



ABOUT TIME: A GIVE AND TAKE ROOM

Something new is coming to Frobisher Place. In the next few weeks, we'll set up a Give and Take room - a place we can drop off useful items we don't want, so someone else can pick them up and put them back into use. And a place where we might just find something we would have bought but don't need to, because it's right here looking for a home. If some items don't eventually find new use in our building, Canadian Diabetes or another charity can pick them up and use them for their fundraising efforts.



The details are still being worked out, but look for notices soon telling you how it will all

work. And then get ready for the great exchange!

A big thank you to Heather Schultz, who has offered to sort and organize the stuff, and to call for a pickup when there's too much for us to handle. And also to Pat Kowal, who has volunteered to help out.

OPERATING BY-LAW: NEW DRAFT

In the past several months, the draft Operating By-law has undergone a lot of work. As you might remember, there were a number of issues that needed attention in the draft, most importantly:

- Questions and concerns about powers of the Chair and arrangements for the Property Manager
- The need to ensure elections, proxies and terms of office are handled fairly and democratically

The new version of the By-law is now ready for owners to have a good look at the revisions and consider whether the By-law is ready for a vote.

During October, you'll receive instructions about how to get a copy of the new draft. There will also be a public meeting organized by the Governance Committee to give an opportunity to discuss the By-law to ensure it reflects what owners truly want for the future.

It's important to come to this meeting to ask questions and try to foresee if this By-law will work in all our interests. Watch for the notice of the meeting, and make a list of your questions and comments. We need to get this right.

WINDOWS

The Board is moving forward with further testing on one of the installed windows, due to persistent condensation complaints. Your Board is committed to taking every possible step to ensure we get windows that do the job we expect them to do.

AIR CONDITIONER – WINTER PREPARATION



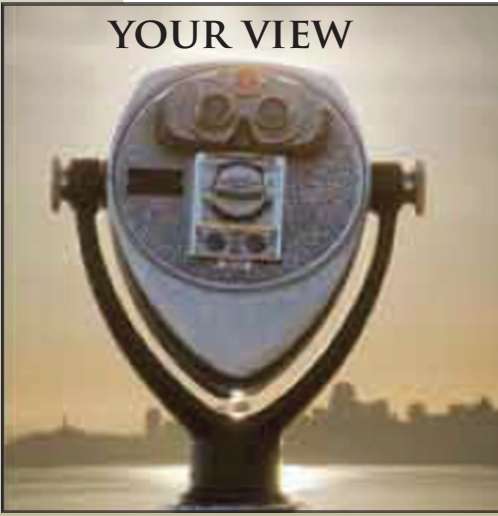
Your air conditioner opening sits right above the pipes that supply heat for our building. If you don't insulate your air conditioner opening properly, the pipes below could freeze, break, and leak all over the place. If this happens, you will be responsible for the damage, and it will be costly.

If you own your unit, get your air conditioner properly stowed away for winter inside an insulated covering that will keep cold air from leaking in and freezing the heating pipes below. If you rent your unit, call your landlord and remind him/her.

Taping a plastic bag over the air conditioner or shoving an old chair around it won't do the job. If you need information about how to prepare the air conditioner properly for winter, contact Rene Torres and ask him what needs to be done.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

YOUR VIEW



YOUR SAY

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Phone or talk to a Board member. Or write to **The Frobisher Voice** and drop your comments at the office in a sealed envelope addressed to **The Frobisher Voice**. We're listening....

WE GOT MAIL!



DIRTY BIRDS

Dear Editor,
Could we add in our next newsletter a note telling the people living at Frobisher Place **"DO NOT FEED THE PIGEONS."** My balcony is a mess now. Thanks.

LET'S GET IT STARTED

Dear Editor,
Amalia Haddad is looking for people to help her organize:

- Scrabble
- An aqua fitness instructor to start some aqua fitness classes
- Movie nights

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Governance Committee is revising By-Law No. 11 as well as proxy forms. We anticipate holding an information session towards the end of October.

– *Nadia Giancaspro*

Our **Communication Committee** has concentrated on producing and distributing the hard copy and online versions of **La Voix de Frobisher Voice** for August. We plan on publishing future issues regularly and we also plan to survey residents on line from time to time. Please visit **frobisherplace.ca** regularly.

– *Doug Brandy*

A GREENER FROBISHER?

Could we have raised vegetable and herb gardens on part of our grounds? How about a solar wall or solar panels on the roof? For more on these ideas see "A green future" at **frobisherplace.ca**

Last Chance for Herbs.
Bring your scissors and hurry down to our community herb garden before the frost hits, to clip some fragrant cooking herbs. Help yourself to parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme. Why not try some fresh chives and basil too? They are all growing (till Jack Frost hits them) in the service entrance garden area right near the bicycle stand.

CONDO GIRL ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

Dear Condo Girl,
My girlfriend has these little teensy ants in her apartment, and she's freaking out! She's the cleanest person ever, totally a perfect housekeeper, and she can't get rid of them no matter how much bleach she uses.

They're crawling on the kitchen counter and there's even a little line of them walking across the bathroom floor. I think I should buy a great big spray can of bug poison and bomb the ants right out of my little lady's universe, right Condo Girl? Or maybe give her a gift certificate for an exterminator for our anniversary, yes?

–*Terminator Dude*

Whoa! Dude

No, and no! If you bring in the big guns, you're going to scatter those bugs all over the place, and they're gonna set up house wherever they run to, and then you KNOW what happens next. That's right, more little ant families, making lots more little baby ants in more hives. Ick. Condo Girl hates that thought.

Your gf's building has pharaoh ants http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pharaoh_ant like almost every big building in the world – they live in offices, condos, even hospitals. No matter how clean she is, or how much bleach she sprays around, they'll just go back between the walls till the coast is clear, then march out again.

You wanna be a hero, it's going to take awhile (but you're in it for the long run, right?) Here's what you do. Go to the hardware store and buy a bottle of ant eliminator (doesn't matter what brand). Six bucks, Dude, that's all it costs. Put a few drops of this clear liquid in the ants' favourite places in your woman's apartment. I put blobs on little squares of aluminium foil or plastic yoghurt lids, set them out where my kitty-cat can't get at it, and refresh them every few days with some new drops.

Here's how it works, Dude. The ants love that stuff. They tank up on it and carry it back and feed it to the kids and even their Queen. But guess what? They're totally feeding the poison that you set out for them. Soon, a deadly sickness falls upon them and the entire hive dies. Then all the hives die. Yessss! Well, maybe not. There are always a few smarter ants who weather the storm. They will rise again. And when that happens, you know what to do (the stuff in the bottle keeps practically forever).

And you should totally buy your girlfriend a gorgeous diamond tennis bracelet for the anniversary. What were you thinking, Dude????

–*Condo Girl*

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