

Tenant Bulletin-Autumn 2018

Possible Postal Strike and Your Rent Payment

Postal workers have voted overwhelmingly to go on strike if a collective agreement is not reached with Canada Post. The strike could happen as soon as the end of September 2018. **Rent** continues to be payable by the **first day of each month**, whether or not a postal strike occurs. If a strike happens, tenants can pay rent directly at our office by money order, personal cheque or Interac payments. If there is a strike, do not put rent payments in the mail because there is no way to know how long the strike will last and your rent will not be paid. Listen for strike updates on the news.



OUTSIDE WATER TAPS

Native People of Sudbury Development Corporation tenants living in single detached, semi-detached, row housing or duplex homes need to take steps now to prevent outside water taps from freezing and pipes from bursting this winter. Please do the following to winterize the outside water tap(s):

1. Make sure the outside water tap(s) is turned off and disconnect all hoses that are attached to the tap(s).
2. Next, turn off the water supply valve or tap from inside the house. Locate the inside tap or valve by looking in the basement ceiling area, close to where the copper water line goes through the basement wall to connect to the outside water tap. Turn the inside valve or tap off.
3. If there is a small bleeder cap on the inside valve or tap, place a small container under it and loosen the bleeder cap to drain any left-over water from the line. Replace the bleeder cap. It is possible that there may not be a bleeder cap.
4. Go outside and turn the outside tap "on". If you have followed the above steps correctly, no water should come out of the tap. Leave the tap "on" for the winter. Call our office if there are problems.

Stoop and Scoop: Every tenant who owns a pet (dog or cat) must keep the pet on a leash while it is outside of the rental unit, and must pick up ALL pet droppings immediately. These are not only requirements of the rental agreement, but are also By-laws. Failure to follow these rules could place the tenancy in jeopardy or/and result fines being levied by a By-law Enforcement Officer .

Prepare for Winter:

1. Remove all air conditioners and reinstall all windows that were taken out to install the air conditioners.
2. Keep thermostats at about 20-23 degrees Celsius or 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit. Keep windows closed when the furnace is "on". By the end of November all furnaces will be cleaned. Please call our office if you do not receive notification of the furnace cleaning by that date.
3. Report all windows or doors that do not shut properly to the Native People of Sudbury Development Corporation office at (705) 674-9996 or 1-800-300-6713 (toll free).
4. Tenants who live in detached, duplex or semi-detached units need to shovel their own driveways and