## 2021 Candidacy for Board of Directors Strata Plan #50



# BARRIE ROMKEY

### **Profile**

Hello my name is Barrie Romkey and my wife Lynn and I have been owners at The Palms since its inception. I would like to put forward my strong interest to serve on the Board of Directors at The Palms for a second term in the upcoming election April 8, 2021.

I first came to Providenciales in 1996 and I am happy to have been a Turks and Caicos resident for the majority of that time. As a Canadian, maintaining residences in Canada and the USA, as well as at The Palms Resort, the Turks and Caicos Islands has always been a special place for me.

In all these years of being on island there is no doubt that 2020 and 2021 to date have been the most challenging as a result of the pandemic. Due to travel restrictions, I had the opportunity to reside at The Palms from Nov. 2020 for over four months. This allowed me to identify some issues that I felt needed attention in order to maintain our status as one of, if not the best resort on Grace Bay Beach. I am pleased to say that I worked closely with Stan Hartling of the Hartling Group, Jeff Morgan our GM and our President Phillip Wood who all took

these areas of concern very seriously and took immediate steps to address the concerns. As a result, many initiatives have been put in place that I believe will benefit all owners and as well as our guest experience. To name a few we have increased security and tracking at the main gate, as well as at both beach access locations to prevent unauthorized access to the property, beach bar access is now only available to Palm's owners and Guests, guests coming to The Palms from The Sands and The Shore Club and vice versa are made aware that they do not have access to our pool or beach amenities etc. As well tracking protocols have been put in place to ensure staff are following these procedures or face disciplinary action.

## Background

My background has mainly been in Real Estate development in Canada and the USA for almost 50 years.

In Canada I was active in all aspects of Real Estate development i.e. Custom Homes, Land Development, Shopping Centers and Apartment Developments, as well as initiating the Self-Storage business in eastern Canada.

In the US, I developed a luxury 12 story, 58 unit condo tower on the west coast of Florida where I maintain a residence.

Being directly involved in the development, post operation and maintenance of these large developments has provided me with a wealth of knowledge that I feel would be of extreme value to the Strata Board and the owner group.

I was one of the founding investors of The Sands here in Providenciales in1996 and still hold a passive minority interest. For purposes of full disclosure, I have partnered previously in Canada with Mr. Hartling in the 1990's (projects since sold) but have not actively invested together in approximately 20 years. I have no other investment in the Palms Resort other than my condo unit in which my priority lies in preserving the value and safeguarding that investment along with the other owners.

### **Board Related**

### The Palms AGM's

My wife Lynn and I have been regular attendees at the majority of the AGM meetings over the past 15 years. This has given me a solid understanding of the protocol, key issues, financial budget formats, capex needs and most importantly, the opportunity to directly hear owners input and participate in those discussions.

#### Other

Past President of Nova Scotia Homebuilders Association

- National Executive of Canadian Home Builders Association
- Past president of the Atlantic New Home Warranty program

I regard The Palms as one of the most unique luxury boutique Condo Hotel Developments on the island and I would be happy to continue to lend my time and background to ensuring that it maintains it coveted status and to ensure all owners that their investment is being properly maintained.

Regards

**Barrie Romkey**