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2020 was an unusual year, to say the least. As a pandemic interrupted all of our lives, and made it impossible for us to gather together for most of the year, your MLLOA executive team continued to work on your behalf.

In December 2020, our President, Dave Kennedy, circulated a holiday message to all of our members that included some details of our activities during the past year, such as:

- Presentation of two Round Table discussion events, held in January and March 2020;
- Continued discussions with the Residential Tenancies Branch (RTB) to pursue amendments to the Life Leases Act, an initiative that will continue in 2021;
- Response to individual member enquiries regarding issues that have been taken to the RTB for adjudication, an initiative that will be enhanced in 2021;
- Partnership with the Manitoba Non-Profit Housing Authority (MNPHA) to develop joint training conferences and seminars for future production;
- Provision of information and advice in response to requests for help on a variety of issues from our members.

Your MLLOA Executive Team has been meeting virtually, via Zoom, on a regular basis and will continue to do so until it is safe for us to convene in-person.

Some new **Benefits of Membership** we have introduced for the 2021 are:

- Design of a template for Constitution/By-Laws that may be adapted by our member Tenant Councils for use in their own associations. We are reviewing documents from some of our members and gathering samples from other sources to develop a framework of “best practices” that will serve as a reference tool for various life lease models.
- Purchase of a Zoom license that we are able to share with our members, initially until April 30, 2021. If you would like to schedule a Zoom meeting for your building, please contact Gilbert Robin at gilbert.a.robin@gmail.com.
- Purchase of an annual subscription to the Residential Tenancies Branch Orders System that gives us on-line access to all RTB rulings. We will monitor these rulings and share details relevant to life lease issues and will assist members with specific requests for information.
- Round Table discussion series and social events will be held for our members in 2021 when it is safe to host gatherings again.

We hope we can count on your continued support and participation, and look forward to working with you in the New Year.

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