

# LA VOIX FROBISHER VOICE

## Our FP Board 2014 - 15

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## Season's Greetings!

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**Mark your calendar for the FP Christmas Party: Wed. Dec. 10/14**

**5 p.m. Carols and activities in the lobby (musicians and singers- we need you for this)**

**6 p.m. Buffet meal in the party room**

**7:30 p.m. Clean up (your help is welcome!)**

**This is the biggest community party of the year for our building. It's sponsored by the Board, which invites every resident to come on down for the evening, enjoy a cup of cheer and a fine meal, and meet and greet your neighbours.**

## The New Recycle Room

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The new Recycle Room is easier for donating or picking up small household items, and recycling bottles and cans. It's on P2 South in the garage - look for the yellow door. Volunteers, with help from Jose, keep it tidy. You can help too by following the guidelines. Items must be small enough to be moved by one person (for larger items, post a picture or description on the community bulletin board in the mailroom, along with your contact info). No used computer or electronic equipment please - dispose of this equipment as the City describes on its website [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca). No clothing, bedding or footwear for hygiene reasons - arrange for these items to be picked up by a charity like the Diabetes Association.

We welcome liquor, wine and beer bottles and cans. These are returned to the Beer Store and the funds are used to sponsor improvements in the building and yard. If you're able to contribute about an hour a month, you can help with this effort. Even helping to load the bottles at the FP end would make this work easier. Contact [brandydoug@gmail.com](mailto:brandydoug@gmail.com) or 613-730-0882.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to Pat Kowal and Heather Schultz who have made such an effort to keep these recycling efforts going!

## Good news from Canada Post

Canada Post will be installing a parcel locker near our mailroom. This means if a parcel is delivered while you're not home, you'll be able to pick it up from a secure locker inside the building. Hooray - no more trips to the Postal Outlet!

## Air Conditioners



Your wall-mounted air conditioner must be prepared for winter so cold air cannot enter and freeze the heating pipes below. Doug has updated <http://frobisherplace.ca> or you may go directly to <http://frobisherplace.ca/air-conditioners-prep-for-winter/>

## Condo Girl Answers all Your Questions

Dear Condo Girl:

Do you buy all this gossip that runs around the building?  
Above It All

Dear High and Mighty,

No, it's free. And it's usually worth just what it costs me.

# Notes From the Board

The Board is looking at ways we can save, particularly on energy consumption. Based on statements from Hydro Ottawa over the period January 2013 to August 2014, our average electricity consumption was 3647 kWh/day. Highest consumption was 4857 kWh/day in May, 2013 while lowest was 3000 in March-April, 2014.

A representative from Hydro Ottawa toured FP with Heinrich, Chris Bulman and Doug. He pointed out a number of ways we might qualify for incentives under the SaveOnEnergy program. Some possibilities discussed were energy efficient pumps, motion activated electrical switches and LED lighting.

If owners upgraded their appliances to Energy Star models it would help to further lower hydro costs and thus control condo fees. We encourage residents to turn off lights and appliances not in use. According to our monthly financial reports, hydro is the Corporation's largest single expense line and we anticipate increases of 8% per year.

All units have fans installed in their bathroom ceilings. The fans vent air to the outdoor balcony. A properly working exhaust fan supports heat savings in winter as windows can remain closed. For more details see <http://frobisherplace.ca>

Natural Gas costs are expected to increase at least 20% over the next few years so gas expenditures will be particularly important. Enbridge's engineer, Steve Mogridge, did a site walkthrough at FP with Superintendent Joe and Doug. He has recommended changes we can make to qualify for rebates from Enbridge.

Our windows have helped! During Winter 2010-2011 we had the old windows. By Winter 2013-2014 the new windows had been installed. Our new windows and balcony doors appear to be responsible for a very significant reduction in gas consumption.

### ...and a Question

We have experienced long periods when the swimming pool in the neighbouring building has been inaccessible. At other times some of our residents have complained about poor maintenance and unsanitary conditions. Do we receive sufficient benefit from the \$1500/month fee? The Board would like to get an estimate of how many of us use the pool regularly or occasionally.