

This is the 3rd affidavit of André Joseph Bourque in this case and was made on August 23, 2023.

No. S235026 Vancouver Registry

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE CANADA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, R.S.C. 1985 c. C-44 and THE BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, S.B.C. 2002, c. 57

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOSEPH RICHARD HOSPITALITY GROUP LTD. AND THOSE PARTIES LISTED ON SCHEDULE "A"

PETITIONERS

AFFIDAVIT

- I, André Joseph Bourque, care of 2500-700 West Georgia Street, Director, AFFIRM THAT:
- 1. I am the co-founder of the Joseph Richard Group, defined herein, and as such have personal knowledge of the facts and matters hereinafter deposed to, except where same are stated to be on information and belief, and where so stated I verily believe them to be true.
- 2. In preparing this affidavit, I have reviewed the business records maintained by the Petitioners in respect of the matters at issue, which I believe were made in the ordinary and usual course of their business.
- 3. I make this affidavit in support of the Petitioners' application for approval of interim financing and an interim financing charge.

Interim Financing

- 4. The cash flow forecast shown to the Court at the initial order hearing shows the Petitioners being able to satisfy their obligations over a 13-week period (from the date of the initial order) and shows the Petitioners as overall cash positive in that period.
- 5. However, the cash flow also makes clear that in certain weeks (and in particular, the weeks on which rent is paid) are tight.
- 6. Therefore, the Petitioners entered into discussions with lenders, including Canadian Western Bank ("CWB"), regarding potential arrangements for interim financing in order to smooth out cash flow during the restructuring period.
- 7. After various discussions, the Petitioners and CWB have agreed to enter into a term sheet for the Interim Financing (the "Interim Financing Credit Agreement"). This financing is subject to internal credit approval at CWB, and the intention is that the parties will sign and circulate the Interim Financing Credit Agreement once approval is given.
- 8. The key terms of the Interim Financing Credit Agreement are:
 - (a) CWB will provide to the Petitioners the Interim Financing as a non-revolving facility up to a maximum of \$500,000 (the "Loan");
 - (b) the Loan will be secured by a super-priority charge in favour of CWB over the assets of all the Petitioners (the "Interim Financing Charge") in priority to existing security and charges other than the Administration Charge, which is to be reduced to \$250,000;
 - (c) the Loan may be drawn in minimum increments of \$100,000;
 - (d) the Loan will be fully due and payable on the earlier of:
 - (i) after an event of default, on the date on which CWB demands repayment;
 - (ii) the implementation of a plan of arrangement and compromise, within these proceeding, which has been approved by the requisite majority of creditors and this Court;

- (iii) the sale of all or substantially all of the Petitioners' assets;
- (iv) the termination of these CCAA proceedings;
- (v) the complete or partial lifting of the stay of proceedings in these CCAA proceedings; or
- (vi) December 31, 2023, or such other later date as may be communicated by CWB.
- (e) the Events of Default are either of:
 - (i) the Interim Financing Order being vacated, stayed or otherwise caused to be ineffective or otherwise amended in a manner not approved by CWB; and
 - (ii) any steps being taken by the Petitioners or any other person to challenge the Interim Financing Order;
- (f) the Loan will bear interest at a rate of prime plus 5%, with a default rate of prime plus 10%.

Consultation with BMO

9. After confirming the key terms of the Interim Financing Credit Agreement, the Petitioners have reached out to the Bank of Montreal ("BMO") to discuss any concerns that BMO may have in respect of the Petitioners' being granted interim financing by CWB.

BC Hydro

- 10. On or about July 25, the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority ("BC Hydro") contacted our company regarding an overdue account for The Italian Osteria & Cheesebar restaurant in Langley ("The Italian").
- 11. For context, the company which owns The Italian is The Italian Osteria and Cheese Bar Ltd., which was previously called Oak & Thorne Langley Holdings Ltd. (and "Oak & Thorne" is the name of another Petitioner restaurant). The company name was changed on May 10, 2018; however, many of the accounts for The Italian are in the old name, and therefore the BC Hydro invoices for The Italian are in the name of Oak & Thorne Langley

- Holdings Ltd. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" is the BC Company Summary for The Italian Osteria and Cheese Bar Ltd.
- 12. For further context, the location of The Italian is the old location of the Oak & Thorne. When we moved the Oak & Thorne to a new location and opened The Italian in its stead, we changed the names of the operating companies rather than enter into new contracts for various services and attempt to sign a new lease under a new company. For clarity, I will refer to the name of the restaurant, The Italian, despite the invoices being in the old company name.
- 13. On July 25, 2023, a representative of BC Hydro attended at The Italian and cut power to the business on the basis that The Italian owed \$5840.88 in relation to unpaid invoices. Mr. Moreno and I were aware that this amount was owing but understood that it did not to be paid due to the stay of proceedings.
- 14. I am informed by the Monitor that the Monitor sent a creditor notice to BC Hydro on or about July 21, 2023.
- 15. After power was cut, a chef on duty contacted the head office immediately. One of our managers paid the full amount within approximately two minutes of this call and sent confirmation of the payment to the chef.
- 16. This payment was communicated to the BC Hydro representative once it was made, however they had already left The Italian and they indicated that they did not have time to return that day in order to reconnect the power.
- 17. As of July 25, 2023, we had not received an invoice for any usage after July 17, 2023. Therefore, the amount that BC Hydro demanded was entirely in relation to pre-filing debt.
- 18. We, directly and through counsel, contacted BC Hydro to have power restored and to ensure that the payment made would be credited to post-filing amounts.
- 19. Due to having the power shut off in this manner, The Italian was unable to operate for one day, and accordingly lost that day's revenue.

- 20. On July 26, at approximately 11:15 am, BC Hydro restored power to the Oak & Thorne.
- 21. We since received an invoice, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B", identifying that the payment received was applied to pre-filing amounts. Our counsel has reached out to BC Hydro again to seek to rectify this error.
- 22. The Petitioners received approximately three additional notices of disconnection in the days leading up to the August long weekend.
- 23. Again, directly and through counsel, we contacted BC Hydro to ensure that no disconnections would occur over the holiday weekend and were successful in obtaining confirmation that no accounts would be disconnected.

AFFIRMED BEFORE ME at Vancouver, British Columbia, on August 23, 2023

A Commissioner for taking Oaths for the Province of British Columbia

ANDRÉ JOSEPH BOURQUE

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This is Exhibit "A" to the Affidavit #3 of André Joseph Bourque affirmed August 22, 2023 before me at the City of Vancouver.

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Mailing Address: PO Box 9431 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9V3 www.corporateonline.gov.bc.ca

Location: 2nd Floor - 940 Blanshard Street Victoria BC 1 877 526-1526

BC Company Summary

For

THE ITALIAN OSTERIA AND CHEESE BAR LTD.

Date and Time of Search:

June 01, 2023 01:04 PM Pacific Time

Currency Date:

September 20, 2022

ACTIVE

Incorporation Number:

BC1035262

Name of Company:

THE ITALIAN OSTERIA AND CHEESE BAR LTD.

Business Number:

803984194 BC0001

Recognition Date and Time:

Incorporated on May 01, 2015 09:23 AM Pacific Time

In Liquidation: No

Last Annual Report Filed:

May 01, 2022

Receiver:

No

COMPANY NAME INFORMATION

Previous Company Name

Date of Company Name Change

OAK & THORNE LANGLEY HOLDINGS LTD.

May 10, 2018

REGISTERED OFFICE INFORMATION

Mailing Address:

1450, 13401-108TH AVENUE SURREY BC V3T 5T3

CANADA

Delivery Address:

1450, 13401-108TH AVENUE SURREY BC V3T, 5T3

CANADA

RECORDS OFFICE INFORMATION

Mailing Address:

1450, 13401-108TH AVENUE SURREY BC V3T 5T3 **CANADA**

Delivery Address:

1450, 13401-108TH AVENUE SURREY BC V3T 5T3

CANADA

DIRECTOR INFORMATION

Last Name, First Name, Middle Name:

Bourque, Andre

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CANADA

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CANADA

Last Name, First Name, Middle Name:

Moreno, Ryan Richard

Mailing Address:

1268 216 STREET LANGLEY BC V2Z 1R2 CANADA **Delivery Address:**

1268 216 STREET LANGLEY BC V2Z 1R2

CANADA

OFFICER INFORMATION AS AT May 01, 2022

Last Name, First Name, Middle Name:

Bourque, Andre

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C/O 5708 176 STREET SURREY BC V3S 4C8

CANADA

Delivery Address:

C/O 5708 176 STREET SURREY BC V3S 4C8

CANADA

Last Name, First Name, Middle Name:

Moreno, Ryan

Office(s) Held: (President)

Mailing Address:

C/O 5708 176 STREET SURREY BC V3S 4C8

CANADA

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C/O 5708 176 STREET SURREY BC V3S 4C8

CANADA

This is Exhibit "B" to the Affidavit #3 of André Joseph Bourque affirmed August 23 2023 before me at the City of Vancouver.

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Important bill highlights

Your bill for Jun 23, 2023 to Jul 24, 2023

- Thank you for your payment of \$5,840.88 on Jul 26, 2023.
- Your bill has a surcharge because your power factor has fallen below 90%. You have been assessed a power factor surcharge 12 time(s) in the last 12 months. Learn more at bchydro.com/powerfactor.
- Your account contains additional charges, Please see bill details for more information.
- To track your electricity usage, visit bchydro.com/login.



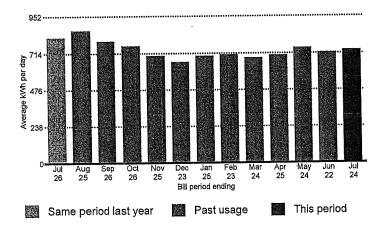
Turn for bill details 🦈

Your electricity usage over time

10%

decrease of 82 kWh per day in electricity used compared to the same period last year 53 kW

Peak demand Jul 5, 2023 75% Power factor



Did you know?

You used a total of 23,533 kWh from Jun 23, 2023 to Jul 24, 2023.

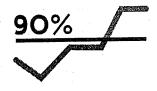
Use our online tracking tools to view your detailed electricity use by the month, week, day or even hour – up to the previous day.

Visit bchydro.com/login.

Power factor and your bill

A power factor surcharge was applied to your account because your power factor is below 90%. To learn more about power factor and how to correct it, visit bchydro.com/powerfactor.

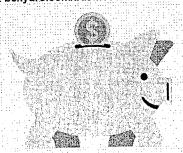
You can also sign up to be notified by email when your power factor falls below 90%. Log in at **bchydro.com/login**.



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\$3,131.73

\$3,192.62

Bill details Meter reading information Energy Jun 23, 2023 to Jul 24, 2023 Meter number 5996783 PREVIOUS BILLING PERIOD Starting Jun 23, 2023...... 176348 Previous bill...... \$5,840.88 Ending Jul 24, 2023...... 199881 23,533 kWh used over 32 days **BALANCE FORWARD** Demand **ACCOUNT CHARGES** Late payment charge...... \$44.09 Meter number 5996783 Reconnection charge.....\$30.00* Jul 24, 2023..... 53714 Security deposit interest.....-\$14.70 53 kW peak demand registered on Jul 5, 2023 TAXES ON ACCOUNT CHARGES Reactive energy * GST 5%...... \$1.50 Meter number 5996783 \$60.89 ACCOUNT CHARGES SUBTOTAL Starting Jun 23, 2023...... 650546 Ending Jul 24, 2023...... 671259 **ELECTRICITY CHARGES** Based on Medium General Service Rate 1500 20,713 kVarh used over 32 days Jun 23, 2023 to Jul 24, 2023 Your next meter reading is on or around Aug 23, Basic Charge 32 days @ \$0.2698 /day...... \$8.63* 2023. Go paperless **ENERGY CHARGES** 23,533 kWh @ \$0.0977 /kWh...... \$2,299.17* Get access to your account online. To get started, visit bchydro.com/gopaperless. DEMAND CHARGES Maintaining your account 53 kW @ \$5.4600 /kW..... \$289.38* If we receive your payment after the due date, you may be charged a late payment fee. To learn more **POWER FACTOR** about your account with BC Hydro, visit Power factor of 75%: Surcharge of 16% on bchydro.com/customerservicerules. electricity charges.....\$415.55* Privacy Power factor surcharges are avoidable. Learn more at Protecting your personal information is an obligation bchydro.com/powerfactor. we take seriously. For more information, visit Rate rider -1.0%..... -\$30.13* bchydro.com/privacy. GST Registration # R121454151 TAXES ON ELECTRICITY CHARGES * GST 5% on \$2,982.60..... \$149.13 Have a question? 建金属 不变数 医放射 一种 医环状 化环 化氯化甲基苯甲基甲基 化对应性 医水体

ELECTRICITY CHARGES SUBTOTAL

GST 5% on \$3,012.60..... \$150.63

TOTAL DUE

TAX SUMMARY



Service address
OAK & THORNE LANGLEY HOLDINGS LTD
20330 88 AVE
LANGLEY BC V1M 2Y4

Account number 9390 362

Invoice number 108014639985

Billing date Jul 26, 2023 Page 3 of 4



Service address OAK & THORNE LANGLEY HOLDINGS LTD 20330 88 AVE LANGLEY BC V1M 2Y4

Account number 9390 362

Invoice number 108014639985 Jul 26, 2023

Billing date

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