


# Hamilton celebrates a new era with **THE RESIDENCES OF ROYAL CONNAUGHT**



 **LOCATION**  
Hamilton

 **HOUSING TYPE**  
Condominium

 **SALES CENTRE**  
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and Catherine, open Monday to  
Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m. and  
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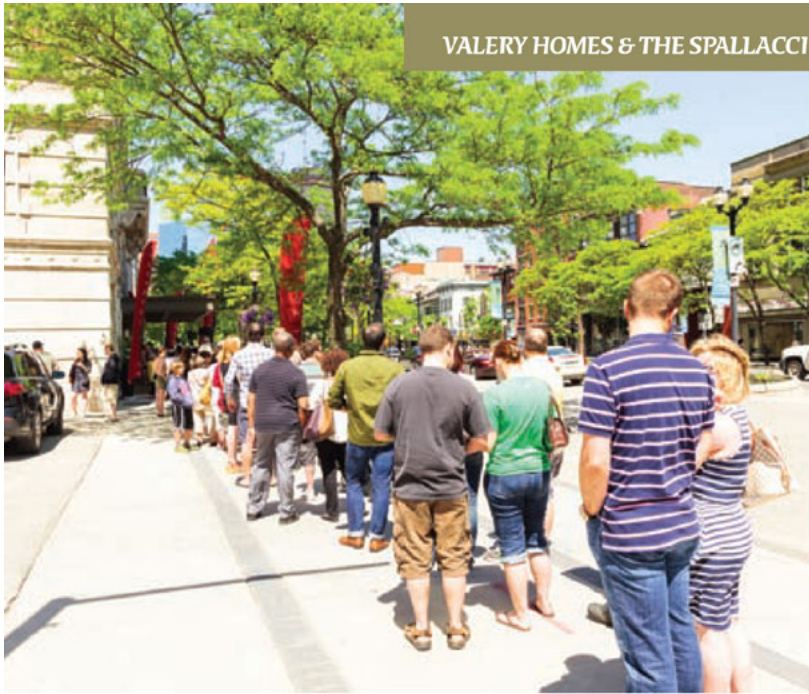
A new era began in Hamilton within the newly refurbished lobby of the Royal Connaught with a launch worthy of F. Scott Fitzgerald and company as the big and bold of Hamilton gathered to toast and talk about the future glory of this icon of the skyline.

With fun and frivolity in the air as it was in the Roaring Twenties, The Residences of Royal Connaught have been released with much fanfare and celebration as this once glorious hotel undergoes a transformation into fabulous condominium suites of contemporary elegance.

Names big and small, political, private and business-related, of Hamilton gathered to embrace this new beginning in its two-tiered lobby lit by three fabulous crystal chandeliers upon a white scape of marble and carved cornices.

“We wanted visitors to enter through the grand lobby to begin their experience here,” says Ted Valeri of Valery Homes, which has partnered with The Spallacci Group to undertake this transformation. With this industrious display of initiative, the builders plan to draw substantial companies downtown as tenants in the retail aspect of the project.

Valeri and Rudi Spallacci, of The Spallacci Group, share the same ideals that led to them spearheading this project. “We’re pleased this day has come,” says Spallacci, “and that we can bring people into this lobby to see what has begun. We can finally share our progress and our plans.”



**THE CONNAUGHT DRAWS THOUSANDS TO PRIORITY VIEWING**

Riding the wave of the preview gala only days earlier, registrants eager for an opportunity to buy a suite at the Residences of the Royal Connaught lined up around the block to glimpse the future of this Hamilton icon.

Three thousand people pre-registered for priority viewing leading up to the Grand Opening in early June. A busy sales team reports incredible sales the first weekend along with a crowded sales centre and constant tours through the model suite.

With substantial sales expected, construction can begin in the very near future aiming for move-in dates by fall/winter 2016.

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Rudi and Anna Spallacci, Anita and Ted Valeri  
Photos by Jeff Tessier

“We’re focused on creating a new history right here, right now,” says Valeri.

Spallacci is well-known in Hamilton and specifically in the downtown core for Terraces on King, a property next to Denninger’s that underwent several ownership changes before his company stepped in to create several floors of attractive residences above upscale retail shops. Today, history is repeating itself when the companies partnered to embark on the redux of the Royal Connaught.

With only 122 suites available in Phase 1, and a list of 3,000 pre-registered potential purchasers, five per cent of those registered could be suite owners in the near future, calculations that are not lost on Valeri and Spallacci. Suites range from one-bedroom suites of 555 sq. ft. to the two-bedroom suites such as the Aberdeen of 1,077 sq. ft. now on view as the model suite.

Within the model suite, you discover an ultra modern decor within these historic surrounds. Monochromatic finishes in a white and platinum scheme are punctuated by dark hardwood in the living room and bedrooms. Striking tile work in the master ensuite and second bath illustrate how simple lines and varying sizes can contribute vital interest to a simple palette. Of exceptional note are the interior doors of extended height that reach up to the 10-ft. ceiling. Waist-to-ceiling windows are set into the original openings. Each suite is individually climate controlled, has its own ensuite laundry with some also featuring a Juliette balcony. The new construction will offer full balconies.

Using the existing framework of the structure as template, the architects of Karp Namisniak Yamamoto, of Burlington, used the past to create the present with suites that follow the original footprint of this former hotel that has hosted everyone from royalty to rock stars.

Architect Stephan Namisniak says it was essential to respect the integrity and the structure of the building. “Working within these parameters we face what it is, to come up with what you see. We discovered the new within the old, the present from the past.” Three additional towers of varying heights will surround the existing building in elements of glass and steel to contrast its existing façade. In total, the entire complex will number 700 suites. Once construction begins on the existing hotel, completion is expected in 18 months.

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