



## All bases covered

Tempco Refrigeration and Air Conditioning's Mark Long [from left], Chris Jukes, Matt McDowell and Tye Leishman with son James, 2, and wife Jeanette, are available with a fleet of vehicles to take care of clients' refrigeration, air conditioning and electrical needs.

# Saving cool money

Tempco's team of certified journeymen specialize in energy efficiency

Home renovations and upgrades go deeper than just cosmetic improvements.

Tempco Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Ltd. can help homeowners make improvements to the comfort of their homes by installing new heat pump heating/cooling systems and improving air quality.

Tempco is a locally owned and operated union contractor that offers sales, service and installation of heat pumps, refrigeration equipment, and electric installations. A heat pump is simply an air conditioner in the summer that reverses the flow of refrigerant and heats the home in the winter.

"Installing a heat pump is one of the single greatest things that someone can do to help out the environment and your wallet," says Tye Leishman of Tempco. "Heat pumps lower your environmental impact compared to traditional heating systems because you're not burning fossil fuels."

Using only electricity, heat pumps

are much more efficient than gas, oil or electric furnaces. "An installed heat pump will save 40 to 60 per cent on heating costs," says Tye. "The installation of a heat pump is a great investment for a home and there has never been a better time to purchase a new heat pump. There are thousands of dollars in government and manufacturers' rebates available, plus the new Home Renovation Tax Credit," says Tye.

Because of the West Coast's mild climate, Powell River is one the best locations for an air source heat pump. There are two types of units available. Forced air units use existing air ducts and are available with touch-screen programmable thermostats and ultra violet (UV) air purification. There are also ductless units that can be installed in homes to replace existing electric baseboard heaters, or to condition a room where ductwork is not an option.

"As the York heat pump dealer for Powell River, I was recently invited to tour the York factory in Wichita,

Kansas," says Tye. "It was a great experience to be able to sit down with the engineers and provide feedback and discuss the future options available in heat pump system technology."

Tempco provides around-the-clock service. The company employs Red Seal government-certified tradesmen, including refrigeration journeymen, electrical journeymen, plumbing journeymen and gas B fitters. "Being an electrical contractor enables us to complete a variety of different jobs from start to finish," says Tye.

Tempco specializes in energy-efficient solar electric installations for remote applications, including Savary Island and Powell Lake.

After spending 15 years in Victoria learning his trades, Tye has proudly returned to his hometown of Powell River to raise a family of his own. The Tempco team includes his wife Jeanette, a chartered accountant who performs all the office and administration tasks, and a proficient staff consisting of Matt

McDowell and Mark Long, both born and raised in Powell River, and Chris Jukes.

Tempco recently participated in Powell River's annual Home Expo. "It was great to be able to meet people and educate them on the economic and environmental benefits of heat pumps," says Tye.

Whether readers are considering installing a new heat pump or already have an existing heat pump and want to ensure it is operating at maximum efficiency, they can contact Tye at 604.485.5352 or tempco-refrigeration@shaw.ca. Information on York heat pumps and other services provided by Tempco can be found at [www.tempcohvac.com](http://www.tempcohvac.com) by clicking on the link, Learn More About Home Comfort, to complete a survey to determine specific requirements for a new personalized heat pump system.

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