

# CAO Condo Returns Guide: During Filing

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#### Have a Question?

If you have a question about any of the information in this Guide, please contact us. We have a team available to answer any questions you may have.

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# **Purpose**

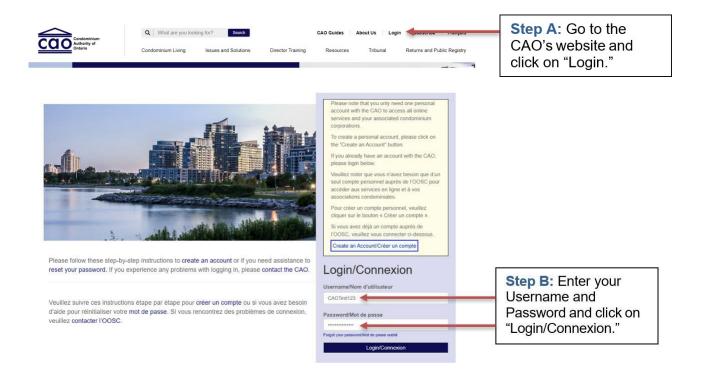
This guide was created to assist filers in filing their condo returns. You can use this guide to follow the step-by-step instructions throughout the returns process, or you can skip to different topics in this guide and review specific sections of the returns form.

If you are filing a condo return for the first time, we strongly recommend you review the "CAO Condo Returns Guide (Before Filing)" guide. The "Before Filing" guide provides introductory information you need to know before filing condo returns. You can access the "Before Filing" guide on the <u>CAO's website</u>.

# **Getting Started**

To file an annual return, you will need the latest version of the Google Chrome browser. Google Chrome is most compatible with the filing system compared to other browsers available. If you do not already have Google Chrome installed on your computer, you can download it for free from Google Chrome's website.

Using Google Chrome, login to your CAO account and access the condominium corporation profile by following the steps below:





#### My Corporations



**Note:** You will be required to file condo returns in the order that they were due. For example, if you need to file a 2018-2019 Annual Return and a 2019-2020 Annual Return, you will need to file the 2018-2019 Annual Return first.

# Step 1: Condominium Corporation Details Section

# 1.1 Full Legal Name of the Condominium Corporation

- The full legal name of the condominium corporation is assigned by the Land Registry Office (LRO) when the condominium corporation is created (i.e., when the condominium corporation's declaration and description were registered).
- All legal names include a region; the words "CONDOMINIUM CORPORATION NO." and an assigned number.
- If the condominium corporation was created on or after May 5, 2001, the legal name must include the condominium corporation's type (e.g., "STANDARD," "COMMON ELEMENTS," or "VACANT LAND").



 Please confirm the full legal name of the condominium corporation and <u>contact</u> the <u>CAO</u> if it needs to be corrected.

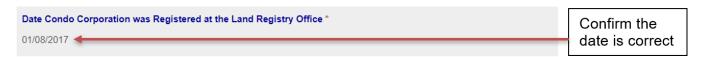
### 1.2 Operating Name

 This is the name that the condominium corporation is commonly known by and may be the name displayed on the building or an entrance sign.



# 1.3 Date Registered at the Land Registry Office

This is the date the condominium corporation was created.



 Please confirm the date the condominium corporation was registered with the LRO and contact the CAO if it needs to be corrected.

### 1.4 Type of Condominium Corporation

- Select whether the condominium corporation is "Freehold" or "Leasehold".
   These terms apply to the land occupied by the condominium corporation.
- Freehold
  - Freehold means that the condominium corporation owns the land set out in its declaration and description.
- Leasehold
  - Leasehold means the land is not owned by the condominium corporation and is leased. The rent payable to the landowner is included as a common expense. Once the lease expires, the right of the condominium corporation's unit owners to occupy the land terminates.

 For freehold condominium corporations, select whether the condominium corporation was registered as a standard, common elements, or vacant land condominium corporation. This information is included in the declaration (and may be included in the condominium corporation's full legal name). Below is information about the different types:

#### • Standard Condominium Corporation:

 Owners of this type of condominium corporation own their units and have an ownership interest in the common elements and assets (such as hallways, elevators, etc.).

#### Common Elements Condominium Corporation:

This type of condominium corporation has no units but has common elements, for example, a road, a golf course, or a ski hill. The common interest of an owner in the condominium corporation is attached to the owner's parcel of land known as "parcel of tied land" (POTL).

#### Vacant Land Condominium Corporation:

The buildings and/or structures were not built when the declarant registered this type of condominium corporation. Structures can be built after the declarant registers the condominium corporation. Several types of structures can be accommodated in a single development.

# Step 2: Phased Condominium Corporation

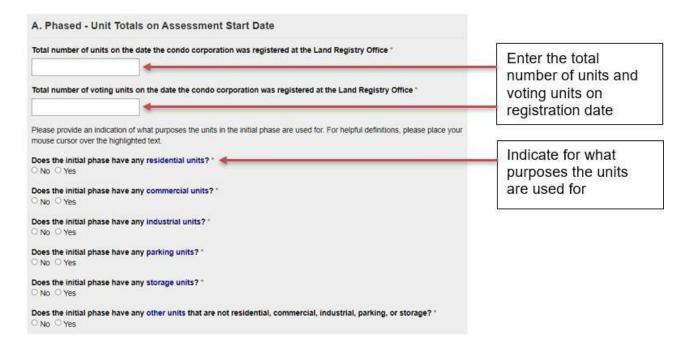
# 2.1 Was the condominium corporation registered as a phased condominium corporation?

- If your condominium corporation was not registered as a phased condominium corporation, you may skip to Step 3.
- If you selected "Standard" under "Type of Condominium Corporation" you will be prompted to answer if the condominium corporation was registered as a phased condominium corporation.
- You will then need to indicate if all the phases were completed by September 1, 2017.



Please note that for phased condominium corporations created on or after
 September 1, 2017, under Part A you will be prompted to provide the "Total

- number of **units** on the date the condominium corporation was registered at the Land Registry Office" and the "Total number of **voting units** on the date the condominium corporation was registered at the Land Registry Office".
- The total number of units includes all units used for any purpose, including residential, parking, storage, and commercial units. The total number of voting units is the maximum number of votes that can be cast or counted at a meeting of owners.
- You will also need to provide an indication of what purposes the units in the initial phase are used for, and the number of each of these units. These options will include residential, commercial, industrial, parking, storage, and other.



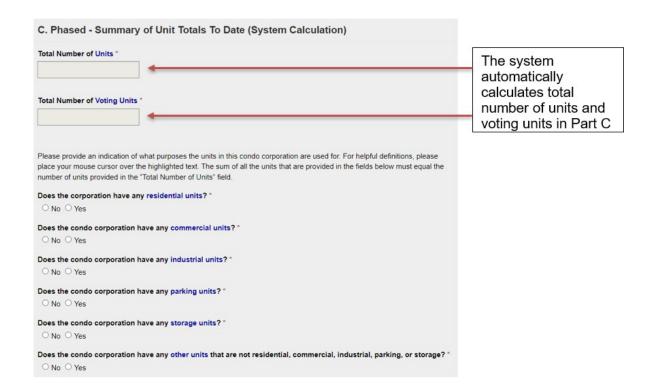
- Condominium corporations can only provide the total number of units and total number of voting units if they are filing the condominium corporation's first condo return. Please confirm the registration date, the total number of units, the total number of voting units and contact the CAO if they need to be corrected.
- Please note that for phased condominium corporations created before
  September 1, 2017, if not all phases were completed before this date, under
  Part A (see below) you will be prompted to provide the total number of units
  and total number of voting units for the condominium corporation on September
  1, 2017 (the Assessment Start Date).
- The additional information you will need to provide is the same as above. Indications of what purposes the units in the initial phase are used for, and the number of each of these units. The purposes include residential, commercial, industrial, parking, storage, and other.



- If you selected "No" under "Were all phases completed by September 1, 2017?" you will also be prompted under **Part B** to "Add Condo Phase". You will be required to provide the date the new phase was registered, the total number of units in the new phase, and the total number of voting units in the new phase.
- You will also need to provide an indication of what purposes the units in the new phase are used for, and the number of each of these units. These options will include residential, commercial, industrial, parking, storage, and other.



If you selected "No" under "Were all phases completed by September 1, 2017?",
 Part C will calculate the total number of units, voting units, and the type and number of those units, based on the information that you provided in Part A and Part B.



# Step 3: Total Number of Units and Total Number of Voting Units

Condominium corporations can only provide the total number of units and the total number of voting units if they are filing the condominium corporation's first condo return. Please confirm the registration date, the total number of units, the total number of voting units, and contact the CAO if they need to be corrected.

# For Standard Condominium Corporations

#### 3.1 Total Number of Units

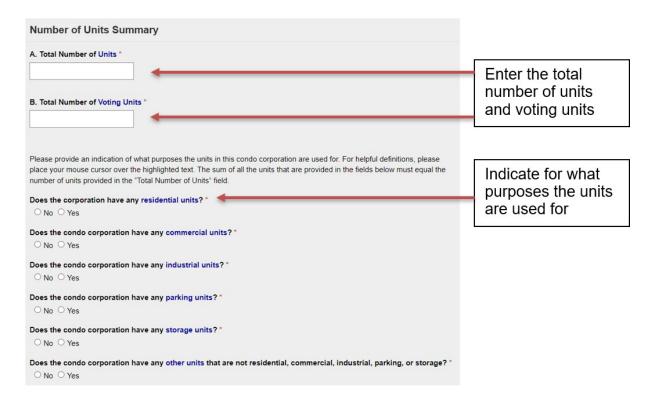
 The total number of units includes all units used for any purpose, including residential, parking, storage, and commercial units. This total number of units should be listed in the condominium corporation's declaration.

## 3.2 Total Number of Voting Units

 The total number of voting units is the maximum number of votes that can be cast or counted at a meeting of owners. Please ensure that you are entering the correct total number of voting units as this number is used to calculate the condominium corporation's assessment fee amount.

## 3.3 Indicate for What Purposes the Units are Used For

 These options will include residential, commercial, industrial, parking, storage, and other. You will need to provide the number of each of these units. The total number of units and purposes that the units are used for should be found in the condominium corporation's declaration.



# For Common Elements Condominium Corporations

#### 3.1 Enter the Maximum Number of Votes

• This is the number of votes that can be cast or counted at an owners' meeting for a common elements condominium corporation. Please ensure the correct number is entered as the maximum number of votes will be used to calculate the condominium corporation's assessment fee amount.

# 3.2 Indicate for What Purpose the Common Elements is Used For

 Provide a general indication of the use or purpose of the common elements, such as a golf course, ski hill, or road



# For Vacant Land Condominium Corporations

#### 3.1 Enter the Total Number of Units

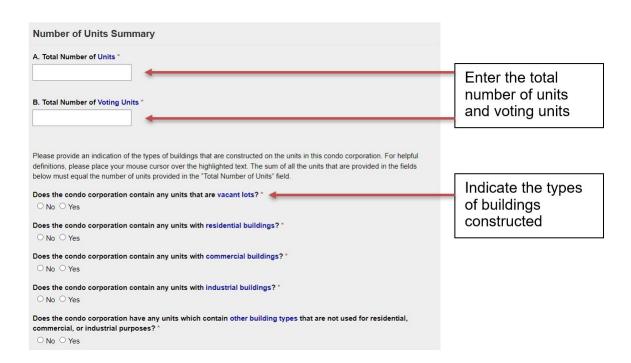
 The total number of units includes all units used for any purpose, including residential, parking, storage, and commercial units. The total number of units should be listed in the condominium corporation's declaration.

### 3.2 Enter the Total Number of Voting Units

 The total number of voting units is the maximum number of votes that can be cast or counted at a meeting of owners. Please ensure that you are entering the correct total number of voting units as this number is used to calculate the condominium corporation's assessment fee amount.

# 3.3 Indicate the Types of Buildings Constructed on the Units

- Provide an indication of the types of buildings that are constructed on the units in this condominium corporation or whether the units are vacant lots.
- These options will include vacant lots, residential buildings, commercial buildings, industrial buildings, and other building types. You will need to provide the number of units which contain a certain building type.



# For Leasehold Condominium Corporations

#### 3.1 Enter the Total Number of Units

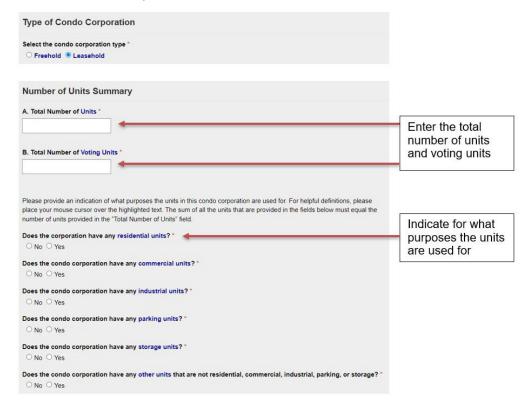
 The total number of units includes all units used for any purpose, including residential, parking, storage, and commercial units. This total number of units should be listed in the condominium corporation's declaration.

## 3.2 Enter the Total Number of Voting Units

The total number of voting units is the maximum number of votes that can be
cast orcounted at a meeting of owners. Please ensure that you are entering the
correct total number of voting units as this number is used to calculate the
condominium corporation's assessment fee amount.

#### 3.3 Indicate What the Units are Used For

 These options will include residential, commercial, industrial, parking, storage, and other. You will need to provide the number of each of these units. The total number of units and purposes that the units are used for should be found in the condominium corporation's declaration



# Step 4: Number of Condominium Owners

# 4.1 Indicate if all units or a majority of voting units are owned by a single owner

- Many condominium corporations have multiple owners, while in some condominium corporations, one owner owns all or most of the units and voting units.
- Select "Yes" or "No" to answer the question: "Are all units owned by a single owner?" If the answer is "Yes", you will then be asked to select a description that best describes the single owner. The options include individual, declarant, builder/developer, real estate asset management company or REIT, or other. Hover your cursor over each of these options for a definition of these terms.



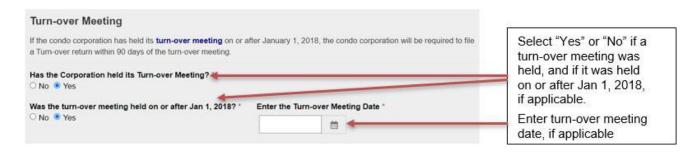
• If the answer is "No", you will then be asked to select "Yes" or "No" to answer the question: "Are a majority of the voting units owned by a single owner?" If the answer is "Yes", you will then be asked to select a description that best describes the single owner. The options include individual, declarant, builder/developer, real estate asset management company or REIT, or other. If the answer is "No", then you can move on to the next question.



# Step 5: Date of Turn-over Meeting, If Held On or After January 1, 2018

# 5.1 Indicate if the condominium corporation has held its turn-over meeting

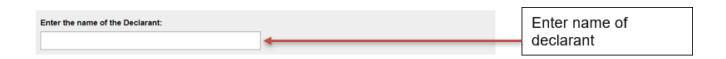
- A condominium corporation is required to hold a turn-over meeting when the
  declarant (usually the developer or builder) no longer owns the majority of the
  condominium corporation's units. At the turn-over meeting, the owners elect a
  new board of directors, and the declarant must deliver key condominium
  corporation documents to the new board.
- Select "Yes" or "No" to answer the question: "Has the condominium corporation held its turn-over meeting?" If the answer is "No", the condominium corporation will be required to file a turn-over return with the CAO within 90 days of holding the turn-over meeting.



- If you selected "Yes" for the above question, you will then be asked to select "Yes" or "No" to answer the question: "Was the turn-over meeting held on or after Jan 1, 2018?" If the answer is "No" (i.e., the turn-over meeting was held before January 1, 2018), then you can move on to the next question.
- If you selected "Yes" because the turn-over meeting was held on or after Jan 1, 2018, then provide the date of the meeting. The date may be selected using the calendar tool (click on the calendar icon) or the date can be entered in the space provided using the format: DD/MM/YYYY. For example, September 16, 2016, would be entered as: 16/09/2016.

#### 5.2 Declarant's Name

 The declarant, usually the developer or the builder, registered the condominium corporation's declaration and description at the Land Registry Office to create the condominium corporation. Please enter the declarant's full name in the space provided.



# Step 6: Condominium Corporation's Fiscal Year Start and End Dates

## 6.1 Condominium Corporation's Fiscal Year

- A fiscal year is a period that the condominium corporation uses for accounting purposes. Enter the month and the day of the fiscal year's start date and end date (you do not need to enter any years). Examples of fiscal years are:
  - January 1 to December 31
  - April 1 to March 31
  - October 1 to September 30



# 6.2 Date of the Most Recent Annual General Meeting

- Enter "Yes" or "No" to the question "Has the condo corporation held at least one annual general meeting?" If the answer is "No", then you can move on to the next question.
- If you answered "Yes" to the above question, then enter the date of the most recent annual general meeting. The date may be selected using the calendar tool (click on the calendar icon) or the date can be entered in the space provided using the format: DD/MM/YYYY. For example, October 14, 2018, would be entered as: 14/10/2018.



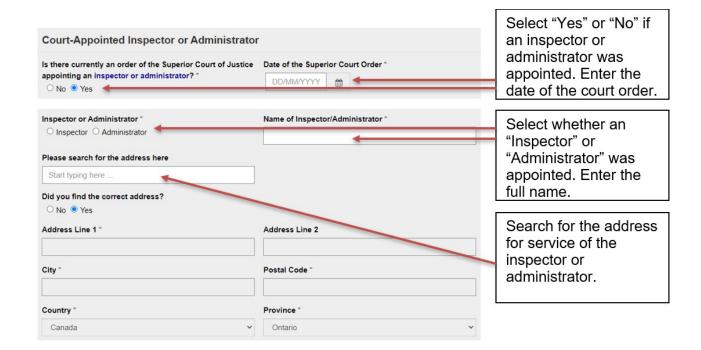
- Once a date is provided, you will then be asked to select the fiscal year that the most recent annual general meeting was held for by using the dropdown menu.
- If it is your condominium corporation's first AGM, you may select the option "N/A (This is the first AGM)".
- Once a fiscal year is selected, you will then be asked the question: "Is this AGM date a new date or a correction to the previously provided AGM date?"
  - If "New Date" is selected, this indicates that the condominium corporation has held an AGM since providing the previous date and the AGM date provided is the date of the new and most recent AGM.
  - If "Correction" is selected, this indicates that the AGM date provided corrects an incorrect previous AGM date which was previously filed.



# Step 7: Court-Appointed Inspector or Administrator

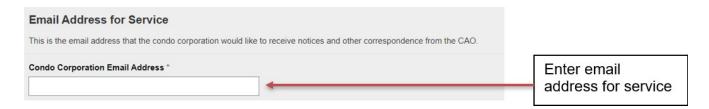
- Select "Yes" or "No" to whether there is currently an order of the Superior Court of Justice appointing an inspector or administrator. If the answer is "Yes", then you must provide the following information:
  - The date of the court order. The date may be selected using the calendar tool (click on the calendar icon) or the date can be entered in the space provided using the format: DD/MM/YYYY. For example, September 16, 2016, would be entered as: 16/09/2016.
  - Select whether an inspector or administrator has been appointed.
  - The full name of the inspector or administrator.

The address of service of the inspector or administrator. When adding an address, you can use the "search for address" function to look for the address of service of the inspector or administrator. If you cannot locate the correct address by using the address function, select "No" under "Did you find the correct address?" and manually enter all the required information.



# Step 8: Addresses

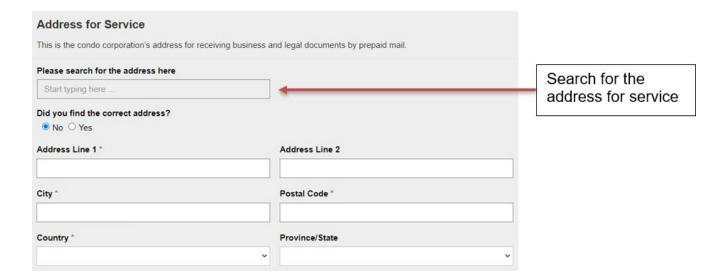
#### 8.1 Email Address for Service



 Provide a valid email address that the condominium corporation prefers to receive important notices and updates from the CAO. This email address will not be made public.

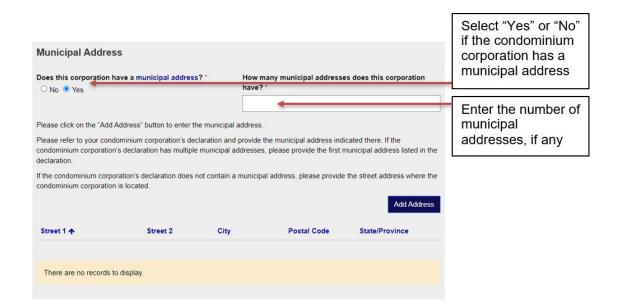
#### 8.2 Address for Service

- This is the condominium corporation's official address for receiving business and legal documents. Every condominium corporation must have a single address for service.
- When adding an address, you can use the "search for address" function to look for your condominium corporation's address for service. If you cannot locate the correct address by the address search function, select "No" under "Did you find the correct address?" and manually enter all the required information.



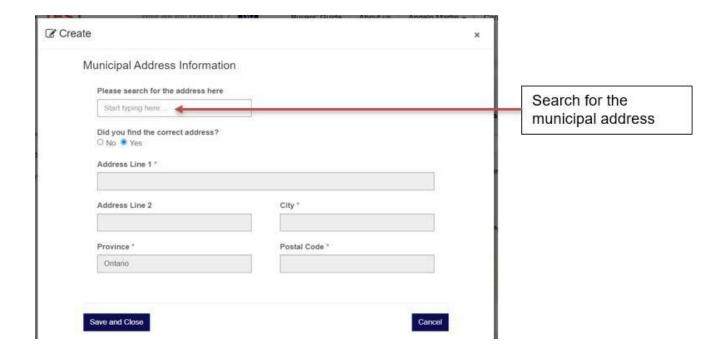
## 8.3 Municipal Address

- Select if the condominium corporation has a municipal address. This would be the street address where the condominium corporation's units are located.
- Please refer to your condominium corporation's declaration and provide the municipal address indicated there. If the condominium corporation's declaration has multiple municipal addresses, please provide the first municipal address listed in the declaration.
- If the condominium corporation's declaration does not contain a municipal address, please provide the street address where the condominium corporation is located.



## 8.4 Adding or Editing a Municipal Address

- To add an address, click on the "Add Address" button and enter the required information.
- Click on the "Save and Close" button to add the address and return to the form.
   To return to the main form without adding an address, click on the "Cancel" button.
- When adding an address, use the "search for address" function to look for your condominium corporation's municipal address. The "search for address" function ensures that a valid Canada Post address is added.



- To edit or delete a municipal address, click on the "Edit/Delete" button at the end of the row where the address is listed.
  - Selecting "Edit" will cause the municipal address information to pop up, and you will have the opportunity to edit some of this information.
  - Selecting "Delete" will allow you to delete the address entirely.
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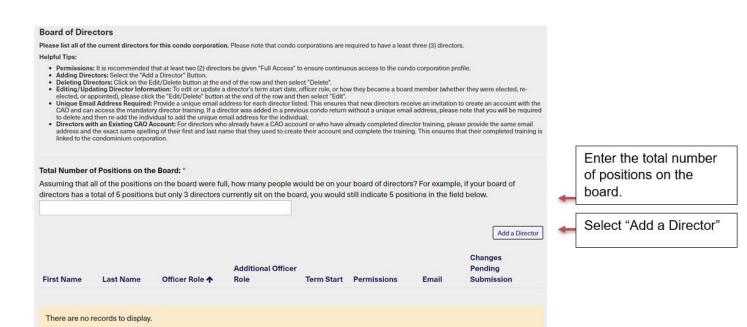


# Step 9: Board of Directors

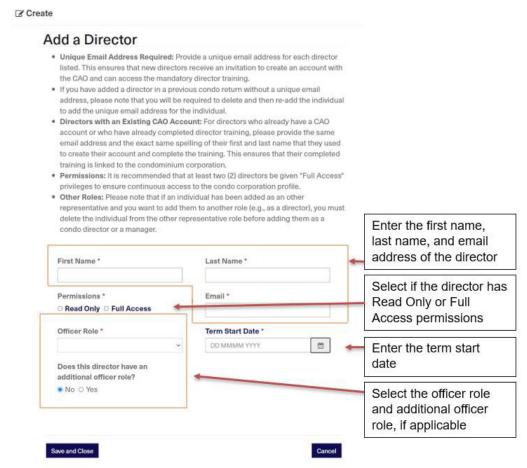
### 9.1 Directors: Names and Appointment/Election Dates

- Please ensure that all current directors of the condominium corporation are entered in this section.
- Condominium corporations are legally required to have at least three (3) directors.
- You must also identify which director occupies the condominium corporation's president officer role.
- Additionally, a secretary officer role must also be indicated in either the "Board of Directors" section or the "Non-Director Officers and Other Representatives" section.

Lastly, you must identify the total number of positions on the board of directors (including vacant and filled positions).



- Select the "Add a Director" button and a pop-up window will appear.
- Enter the director's name, email address, and term start date (date of election, re-election, or appointment). Please note that term start dates for directors exceeding four years will not be accepted by the condo returns filing system.
- If you are adding a director who already has an account with the CAO, ensure that you enter the first name, last name, and email address of the director as it appears on their CAO personal profile.
- Please indicate whether the director being added will have Full Access or Read Only permissions. It is recommended that at least two (2) directors be given Full Access permissions.
- You must also indicate the director's role, if any, such as President, Secretary, or Treasurer. If this director does not have an officer role, you may select "No Officer Role".
- If the director has two officer roles, you may select "Yes" under "Does this
  director have an additional officer role?" After doing so, you will be able to
  select the director's additional role.



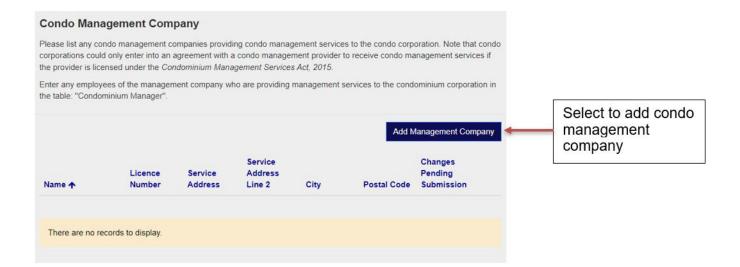
# Step 10: Condominium Management Provider

### 10.1 Condominium Management Company

 Select if the condominium corporation has an agreement to receive Condominium management services. If you selected "No" under "Does the condo corporation have an agreement to receive condo management services?", select if the condominium corporation is self-managed. If you selected "Yes" under "Is the condo corporation self-managed?", you may move on to Step 11. Otherwise, please proceed with Step 10.



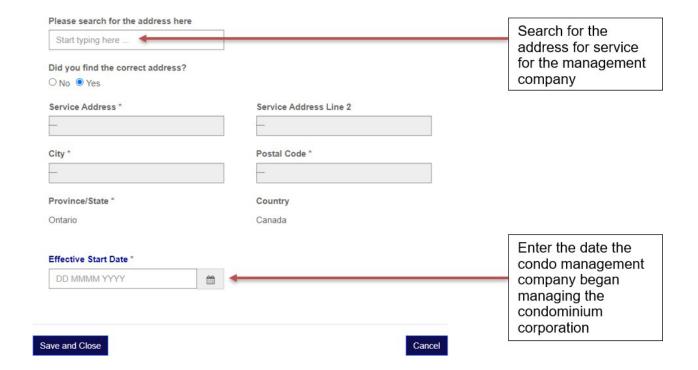
- Enter the management company's name and address in the "Condo Management Company" table by clicking the "Add Management Company" button.
- Please note that only licensed condominium management companies and condominium managers can provide condominium management services.
   The CAO verifies whether the condominium management companies and condominium managers entered are licensed or not.
- To edit or delete the information provided for a condominium management company, click on the "Edit/Delete" button at the end of the row where the company is listed.
- Selecting "Edit" will cause the condominium management company's information to pop up, and you will have the opportunity to edit some of this information. Selecting "Delete" will allow you to delete the condominium management company entirely.



• When adding a management company, you can use the "Search by Name" or "Search by Licence Number" functions to look for your condominium corporation's management company. If you cannot locate your condominium management company, select "No" under "Did you find the correct management company?" and manually enter all the required information.

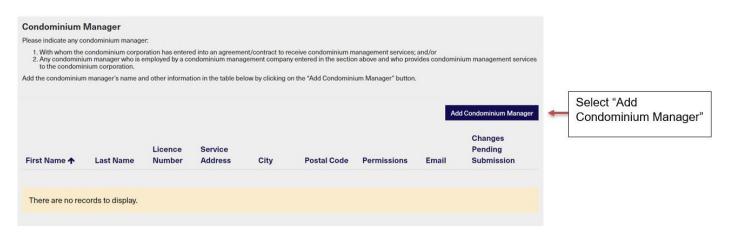


- Enter the management company's address for service by using the address search function under "Please search for the address here". If you cannot locate the correct address by using the address search function, select "No" under "Did you find the correct address?" and manually enter all the required information.
- Select the "Effective Start Date" by clicking on the calendar icon. The "Effective Start Date" is the day the management company was contracted to begin managing the condominium corporation.

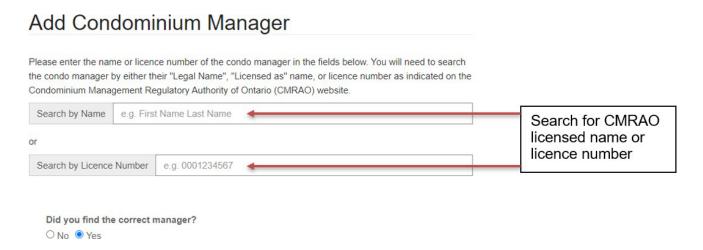


# 10.2 Condominium Manager

- To add any condominium managers that provide condominium management services to the condominium corporation, select the "Add Condominium Manager" button.
- Please note that only licensed condominium management companies and condominium managers can provide condominium management services.
   The CAO verifies whether the condominium management companies and condominium managers entered are licensed or not.

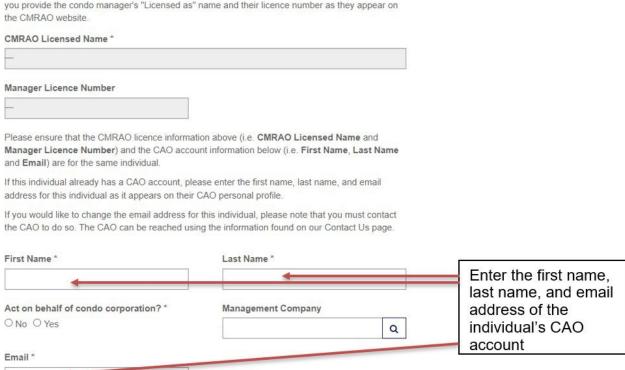


- To edit or delete condominium manager information, click on the "Edit/Delete" button at the end of the row where the condominium manager is listed.
- Selecting "Edit" will cause the condominium manager's information to pop up, and you will have the opportunity to edit some of this information. Selecting "Delete" will allow you to delete the condominium manager entirely.
- When adding a condominium manager, you can use the "Search by Name" or "Search by Licence Number" function to look for the condominium manager.
- If you cannot locate the condominium manager, select "No" under "Did you find the correct manager?" and manually enter all the required information.

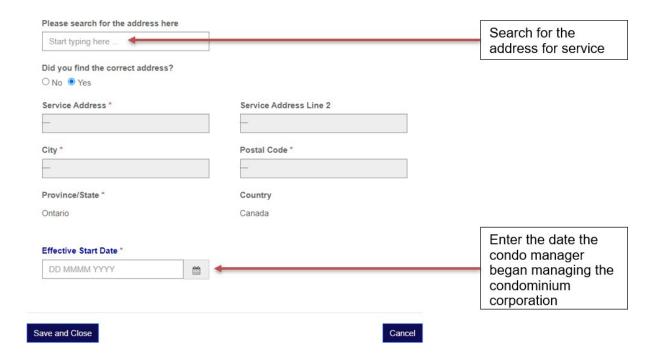


 If the individual has a CAO account, please remember to enter the first name, last name, and email address for this individual as it appears on their CAO personal profile.  Please ensure that the CMRAO licence information (i.e., CMRAO Licensed Name and Manager Licence Number) and the CAO account information (i.e., First Name, Last Name and Email) you entered are for the same individual.

If you are unable to find the condo manager you are looking for using the search fields above, you can input the information manually as well. If you are using the manual input function, please ensure you provide the condo manager's "Licensed as" name and their licence number as they appear on the CMRAO website.



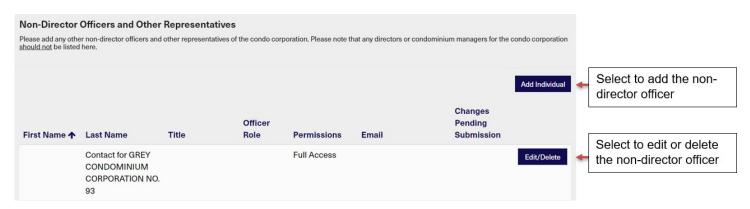
• Enter the condominium manager's address for service by using the address search function under "Please search for the address here". The condominium manager's address for service can be the same or different from the address for service of the company they work for. If you cannot locate the correct address by using the address search function, select "No" under "Did you find the correct address?" and manually enter all the required information. Select the "Effective Start Date" by clicking on the calendar icon. The "Effective Start Date" is the day the management individual was contracted to begin managing the condominium corporation.



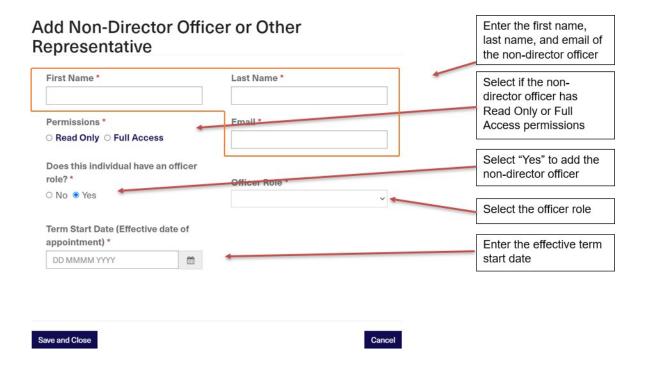
# Step 11: Non-Director Officers and Other Representatives

#### 11.1 Non-Director Officers

• In addition to directors and condominium management service providers, the condominium corporation can add non-director officers.



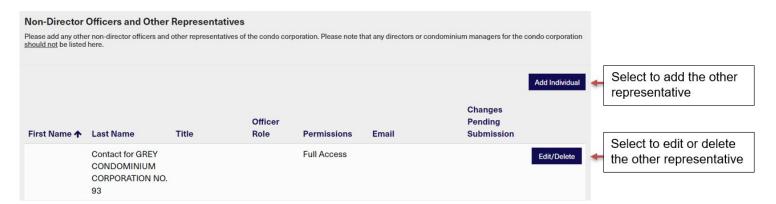
- To add a non-director officer, select the "Add Individual" button and a pop-up window will appear. Enter the non-director officer's name, email address, and whether they have Full Access or Read Only permissions.
- If you are adding an individual who already has an account with the CAO, ensure that you enter the first name, last name, and email address of the individual as it appears on their CAO personal profile.
- To add the officer role of the individual, select "Yes" to the question: "Does
  this individual have an officer role?" Select the officer role by using the dropdown menu.
- Select the "Effective Start Date" by clicking on the calendar icon. The "Effective Start Date" is the day the individual was elected or appointed as a non-director officer of the condominium corporation.



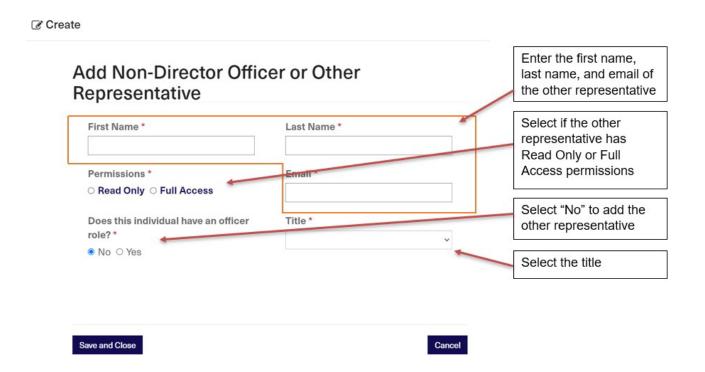
- To edit or delete a non-director officer, click on the "Edit/Delete" button at the end of the row where the individual is listed.
- Selecting "Edit" will cause the individual's information to pop up, and you will have the opportunity to edit some of this information. Selecting "Delete" will allow you to delete the individual entirely.

### 11.2 Other Representatives

- In addition to directors and condominium management service providers, the condominium corporation can add additional representatives.
- Examples of other representatives include the condominium corporation's lawyer or accountant.



 To add another representative, select the "Add Individual" button and a popup window will appear. Enter the other representative's name, email address, title, and whether they have Full Access or Read Only permissions.



To edit or delete an other representative, click on the "Edit/Delete" button at the end of the row where the individual is listed.

 Selecting "Edit" will cause the individual's information to pop up, and you will have the opportunity to edit some of this information. Selecting "Delete" will allow you to delete the individual entirely.

# Step 12: Review and Submit

## 12.1 Select the "Save and Next" Button

 Select the "Save and Next" button when you think you have entered the required information and want to complete the filing process.



Validation and warning messages will flag any potential issues that may arise.
 Validation messages will note where the issue is occurring and how to fix it.
 You will have to correct any issues before you can complete filing the return.
 An example of a validation message is shown in red below:



 Warning messages will alert you to potential issues. Please read each message and confirm that you have entered the correct information you are being warned about. An example of a warning message is shown in yellow below:

Board of Directors: Based on the information provided, the board of directors for this condo corporation may have lost quorum. Please review and confirm this information before proceeding.

- If you have entered all the required information and resolved any potential issues, selecting "Save and Next" will take you to the next page to review the information to ensure it is accurate and complete.
- If you need to correct any information before you complete the filing process, click on the "Go Back" button. You may correct the information and select the "Save and Next" button again.
- Before you can complete the filing process, you must confirm that the information submitted is complete and accurate by selecting the check box

Yes, I confirm.

shown below.

 Once you click on the "Submit Return" button, the condo return(s) will be filed with the CAO.



# 12.2 Paying Your Assessment Fees

- An assessment fee invoice is generated after filing a condo return. You can
  either pay the invoice online by Credit Card, Debit Card and Google Pay,
  by Direct Deposit, or by sending the CAO a cheque, certified cheque or
  money order.
- To assist you with paying the assessment fee invoice, access the "CAO

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