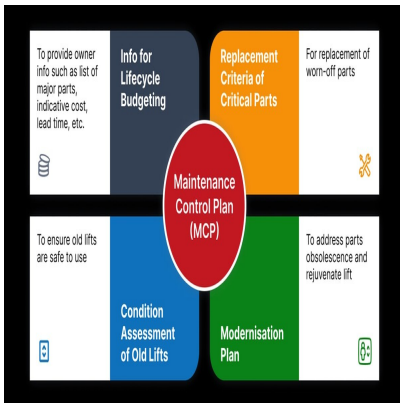




Condo Lift Maintenance Plans: The Four Questions Owners Should Ask at the AGM

Description

A lift contract can say *comprehensive* and still leave owners unclear about when ageing parts will be replaced. BCA's new Maintenance Control Plan framework gives condo owners a better way to interrogate the plan: identify the inventory, condition, replacement triggers and modernisation path.

The reader task is to decide whether the proposed lift maintenance plan covers condition, replacement timing, lifecycle budget and modernisation rather than only breakdown repairs. The article therefore keeps the governing fact, the calculation or comparison, and the final decision in separate steps.

Start with the lift inventory

Inventory

The MCP should identify the lift systems and critical components covered, including useful-life information and maintenance data. Owners need an estate-specific list, not a generic contractor brochure.

[Official source 1](#) was opened on 29 August 2026 and checked for this exact inventory claim.

Demand condition evidence, not adjectives

Condition

A condition assessment records the present state of the lifts. Ask when it was done, who performed it, what evidence supports each rating and when the next assessment is due.

Tie replacement criteria to money

Replacement

Replacement criteria should state when worn or obsolete parts trigger action. A budget with no trigger invites delay; a trigger with no budget invites emergency levies.

Keep modernisation separate from routine servicing

Modernisation

A modernisation plan handles obsolescence and longer-term renewal. It should distinguish a phased upgrade from ordinary preventive maintenance.

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Governance

Condo owners are part of the MCST and can attend general meetings, vote and scrutinise maintenance decisions and contributions.

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Pressure-test the conclusion

The first original tool is an AGM document-request checklist tied to the four BCA plan components. Create it from the dated source material, show every input and keep the unresolved cells visible. A correct-looking answer with an undocumented input is not ready for a decision.

The second tool is a lifecycle-cost comparison showing why a low annual contract price can conceal deferred replacement risk. Use it after the first tool, because the comparison only adds value when the underlying person, entity, place, account or time period has already been matched correctly.

Ask another person to repeat the result from the saved evidence without seeing your conclusion. If they cannot reproduce the same branch, inspect the source date, definition, arithmetic and exception before relying on it. This catches errors that a polished summary can conceal.

A decision table you can use

Lifecycle budget	Which major components reach planned replacement within 3, 5 and 10 years?	Cost range and funding source
Condition report	Which defects or reliability indicators changed since the last assessment?	Dated evidence and assessor
Parts risk	Which parts are obsolete or have long lead times?	Alternative parts and downtime plan

Modernisation What upgrade outcome is being bought?

Scope, tender basis and acceptance test

The table is a working aid. Date the evidence, preserve the original notice or statement, and flag any cell that depends on an assumption rather than a controlling source.

False shortcuts to avoid

Do not combine inventory, condition, replacement into one yes-or-no box. Each answers a different question and can change on a different date. A pass on one row does not cure a failure on another.

Do not convert an authority's illustration, capacity figure, proposed rule, programme status, straight-line distance or published operating hour into a personal guarantee. Keep the source's own limitation beside the number whenever it affects money, timing, access, safety or eligibility.

Before choosing, write down the strongest reason the opposite decision could be right. Then identify the evidence that would switch your answer. This small counter-case prevents the first attractive number, convenient route or reassuring label from controlling the whole judgment. If no evidence could change the conclusion, the exercise has become advocacy rather than a decision.

Finally, set a review trigger. Reopen the controlling page when a deadline passes, a formal notice arrives, the person or entity changes, the route is altered or the decision is delayed. The current answer remains useful only while its material inputs remain current.

Worked example

An estate has enough in the sinking fund for routine replacement but not a controller modernisation. The council places the condition finding, lead time, breakdown history and three funding options in one paper before asking owners to vote. The AGM then decides on evidence instead of a surprise quotation.

This example is an illustration, not a report of a real person, interview, visit, taste test, price check or transaction. It shows how to apply the decision method while keeping the underlying evidence visible. Replace every sample input with the reader's own current evidence before using the outcome.

What to verify before acting

1. Open the current authority, operator or organiser page instead of relying on a saved social post.
2. Match the rule or listing to the correct person, entity, property, platform, route or account.
3. Record the effective date, closing date or data date separately from the webpage update date.
4. Check any amount, threshold, deadline and exception against the exact source passage that controls it.
5. Keep a stop condition for missing evidence, changed access, conflicting dates or an unaffordable downside.

Limits and next reading

The MCP is a planning and coordination tool. It does not replace statutory lift requirements, competent professional advice, procurement controls or an MCST's duties under the applicable strata framework.

For useful context on the next decision, LBRD explains how to [request the relevant MCST records](#). A second practical progression is to [prepare for the AGM vote](#). Both links were checked against the intended live pages before publication.

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