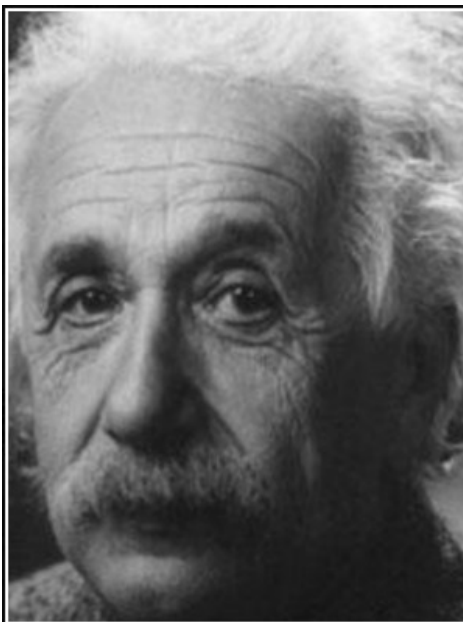


I owe all of you two apologies. The first one I feel like it was out of my control but somehow should have had better business sense. I'm talking about the sale of the company to Silver Hotel Group. During the 14 months of negotiations with Deepak the principal owner never once did I have any reason to believe that they were not going to be keeping the properties as part of their portfolio. I actually didn't realize they were selling to a different buyer immediately until the first transaction, which was when Edmonton closed. I was not impressed and Deepak and myself had a strong discussion regarding this, however, the deal has been done and nowhere in the contract was there a clause stating resale could not happen. This is where I take responsibility as I should have had that in the contract but to be honest I have never had reason to even think of this. We always have been upfront with any of our acquisitions and I believed others would be the same. I'm not saying Silver Hotels is a bad company I just wish I would have known their intention as we would have had way different negotiations. One can never go backwards but let me tell you I learned a very valuable lesson. Just because I expect one way for the outcome does not mean the others know what that might be. I need to communicate what I expect and not make the assumptions.

Was it the right decision, yes, the reasons I choose to sell did not differ. In the letter to all of you I expressed I lost my drive as a business leader and no one deserves to work with a lack luster leader. I needed to refocus for myself and Brian. This is my second apology. In that letter I told you that Brian had lung cancer. He underwent surgery November 3 here in Saskatoon. We were so blessed to have one of the best surgeons in Canada, Dr Bigsby, a Saskatoon resident do the surgery. Cutting a long story short Dr Bigsby was able to remove the tumor totally encapsulated which is huge accomplishment when dealing with cancer. Oncology offered him two chemotherapy drugs with a 5% chance the cancer would not return. We discussed this and decided not to do chemotherapy and take the chances. We went to Palm Springs on December 29. While down there Brian managed to see two oncologist who specializes in lung cancer, one of them the specific tripe of lung cancer Brian was diagnosed with. The doctors did extensive testing and the results where..... at this point I time Brian is cancer FREE! He still needs semi annual testing to ensure the cancer does not return. So do we believe in faith and miracles? Absolutely! Brian's cancer diagnosis was a very rare aggressive cancer. Yet here we are celebrating life. I would say to Brian, " your body has the cancer, but we have the cancer together." We have had quite a journey and we realize how blessed and fortunate we are and we are very conscious of expressing gratitude on a daily basis.

This has been a real reminder how precious life is and what should be priorities. Each day is our gift and we are trying very hard to focus on exactly that and believe in miracles



There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle; you can live as if everything is a miracle.

— *Albert Einstein* —

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Thank you for all the kind words prayers and support it has meant a tremendous amount to both Brian and myself