

## Computer Team

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Subject

### - Report Backs

Montreal is having computer problems. Right now we don't have details about what the problems are. They also need a computer administrator.

There are issues at Ravoux with the computers dropping the Internet connection on occasion. It's possible there are issues with too many people connecting to the network at the same time. Router settings can be looked into.

Hamline has issues with people not knowing how to use the computer with Windows 8. It was said that it is too complex for older or disabled people. Posting signs with login information and tutorials might help. Also showing people that Windows 8 isn't that much different than Windows 7. Having Windows 8 on at least one computer per site is good because it gets people acquainted with the new technology and will make the transition to Windows 10 go more smoothly.

More tutorials for Windows 8 and Windows 10 can be made up. (Melissa will work on that.)

Issues with Windows 8 include how to log in and differences from Windows 7. The desktop on Windows 8 is not much different than Windows 7. The main difference is that there is no start menu.

### - New computer update

All new computers have been installed except at Edgerton, Montreal, and Neill.

Chairs still need to be ordered for several sites.

### - Wi-Fi update

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The go ahead has been given to install at sites that don't require special wiring. Security boxes will be installed before the routers. PHA carpenters will now have to install the boxes per maintenance's request. Aaron is working with maintenance to get that done. Wiring still needs to be done at the eight other sites. Installation of security boxes has not been scheduled yet.

**- OpenDNS settings**

There are questions about whether or not we have a right to block what people can view on their personal devices. (This would only be porn and P2P sites) Legally we probably wouldn't be liable for what people do on the network. Bandwidth usage could be another concern with allowing P2P access. Also offending other residents by watching porn.

One argument is that we are providing the connection so we don't have to provide it totally open. Another argument is that we don't have the right to dictate what people do on their own devices. Both are compelling arguments. Posting an acceptable use policy discouraging things like porn and torrenting might help.

**- Presidents Council computer rules**

The rules haven't been updated for some time. Maybe it's time to update them. Would having an acceptable use policy be a good idea?

**- Issues and concerns**

There are issues at Central with people who reserve the room using the computers and computer chairs or letting their kids use them.

PHA has 12 recycled computers that can be given to hi-rises. Those can be used when a hi-rise needs a new computer or wants a new one.