# **HOTT WIRE**

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Unfortunately, this will be as close to our annual HOTT summer BBQ as we can get! We are hopeful that we will be able to pick this tradition back up next year. We miss being together and cannot wait until we can get HOTT events started up again.

We hope you all have an amazing summer and enjoy the weather while it lasts!

## Introducing the upgraded Rogers Connected for Success program!

HOTT is part of an Ontario Non-profit Housing Association pilot project to offer a range of low cost high speed internet options to our residents. In these times of stay at home virtual work and virtual schooling, many households need affordable access to high speed internet. Households already using the basic Rogers Connected for Success program can change over to whichever new enhanced service meets their needs. For more information and to sign up, visit connectedforsuccess.ca and let them know that you live in a HOTT building. Enjoy!



Ignite Internet™ 25u	lgnite Internet™ 50u	lgnite Internet™ 75u	lgnite Internet <sub>™</sub> 150u
\$999	\$1499	\$2499	\$3499
/mo	/mo	/mo	/mo
+ Taxes	+ Taxes	+Taxes	+ Taxes
> Up to 25Mbps	> Up to 50Mbps	> Up to 75Mbps	> Up to 150Mbps
download speed <sup>1</sup>	download speed <sup>1</sup>	download speed <sup>1</sup>	download speed <sup>1</sup>
Included with all plans: > Unlimited usage > Free courier installation			

# Meet our staff!

Our team has had a few changes over the past few years and we would like to introduce ourselves.



Lisa Horrocks Executive Director



Bernadette LaPorte Manager of Operations and Tenant Services



Mohammed Islam
Maintenance Coordinator



Marcelo Perez Housing Support Worker



Tenny Silva Controller



Veda Devlin Executive Assistant



#### ATTENTION TO HOTT HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING RGI ASSISTANCE!

Effective July 1, 2021, every member of your household must file an Income Tax Return to be eligible to receive RGI assistance. Many of our HOTT households receive RGI assistance and will need to meet this requirement.

## What are the new changes to RGI?

Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) rent will now be calculated using the Net Income for each member of the household, as reported on their Notices of Assessment (NOA) for the most recent taxation year.

To continue to be eligible to receive RGI assistance, each member of your household who is 16 years of age and older, must file an income tax return every year. Copies of the Notices of Assessment for each of those household members must be submitted with the completed Annual Household Income & RGI Review form.

Thank you to the many residents who have always submitted their Notices of Assessment! Annual Household Income & RGI Review forms will be sent to you in the mail in November and are to be returned with your Notice of Assessment.





What is a Notice of Assessment?

A Notice of Assessment is the document the Canada Revenue Agency sends to you after your income tax return has been filed and verified.

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We are here to help!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact HOTT staff.

Our support staff will be happy to assist you.



# Houses Opening Today Toronto Inc.'s Position on Discrimination

Houses Opening Today Toronto Inc. (HOTT) is committed to creating and maintaining a positive and professional environment that respects the dignity, self-worth and human rights of every individual, and is free from any form of discrimination or harassment.

We ask that you please continue to wear a mask in all common areas of your property. Keeping each other safe is our biggest priority here at HOTT.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.



### **JOIN A RESIDENT GREEN TEAM!**

Are you interested in reducing your waste in 2021? Are you passionate about the environment? Are you looking for a new hobby or sense of community? Join our new initiative to reduce waste by signing up for a Resident Green Team! The goal of these teams would be to brainstorm and work together to find new ways to reduce waste and improve our environmental footprint throughout our HOTT properties! If you would like to join, please reach out to us at info@hott.ca!



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# Care to share?

This newsletter is for you, our residents, and we would love to hear from you!

We are inviting any residents that are interested to submit their personal artwork, writing, photographs, or other creative work to us!

If you are comfortable, we can publish it within the

newsletter!

Please contact us if you would like to participate!

#### **Attention: Office Hours**

HOTT will not be holding weekly office hours until further notice due to COVID-19. We are regularly posting flyers with dates of office availability for in person rent payments and/or documents submission. We are practicing strict social distancing protocols in our offices. Please contact staff to meet by appointment. We thank you for your ongoing patience.