

# THE GRAND OLD LADY SHINES AGAIN

with the launch of  
The Residences of Royal Connaught



**HAMILTON'S CENTURY-OLD REVERED LANDMARK** opened its doors for the first time in over a decade, returning in style with an elegant gala to mark the launch of The Residences of Royal Connaught.

Welcoming a new era of urban living in the heart of the city, guests arrived on the gold carpet, stepping into the restored three-storey Art Deco lobby to see sparkling hand-strung crystal chandeliers, restored columns, original limestone flooring and the grand mezzanine. With over 100 years combined experience in development, the Spallacci Group and Valery Homes have put the utmost care for detail into the restoration.

Once a grand hotel, the Royal Connaught was Hamilton's social hub during its years in operation, an extravagant venue to celebrate special occasions and a place where celebrities and the wealthy elite would stay. Now as it opens as the city's most anticipated project of the past 25 years, The Residences of Royal Connaught will introduce a new heartbeat in the core.

"Everyone has a special connection to the Connaught and it is a truly remarkable place. The excitement in the city for this project is contagious, so it was only fitting that we marked its return in such an exceptional way," says Rudi Spallacci, president of Spallacci Group. "After all, when was the last time the

Royal Connaught threw a party?" In an ode to the Royal Connaught's history, the eras came to life as the evening unfolded. Glamour was in full swing as music played by Hamilton's Scott Whittington on piano filled the lobby. Models sported vintage costumes, curated by noted fashion influencers, reflecting the '20s, '40s, '50s and '60s, and guests enjoyed a showcase of food trends and libations of the past century.

Descendants of Harry Frost, the original owner of the Royal Connaught Hotel that first opened in 1916, were among the guests, including Harry Frost the III, dressed up for the occasion at the age of four.

An intricate three-dimensional model of the project was revealed, showcasing a seven-storey podium designed to complement the historic façades of the existing buildings and three residential towers. In total, the completed project will house 700 condo units in the heart of downtown and will introduce new retail wrapping from King Street along Catherine to Main.

The room was abuzz with excitement as guests toured the furnished model suite that blends historic luxury with a contemporary style. The spacious suite features 10-ft. ceilings and large windows, allowing light to flood in from the windows overlooking Gore Park. Antiqued hardwood and rich textures of quartz

and marble carry throughout the suite, and ample storage is cleverly incorporated in the two-bedroom layout.

“We’ve worked really hard to restore the grandeur of the Royal Connaught and it is incredibly rewarding to see this kind of response to the project. It’s beyond anything we could have expected,” says Ted Valeri, president of Valery Homes.

Now open, Phase I of The Residences of Royal Connaught offers 122 new condominium suites housed in the original 13-storey landmark building. With a selection of elegant condo designs ranging from 555 to 1,084 sq. ft. purchasers can customize their suites with looks ranging from classic to contemporary styles. Suites start from the mid-\$200,000s. Phase I occupancy is expected for 2016.

The restored lobby with presentation centre and model suite are located at 112 King St. E., at the corner of King and Catherine in Hamilton. Hours are Monday to Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more details call 905.645.0450 or email [info@royalconnaught.com](mailto:info@royalconnaught.com). Register online at [royalconnaught.com](http://royalconnaught.com).



**PICTURED ABOVE**  
It was a full house at the unveiling of The Residences of Royal Connaught  
Photo by Bob Gundu



**PICTURED LEFT**  
The Spallacci and Valeri families at the unveiling of The Residences of Royal Connaught  
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