

# Welcome Bienvenue

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#### **Next Meetings:**

Wednesday June 16, 2021 TBC



#### AGENDA

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#### **Topics:**

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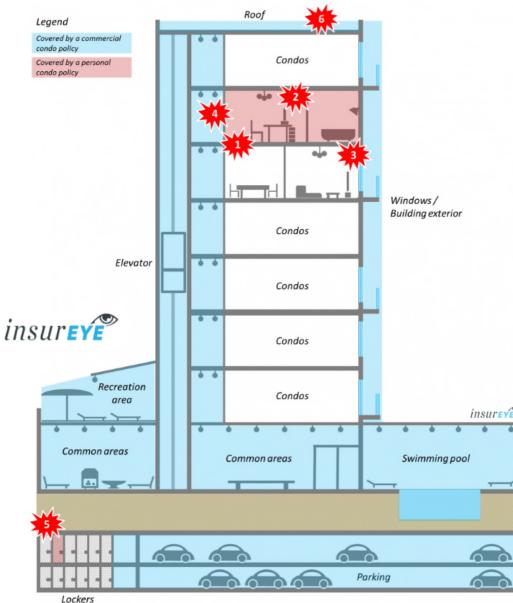
- How Insurance Works in CondoLand
- Industry trends and what's to come
- Renewal Process
- Who pays for what
- When do you make a claim? (When do you self-insure)
- How to improve your insurance situation
- Insurance Deductible By-law
- Standard Unit By-law
- Cost containing measures



## Insurance in CondoLand

- Different types of insurance required:
  - Property
  - Liability
  - Directors and officers
  - Volunteer insurance
  - Should property manager be named as an insured?
- Premiums
- Deductible
- Subrogation





## Who pays for what ?

**Betterments / Improvements:** Upgrades / improvements, as defined by Standard Unit bylaw – *if you have one* 

**Contents:** Personal property, furniture, electronics, household goods, clothing

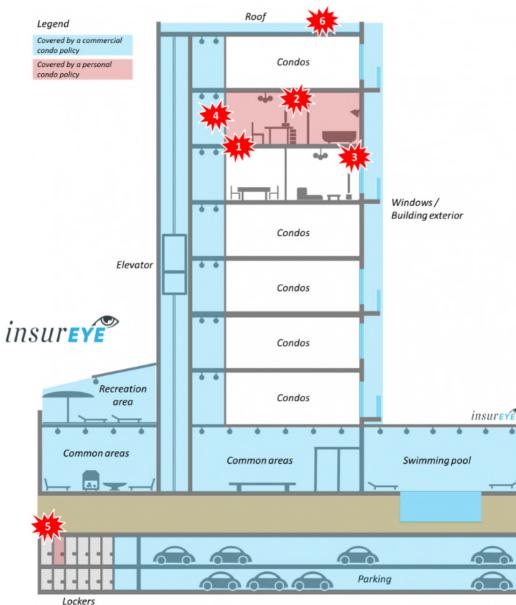
**Third party liability:** If you cause damage to other units or if someone gets injured in your units(damaged or theft)

**Deductible & Loss of Assessment:** When the condo policy does not cover owner, including when units have to pay the corporation's deductible

Additional Living Expense: If you need to be relocated in a hotel...

Locker: Owners must insure their locker's content





## Who pays for what ?

**Common Elements:** standard unit finishes, common hallways, perimeter fences, roofing, etc.

**General Liability:** someone is injured on the corporation's property...

**Boiler & Machinery:** elevator, HVAC unit, pool equipment, generator, etc.

**Directors & Officers Liability:** an owner alleges the Board's actions cause financial hardship

**Privacy / Cyber Liability:** breach of privacy due to cyber event or theft of information



## Who pays for what?

- Owners maintain their units
- Corporation maintains common elements
- Corp. shall repair units and common elements after damage (s. 89)
  - Up to standard unit
  - Subject to declaration
- New s. 89:
  - "the corporation shall repair the common elements"
  - "the owner shall repair the owner's unit"



## Who pays for what?

- Section 91 provides that the declaration can alter the obligation to repair after damage:
  - Imposing on the owner the obligation to repair the unit after damage
  - Subject to s. 123: termination of condo in case of substantial damage (more than 25% of replacement cost)



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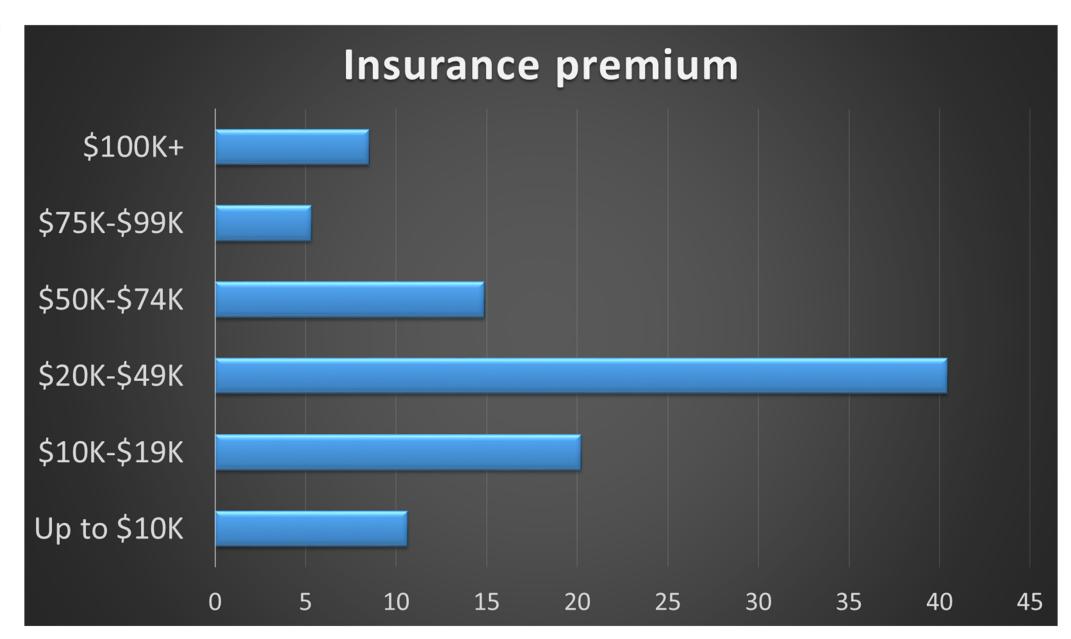
- The deductible is a common expense (payable by all) unless (s. 105):
  - Damage resulting from act/omission of owner (or those he is responsible for) <u>and</u> unless damage is limited to unit
  - The corporation has an Deductible bylaw, extending the circumstances under which the deductible can be added to the unit



## **Industry Trends**

- Fewer insurance companies writing condominium business
- Stricter requirements to obtain insurance
- Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) ratings updated
- Flood mapping updated to reflect recent catastrophes
- Bill 118 effective January 2021
- Increasing real estate values & building costs



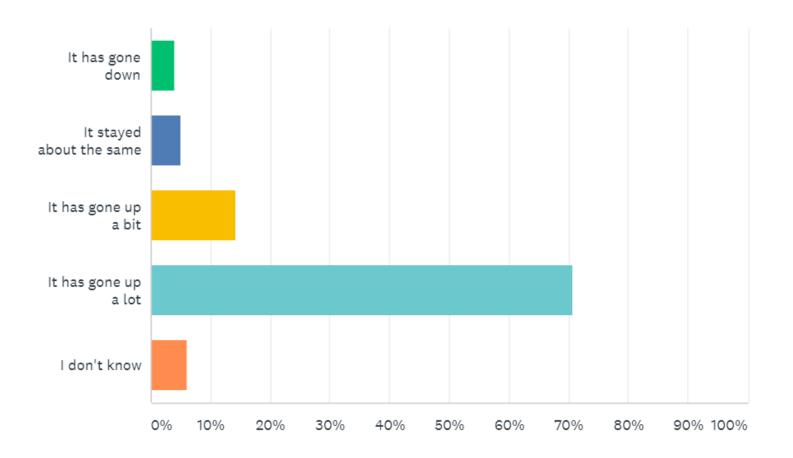




## **Industry Trends**

In the past 2 years (or so) how has your corporation's insurance premium changed?

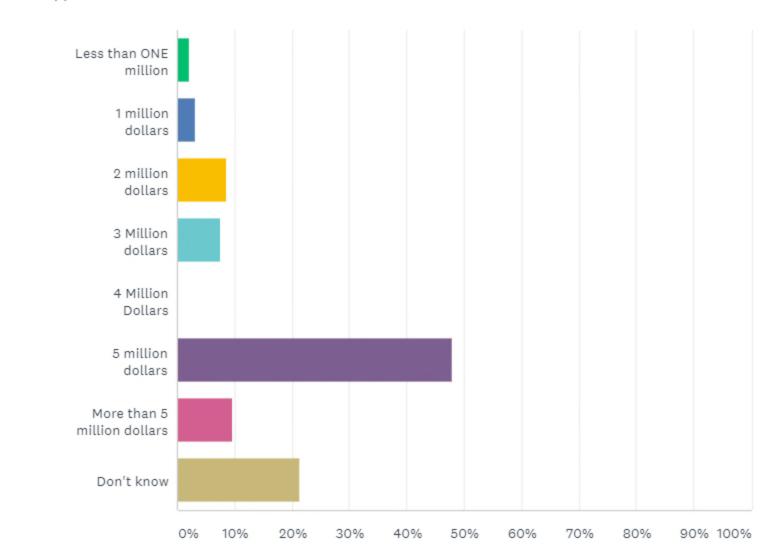
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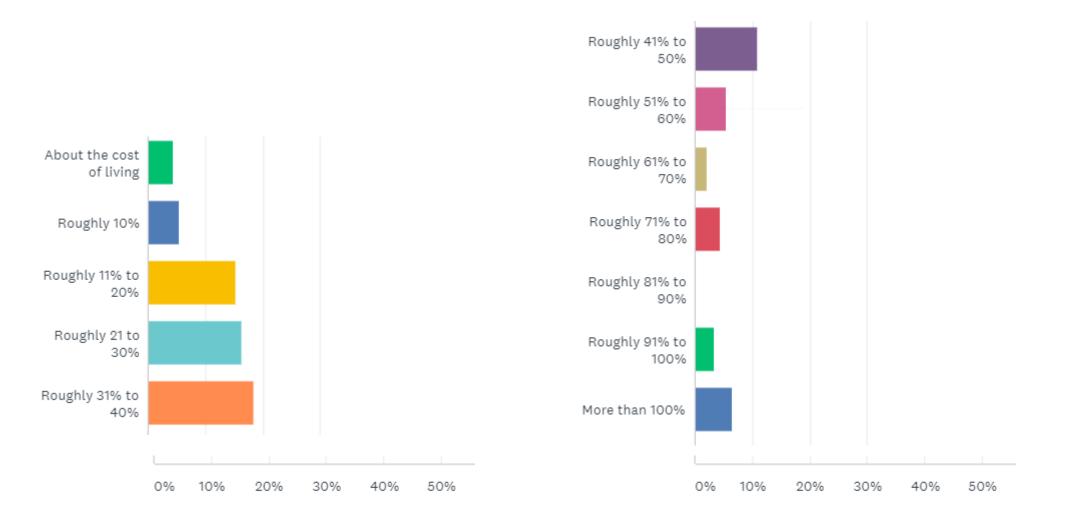
## What is the limit of your corporation's coverage for Directors and officers liability?



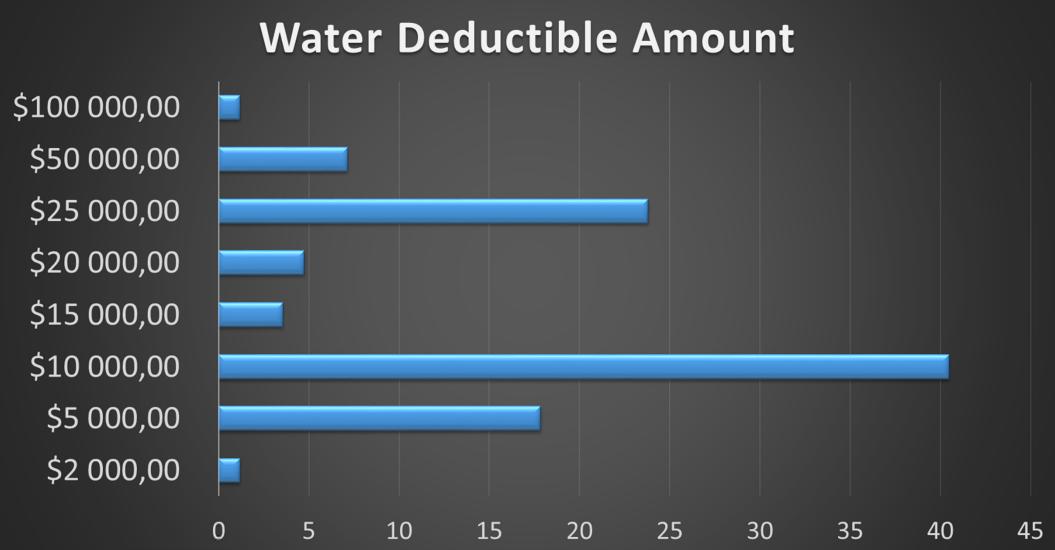




# If you insurance premiums have increased in the last 2 years or so, by roughly how much?



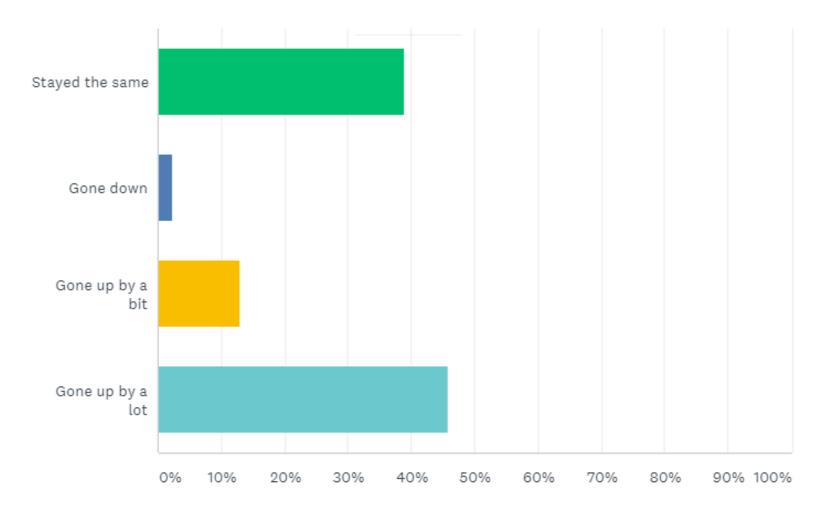






#### In the past couple of years, your corporation's insurance deductible has :

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#### **Renewal Process**

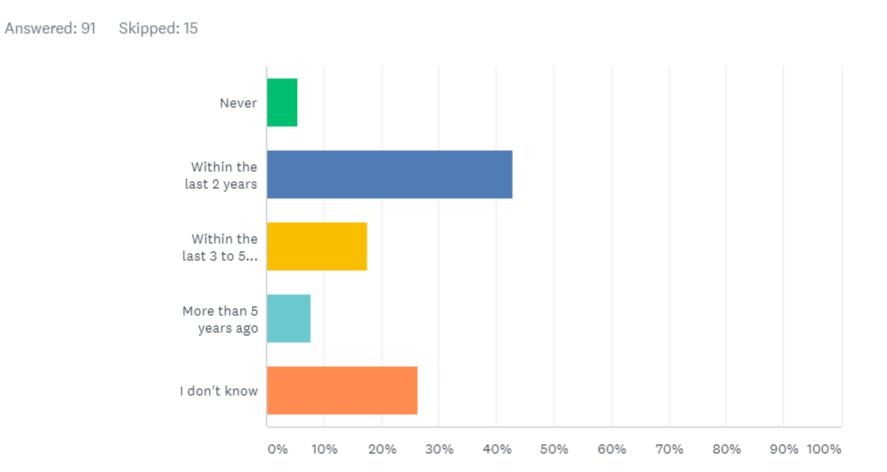


What has taken place since last renewal?

- Major updates completed
- Updated reserve fund study
- Claims reported
- Standard unit or deductible bylaw registered
- Percentage of rentals vs. owner occupied units



## When is the last time you had your complex appraised for insurance purposes?





# When to make a claim and when to self-insure

- Budgeting for more than premium
- 2-3x deductible
- Impact of a claim up to 5 years
- Prepare for the unexpected just as you prepare for the expected



## How to improve your situation?

- Appropriate bylaws in place
- Policies for replacement of smoke alarms, hot water tanks, plumbing hoses, etc.
- Avoid claims whenever possible
- Newsletters
- Claims Protocols
- Expectations from insurance companies have changed





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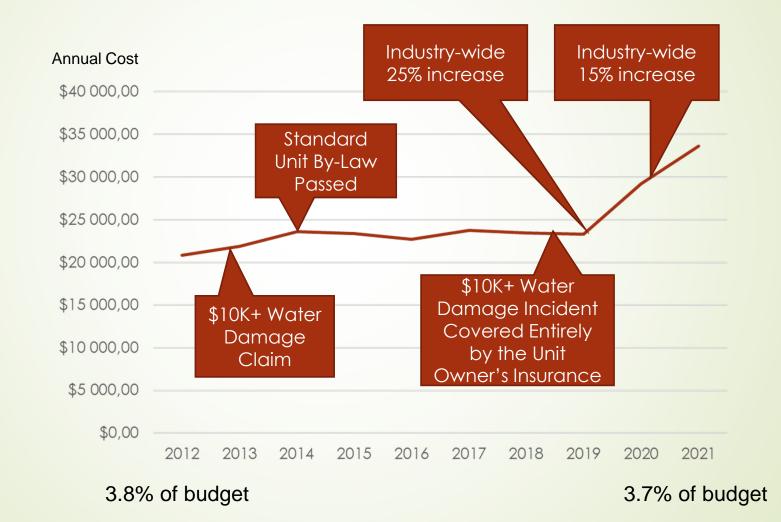


## Topics

- Insurance Costs
- Main Elements of the Cost Containment Strategy
  - Insurance By-Law
  - Standard Unit By-Law
  - Risk Identification and Reduction Measures
- Questions



#### **OCSCC 882 Insurance Costs**





#### Insurance By-Law

- In place from the beginning
- Makes unit owners responsible for paying the Corporation's insurance deductible for claims related to damage to their unit, regardless of cause
- Also makes unit owners responsible for paying the Corporation's insurance deductible for claims resulting from actions of a unit owner, their guests, tenants, etc.
- Insurance deductibles:
  - Earthquake: 5% of building value (approx. \$2.2M)
  - Flood: \$15,000
  - Sewer back-up, water damage, freezing: \$10,000
  - General liability: \$2,500
- Purpose of the By-Law is to limit insurance deductible expenditures from the corporation's General Fund



### Standard Unit By-Law

- Approved by owners in 2014
- "Bare Bones" model
  - The Corporation is responsible for insuring those things it owns (structure, floor and ceiling slabs, unit perimeter walls, entry/balcony doors, windows, common element systems within walls, drop ceilings and bulkheads
  - Unit owners are responsible for insuring what they own (interior walls and bulkheads, unit wiring, plumbing within unit boundaries, finish flooring, cabinetry, etc.
- Designed to take maximum advantage of the much more competitive nature of the homeowner insurance market compared to the commercial market
- Purpose is to contain the Corporation's insurance costs



## Other Risk Management Measures

- Risk of water damage
  - Negotiating with the supplier to replace unit rental water heaters after ten years of service (2021) on behalf of unit owners, as well as those that have been purchased
  - Unit washing machine hoses to be replaced at same time as water heaters
  - More broadly, keeping on top of plumbing issues
- Risk of fire damage
  - Recently replaced all unit smoke detectors at the end of the design life (normally unit owner's responsibility)



#### **Insurance Deductible By-law**

#### **INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE BY-LAW RÈGLEMENT SUR LA FRANCHISE**

- The corporation must insure all common elements and units.
  - La corporation doit assurer les parties privatives et communes
- When there's a claim, the corporation pays the deductible each time.
  - La corporation paye la franchise <u>chaque fois</u>
- The deductible / Franchise
  - \$10,000 General/e
  - \$25,000 Water/Flood / Eau/innondation
- The deductible will increase with claims being made / Augmentation de la franchise



#### **INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE BY-LAW REGLEMENT SUR LA FRANCHISE**

#### Who should pay for the deductible...? Qui devrait payer?

- Negligent owner causes damage to his/her unit?
  - Propriétaire négligent endommage son unité?
- Negligent owner causes damage to someone else's unit?
  - Propriétaire négligent endommage l'unité de quelqu'un d'autre?
- If an owner is negligent and causes damage to common element?
  - Propriétaire négligent endommage les aires communes?
- If the source of the damage is someone's appliances?
  - Le dommage est causé par un appareil du propriétaire?



#### **INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE BY-LAW**

#### What does the bylaw do?

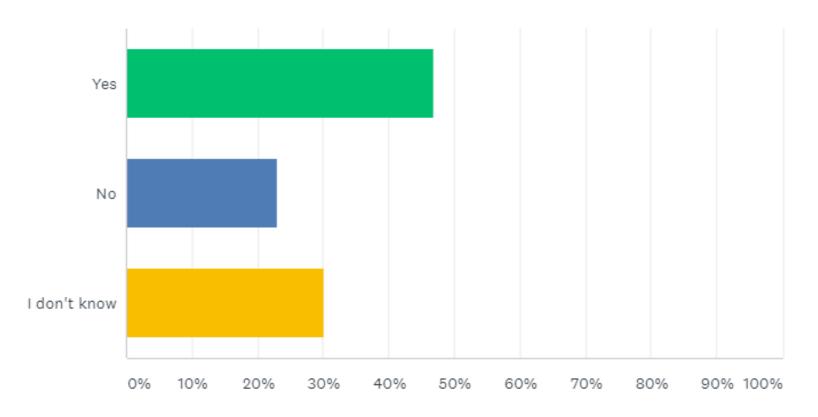
- An owner will pay the deductible if / Le propriétaire assume la franchise si
  - They are at fault / S'il y a une faute
  - They are at the source / S'il en est la source
- If no one is to blame? / Si personne n'est en faute?
  - The units having been damaged share the deductible.
    - Les unités endommagées partage la franchise



## Insurance Deductible By-law

#### Do you have an Insurance deductible By-law?

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### **Standard Unit By-law**

#### **STANDARD UNIT BY-LAW** RÈGLEMENT SUR L'UNITÉ DE BASE



• La corporation assure/répare les unités

- Owners insure/repairs any improvements
  - Le propriétaire assure/repare les « améliorations »

- The by-law defines what is the standard unit
  - Le règlement définit ce qui est l'unité de base



#### **STANDARD UNIT BY-LAW RÈGLEMENT SUR L'UNITÉ DE BASE**



#### Benefits of this by-law / Les avantages du règlement

- Reduces the collective insurance cost / Réduit le coût collectif de l'assurance
- More equitable to owners / Plus équitable pour les propriétaires
- Puts the onus on owners to be careful / Responsabilise les propriétaires
- Reduces disputes between insurers/owners / Réduit les disputes entre propriétaires et assureurs
- Streamlines repair process / Simplifie le travail de réparation et rénovation
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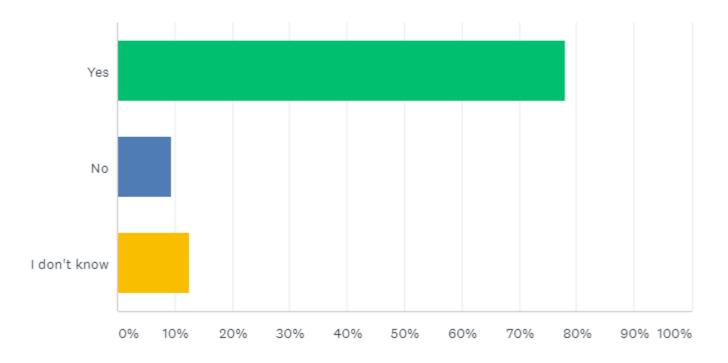
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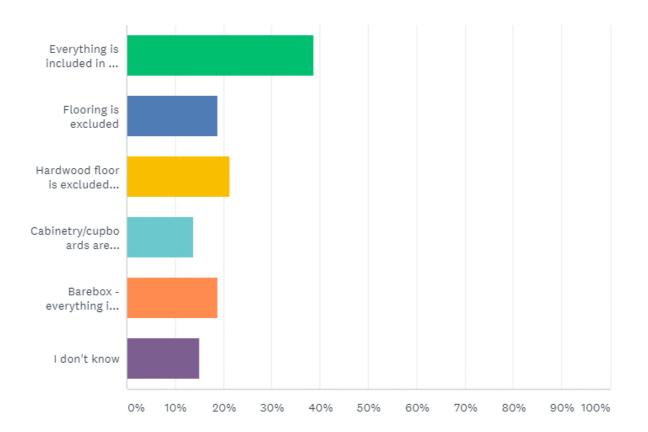




## **Standard Unit By-law**

If you have a Standard Unit By-law, what is included in the Standard Unit? (Chose as many as apply)

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#### **INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE BY-LAW**



#### **OWNER'S INSURANCE COVERAGE**

	UNIFUND	CAA	ALLSTATE	INTACT	ECONOMICAL
Insurance Deductible Coverage	\$400K	\$70K	\$50K	\$100K	\$2M
Contents	\$160K	\$70K	\$160K	\$170K	\$68.5K
Civil Liability	\$2M	\$2M	\$2M	\$2M	\$2M
Deductible for Water Damage	\$700	\$300	\$0	\$2,000	\$500
Cost of premium	\$545	\$539	\$638	\$700	\$632



## **Damage Mitigation Ideas**

#### UNIT INSPECTIONS

(refer to draft list of items)

#### • PAMPER YOUR DRAINS

(baking soda, vinegar and boiling water cocktail)

#### PLUMBER RECOMMENDATION

(once a week, fill sinks and release water) (exercising your valves)

#### • HOT WATER TANK REPLACEMENT

(every 10 years)

• WATER ALARMS

(110db and lasts 48 hrs plus)

(everywhere water can exit)



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