his wheelchair up and down several stairs and through multiple doors when entering or exiting her apartment building. *Source: Massachusetts.realestaterama.com*



## One to watch: Heritage building to become mixed-use property

The former head office of Loblaw Companies at the corner of Bathurst and Lake Shore Blvd. in Toronto will be dismantled brick by brick to preserve its heritage designation. By 2019, it will be converted to a mixed-use retail/office/condominium property. The building dates back to 1928 and received heritage designation in 2001. *Source: cbc.ca/new/canada/Toronto*

## By the numbers



There are 2300 new condo units under construction in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. Buyers include seniors and young professionals in the tech industry.

*Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and kitchener.ctvnews.ca*



## Perks for condo investors

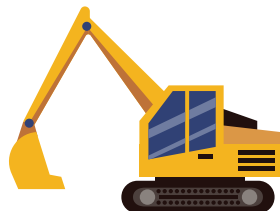
Incentives have been a part of the industry for some time – think unique amenities, customized suites and even an indoor bowling alley. The Minto Group is offering investors in the Minto Westside, near Toronto's waterfront, a guaranteed six per cent return on their purchase price for 24 months. You can take that to the bank. *Source: financialpost.com*



## 18 storeys

An 18-storey condo has been proposed for an empty 90-year-old movie theatre in Kingston, Ontario. The project's developer and the Kingston BIA hope it will bring new life to the downtown core once construction begins and its 400 condo units are occupied.

*Source: thewhig.com*



## Windsor gets first new condo build in six years

A new condo build that consists of 50 townhouse properties close to a well-developed area near the Detroit River will be Windsor's first in six years. Described as "ideally suited for seniors ... or people relocating to the Windsor area for retirement reasons" the four-storey residences will be within walking distance to shopping, pharmacies, medical services, banks and restaurants. *Source: windsorite.ca*