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## BUSINESS MANAGER & FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE MEMBERS OF UA LOCAL 170 AND THEIR FAMILIES.

This was a very challenging year for our local; when I took over as Business Manager in January of 2018 there were many questions about our future. Over the past year, numerous events have led us to where we are now; the beginning of 2019, which holds tremendous opportunity and prosperity for our members. I want to thank all of you for your patience, trust and support of myself, the Officers and staff of UA Local 170. Without the combined efforts of all of us, we would not have been able to move our local forward.

With the looming trusteeship hearings, pending lawsuits and labour relations strife that existed when I was elected as Business Manager/Financial Secretary, I had to make some very difficult decisions and take serious actions in order to secure the future of our local. In consultation with your Officers and staff of Local 170, I chose to make a bold move and cancel all legal actions pending with the UA and move our dispute to the Labour Relations Board of British Columbia; in my mind, the correct venue to solve the dispute with our International Union.

After several months of LRB hearings, and attempts to come to a resolve, our International Union agreed to a mediation agreement that we proposed. This mediation agreement process, so far, has been open and fair, and based on facts. I cannot say how impressed I am with the conduct of the UA and we are looking forward to finalizing all the steps of the mediation agreement which expires at the latest, in September 2019. During the next few months, Local 170 will undergo a financial audit and an operational review. We have been working directly with UA Executive Vice President, Brother James Moss and Administrative Assistant to the General President, Brother Terry Snooks. They have both been excellent to work with, and as we move forward, all parties are happy with our progress. We will be updating you as we move ahead with the process.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those members who dedicate their time and energy to our local: those who have put their names forward for election, those who hold various positions with the union, those who have served as delegates, those who attend our monthly meetings whenever they are able, and to those who volunteer their time in assisting us at our many events. It is our members who continue to build our union and make it better. Also a big thank you to the Officers and staff who work hard every day to move our union forward.



## **#170is120**

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, our local turned 120 years old. Throughout the upcoming year there will be events and campaigns surrounding this significant milestone. Most importantly for us, is that we keep the movement going by working to improve the lives of our members and their families, fighting for better working conditions, and preserving dignity in retirement with a decent pension and benefits. This is a growing struggle with the ever growing "part time job market" and what they refer to as the "GIG" economy where jobs are temporary and companies tend to hire independent contractors rather than full time workers. It is so very important to understand that we have a defined amount of time in our lives where we are able to make a decent living for our families and secure a decent retirement. The pressure for young people is growing and it is our responsibility as members to explain that there is a better life within our union.

## **#170-HERITAGE**

We are looking for contributions from you. Part of the 120<sup>th</sup> year celebrations will include collecting and sharing memorabilia from our past, in order to preserve it. A collection of these items will be displayed for our members and will help tell the story of our heritage. We are looking for old job site photos, 170 event photos, old newsletters, company jackets, pins, buttons, etc. Please email [info@ualocal170.com](mailto:info@ualocal170.com) if you have any items you would like to share – no matter what it is. Every item tells a story and we need to celebrate and honour the stories and legacy left by our brothers and sisters throughout our 120 years.

## **#BUILDOURUNION**

We will be rolling out initiatives in 2019 to ensure that we are able to grow our membership and market share. We have a plan to methodically attract the best people into the pipe trades, to ensure that we have the membership that is required to fulfill the labour requirements of our contractors. We have had meetings with our contractors working to improve our relationships and to grow our common goals. We will be hosting an event this year where both the contractors and the union can collaborate to improve our work processes and communication.



**MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW OUR HASHTAGS LISTED ABOVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA – WE WILL BE SHARING YOUR STORIES AND MEMORIES WITH REGULAR POSTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**



# BC FEDERATION OF LABOUR CONVENTION

I attended the BC Fed Convention in November along with several Local 170 delegates. We are happy to report that our friend, IBEW International Representative Laird Cronk, and Executive Vice-President of the BCGEU, Sussanne Skidmore, were elected President and Secretary-Treasurer of the BC Fed for the next term. We are extremely pleased to have a Building Trades representative at the helm of the BC Fed, which will ensure that the issues facing the building trades unions will be brought to the forefront.

## KEEP YOUR INFORMATION UPDATED!

IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO MODERNIZE THE PROCESSES THAT WE USE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE MEMBERSHIP IN DEALING WITH THE DAY TO DAY ISSUES —  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

We require that all members have a current contact number and e-mail address on file with Local 170. The membership has told us that they want to be informed. In order for us to accomplish that, we need to have your current contact information. We have made it easy for you to update your information online:

1. Go to our union web site [www.ualocal170.com](http://www.ualocal170.com)
2. Go to the Members Only Tab
3. Click onto Members Login
4. Enter your UA Card No. and password (the default password is the last 4 digits of your Social Insurance Number) - you can change this once you log in
5. Update your telephone number(s) and e-mail address

# COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

As I reported in late 2018, I was elected interim Chairperson for the BCBCBTU for this round of bargaining, by the BC affiliated Building Trades unions. I have since been elected President of the Council. This Council is legislated to negotiate the overall settlement for the construction crafts in BC. We have been working hard on both Trade Level and Main Table bargaining throughout the past few months and are hoping to negotiate a fair contract for our membership.

## ALLIED INFRASTRUCTURE AND RELATED CONSTRUCTION COUNCIL/COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT

In early 2018, the BC Building Trades formed the Allied Infrastructure and Related Construction Council (AIRCC). I was elected by the Building Trades unions to sit as the inaugural Vice President of this historic council. AIRCC was instrumental in working with the provincial government to develop the Community Benefits Agreement framework which was announced last summer. AIRCC's role will be to negotiate with the provincial government under the Community Benefits Agreement framework; building public infrastructure projects in British Columbia with union labour. At this point we have been able to secure the Patullo Bridge project and the Highway 1 expansion to the Alberta border. We are hoping to get back to the bargaining table early in 2019 to negotiate some vertical construction projects where there will be some mechanical work. This Council and Agreement will work similar to the Allied Hydro Council model. This has been a huge step forward in securing union only construction projects for British Columbia.



## UNION TRAINING INNOVATION PROGRAM (UTIP)

A year ago, I reported that UA Local 170 and UAPICBC were successful in their application to the federal government's Union Training Innovation Program and we were awarded \$600,200 for the purchase of training equipment for the school. I am happy to report that we have now been awarded a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant in the amount of \$762,000 to deliver training programs in our trades. It was a pleasure to have Minister of Public Services and Procurement

and Accessibility, Carla Qualtrough (who is also the MP for Delta) visit our school again in December to announce this second large grant to our Local. We were able to show her some of the new equipment purchased with monies from the first grant and demonstrate how they will be used to train our apprentices and journeypersons. We are very appreciative of the federal government's investment in our training programs and their continued support of our training centre.



## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

A new Women's Committee has been formed. The purpose of the committee is to promote the increasing role of women in our industry and to act as mentors and advocates for our current and future female members. If you would like to participate or get involved in this inaugural committee, please contact Audrey Curran at [audrey.curran@uapicbc.ca](mailto:audrey.curran@uapicbc.ca).

## ELECTIONS

We recently held nominations and elections for Inside Guard and Finance Committee member. Thank you to all those who participated and ran for election. The results are as follows:

**INSIDE GUARD: SEAN SPRING**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE: STEVEN SPEES**

**BYLAWS  
&  
WORKING  
RULES**



**UA LOCAL 170**  
UNITED ASSOCIATION  
OF JOURNEYMAN AND  
APPRENTICES OF THE PLUMBING  
AND PIPEFITTING INDUSTRY OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND CANADA  
VANCOUVER, BC  
SEPTEMBER 2018

## Local 170 Bylaws and Working Rules

We recently published booklets with the current Local 170 Bylaws and Working Rules. Copies are available for pick up at the Union Office. You can also find them online. Login under the MEMBERS ONLY section of our website and you can find them under Special Messages.

## SCHOLARSHIP

### **SCHOLARSHIP #4798 UNITED ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS, LOCAL 170\***

Two scholarships of \$2,500 each are provided by the United Association of Plumbers & Steamfitters, Local 170, to students entering first year at any public university in British Columbia, and proceeding to a degree in any field.

### **SCHOLARSHIP #4731 AFFILIATION SCHOLARSHIP - PIPING INDUSTRY JOURNEYMAN TRAINING AND INDUSTRY\***

Two scholarships of \$1,000 each, provided by the Trustee Board of the Journeyman Training and Industry Promotion Fund, are available to the dependents of UA Local 170 Members entering the first year at any British Columbia university or college.

\*Please visit [www.students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/awards-scholarships-bursaries/affiliation-scholarships](http://www.students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/awards-scholarships-bursaries/affiliation-scholarships) to find out application deadlines and eligibility requirements.

### **PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA STUDENT AWARD PROGRAM**

The 2019/2020 PLCAC Student Award Program Application form will be available online in the fall of 2019. Application forms need to be completed through the website:

[www.pipeline.ca/member-services/awards/plcac-student-award-program](http://www.pipeline.ca/member-services/awards/plcac-student-award-program)

For more information, contact:

**PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

905.847.9383 or email: [plcac@pipeline.ca](mailto:plcac@pipeline.ca)

### **UA INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The United Association Scholarship Trust Fund is gearing up for the 2019 /2020 academic year scholarship awards. The fund benefits UA members and their dependents (please see criteria in the detailed instructions found with the application). Up to 112 scholarships totaling as much as \$222,000 will be awarded this year. Scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 each. The deadline for submitting applications is June 14, 2019.



# SATURDAY MAY 11

## SAVE THE DATE

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**



### LOCAL 170 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT MORRISON'S BANQUET HALL | START TIME 7:00 PM

## THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

**MARCH 21, 2019** \* TAKE NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE \*

For March only, the meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

APRIL 11, 2019

CHECK BACK ON OUR WEBSITE TO GET UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON  
— 2019 AGM AND SHOW 'N SHINE—



**JEFF  
CHAPMAN**  
ASSISTANT BUSINESS  
MANAGER

Central Interior  
& Northwest BC

## GREETINGS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

### CURRENT WORK

- There are ongoing projects in the Kitimat, Terrace area with DMS Industrial, 101 Industries and Zanron, with small crews performing throughout at various sites including LNG Canada Site, and Rio Tinto.
- Equity Plumbing and Heating, RH Jones, and West Central Fire are also all busy with numerous commercial projects throughout the Prince George and surrounding areas. Things are expected to remain steady throughout 2019.
- A handful of members are still with Bantrel and Chemco at the Fortis LNG site on Tilbury Island in Delta. The redesign work on the incinerator is now complete and work will commence late February and last around 3-4 months.
- Sinco Engineering is at Molson's Brewery in Chilliwack with approximately 115 members on both the Packaging and Brewhouse portion of the project. Will probably be at peak manpower requirements in early February and has an expected completion date of end of April 2019. Sinco was awarded 85% of all piping contracts on this site.
- CIMS at the Swiss Water project in Delta, which will take approximately 20-30 more members. It is scheduled for 4-10's with a completion date around early June. A night shift is expected in early March.
- Lockerbie & Hole at Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Facility is ongoing and will be ongoing for some time. Manpower requirements have gone up and down throughout the duration of this project. There are approximately 50 members currently on site.
- Currently there are 29 UA Local 170 members working at maintaining the 100 plus facilities and schools for the Vancouver School Board. Many of these buildings are over 100 years old. They work under a Poly-Party Agreement with nine other Unions that expires in June 2019.
- CIMS at Parkland Refinery with a crew of approximately 25 members since Brymark left. They have been hiring lately in preparation of the outage planned for February.

- Peak requirements are approximately 50 on days and 50 on nights.
- All Commercial and Sprinkler contractors are busy and are also reporting that things are expected to remain steady throughout 2019.

### 2019 TENTATIVE SHUTDOWNS\*

- Canfor - Intercon (Prince George) April 6-14, 2019
- Cariboo Pulp (Quesnel) May 6-16, 2019
- Paper Excellence (Mackenzie) June 17-27, 2019
- RTA - Kemano Powerhouse (Kemano) July 15-August 15, 2019
- Canfor Pulp (Prince George) September 14-26, 2019
- Domtar (Kamloops) October 16-November 1, 2019

*\*These are tentative dates only and subject to change.*

### UPCOMING AND PROPOSED WORK

- LNG Canada Final Investment decision was made in 2018. It is expected that the actual liquefaction facility construction will commence in late 2020 and run for approximately 5 years. There will be early work and Camp projects opportunities prior to the actual construction of the train facilities. The plumbing and sprinklers on the core portion (kitchen/recreation and common area) of the 5000-person camp is currently in the bid process at this time and is expected to start in June or July 2019.
- The Sitka/Civeo Lodge is doubling its capacity from a 650-person camp to a 1300-person camp in Kitimat. Streamline has the core portion at this time and will be starting by end of January. The Actual room construction bids close at end of January.
- New \$365 million Mills Memorial Hospital Expansion (Terrace)
- Site C is expected to start the piping of the turbine and Generator Package in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2019. Camp job will peak at approximately 50 members.
- Saputo is planning a \$450 million dollar dairy processing facility in Port Coquitlam. Construction could start late 2019.

### BENEFITS

I would like to take this time to remind those eligible of some of the benefits that Local 170 members receive. Here is a partial list of some of these Benefits and who looks after them. These reimbursements are done directly through the UAPICBC (604.540.1945), or any of the Business Agents can also assist. The JTIP Benefits are as follows with reimbursement for successful completion and/or required receipts.

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- "A" and "B" Gas Ticket renewals. Member pays up front and submits receipts.
- Cross Connection Control Re-Certification members pay up front and submit receipts.
- CWB Re-Certification, test at the UAPICBC (no cost to members)
- Medical Gas Re-Certification, test at UAPICBC (no cost to members)
- Other training offered through MCA includes Supervisory Management Course, Estimating 101, Estimating 201, and Business Management. These courses would require the member to pay up front and refund is paid by JTIP to the payee upon successful completion. JTIP will refund 80% of tuition cost.
- Welder protective jackets and pipefitter aprons for those employed in Fab Shops. Must be employed with a contractor submitting to the JTIP. Once per year, processed through the Business Agents

Your Administrator Lisa Peterse and Union Trustees Jack Allard, Craig Hallgren, Brian McKinley, and Al Phillips work hard at maintaining and improving our Health and Welfare Benefits. These benefits are available at [www.plumbers.bc.ca](http://www.plumbers.bc.ca). If you have suggestions of changes or additions you would like to see within the Plan I urge you to mail or email the Trustees. A few of the highlights of the plans are as follows;

- Supplementary Benefit Plan (SUB). To be eligible for SUB Fund monies, you must be collecting Employment Insurance (EI). You must submit all EI claims to UA Local 170 Union Office by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year following the year to receive your full refund. Example: 2018 EI claims must be in by June 30, 2019 for reimbursement. SUB Plan payment is currently \$100.00/week (effective September 1, 2018) \$40.00 is taken from members SUB Plan Hour Bank. Although administered through the Health and Welfare Office, payment and inquiries to determine eligibility should be made at the Local 170's Main Office or by phone at 604.526.0441 in town and 1.888.223.7711.
- Medical Services Plan (MSP) Eligibility is for all hour bank insured Members and eligible disabled members. Reimbursement is currently at 100% of what the Provincial Government charges. Processed through the Health and Welfare Office at 604.526.3434 or 1.800.665.6808.
- Healthcare Spending Account (HSA) Reminder that your current Healthcare Spending Account will expire if not used by June 30, 2019. Check with Health and Welfare to see if you have a current balance.

- Effective January 1, 2017, Custom ear plugs are now a covered benefit and can be submitted to Coughlin and Associates for reimbursement. They are reimbursable 100% to a maximum of \$500.00 every 5 years. Call Health and Welfare for more information.
- Effective January 1, 2019 routine eye exam limits increased to \$100.00 per calendar year. The vision care benefit has increased to \$500.00 every 24-months.

**Contact your health and Welfare Office for more details.**

## NEW FEDERAL GRANTS ANNOUNCED

The federal government has announced a new Apprenticeship Incentive Grant for Women which provides \$3,000 per year or level, up to a maximum amount of \$6,000, to registered apprentices who have successfully completed their first or second year/level of an apprenticeship program in eligible Red Seal trades. This, in combination with the existing Apprenticeship Completion Grant valued at \$2,000, could result in combined grant support of up to \$8,000 over the course of their training. Women apprentices who progress in their training on or after April 1, 2018, may be eligible for the new grant.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
**[canada.ca/apprenticeship-grants](http://canada.ca/apprenticeship-grants)**

## IN MEMORIAM LOCAL 170

**PLEASE VISIT THE IN MEMORIAM  
PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR A LIST  
OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.**





**GORDON  
FORBES**  
BUSINESS AGENT  
Okanagan  
East/West Kootenays

I hope that all members had a joyous and safe holiday season and extend my best wishes to you and your family for 2019.

## COMMERCIAL SECTOR

The Lower Mainland continues to be busy with no sign of slowing down. Contractors need apprentices, journeypersons and supervisors.

### Modern Niagara

- Royal Columbian Hospital– Approximately 95 members
- Children's Hospital– Approximately 30 members
- G-Tap Surrey– 10 members
- ITC Richmond– 10 Local 170 members on site
- YVR Airport– 10 members
- Soya Sunrise Ridge– 10 members

### Pine Mechanical

- Maintain a work force of 22 members working on various small sites in the Lower Mainland.

### BC Comfort

- Has hired several members in the last four months and are looking for 4<sup>th</sup> year plumbing apprentices and journeypersons for their various projects in the Lower Mainland.

### Midwest

- Continues to keep 6-8 members working in Celgar Pulp Mill over the Winter. They have a small job coming up at Linde Oxygen Plant in Tech Cominco in February. Cleaning up from last Fall's shutdown.

### West Kootenay Mechanical

- Still has members in Teck Cominco working on various small projects. They have put in a bid for the boiler job at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital in Trail.

### Equity Plumbing and Heating

- They have started at the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Emergency renovations in Trail. At peak they are expected to have 6-8 members on site.

### Canadian Industrial Mills Service (C.I.M.S.)

- Acid Plant #2 Tech Cominco generated roughly 63,000 hours of work for our members over the entire job. At peak there were 35-40 members working on site. This was one of our longer industrial jobs this last year.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WORKING FOR AN OPEN SHOP MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR HAVE THEM CONTACT THE UNION HALL.**

**WE HAVE SEVERAL TRAVEL CARDS FROM ALBERTA WORKING FOR COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS IN THE LOWER MAINLAND.**

I have been assigned the task of reminding members who are nearly three months in arrears of their monthly membership dues and to get busy and pay them. Membership dues are part of the package of being a union member and I would encourage all Local 170 members to take the time to check your monthly dues balance on your profile on our members' only portion of the Local 170 website. If you call in to pay your dues leave a message and your call will be returned. Best to pay your dues on time and online.

I have copied the following Article from the Electrical Industry Canada January 2019 Newsletter. I believe the information contained in this article is of interest to Local 170 members for the upcoming work picture.



Three proponent teams have been shortlisted for Site C's balance of plant contract. The scope of the contract includes the electrical, mechanical, and various civil and structural work required to complete the construction of the generating station and spillway, along with other related facilities. BC Hydro's massive Site C project involves building a third dam and generating station on the Peace River in

northeast BC. The project will provide 1,100 megawatts of capacity and about 5,100 gigawatt hours of energy each year to the province's integrated electricity system.

The three shortlisted proponent teams for the balance of plant contract are

- Aecon-FMI Joint Venture
- Dragados CIMS Houle Joint Venture
- Ganotec Inc. and Cahill Industrial Limited

The next step in the procurement process is to issue the Request for Proposals to the proponents. Following submission and evaluation of the proposals, BC Hydro expects to award the contract on schedule in summer 2020.

BC Hydro is expected to spend up to \$1 billion this year on the Site C dam project and \$300 million on a new transmission project that will bring additional power from the dam to the oil and gas fields of Northeast BC.

In November 2018, the last month for which statistics are available, 3,463 workers were directly involved in the Site C project. The workforce is expected to grow even more this year. See more November 2018 employment statistics here: [www.sitecproject.com/sites/default/files/November-2018-Workforce-Report.pdf](http://www.sitecproject.com/sites/default/files/November-2018-Workforce-Report.pdf)

**ALWAYS REMEMBER TO DOCUMENT ANY ONSITE INJURIES AND REPORT THEM TO EITHER THE FIRST AID ATTENDANT OR A DOCTOR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.**



**MARK  
GLAZIER**  
BUSINESS AGENT  
Vancouver Island  
Sunshine Coast  
Whistler

I would like to extend to all my brothers and sister best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## COMMERCIAL

### Fred Welsh

- Brentwood Mall Expansion
- Cologix UA3 Data Centre
- YVR Outlet Expansion

### Professional Mechanical Limited (PML)

- Hawthorne – 7 Story Condo
- King Edward – 7 Story Condo
- Cardero – High-end Condo
- Davie – 2 towers and Safeway
- Sussex – 40 Story Condo – Burnaby
- Amazon – start 2020
- \*\* PML is looking for experienced “supervisors”. Please contact Bill Qually or Byron Rilling in the Organizing Department if interested.

## INDUSTRIAL

### Brymark Installations

- Fortis – Coquitlam Compressor Station, upcoming
- Westshore Terminal
- YVR – fuel line

### Mitchell Installations

- Parkland – Mitchell is moving on-site with approximately 12 members.
- Cheakamus – River Run – Squamish
- Bridge River – River Run – Lillooet

## SUNSHINE COAST

### Port Mellon-Howe Sound

- TVE just completed a small shutdown

### Powell River

- Paper Excellence will be taking over the Mill this month. Rumors are several upgrades will be forthcoming.

## VANCOUVER ISLAND

### Port Alice

- There have not been any recent updates regarding the re-opening of this site. It is rumored that one of the main stumbling blocks is the difficulty in the acquisition of fibre. Stay tuned!

### Campbell River

#### John Hart Dam

- Co-Gen continues to have a presence on site.

### Myrna Falls

- Co-Gen is fabricating 1400 spools for this site.

### Fanny Bay- Co-Gen Fab Shop

- Co-Gen is fabricating for three (3) water treatment facilities and working on-site on Cortes Island. They are also doing some Fab work for C.I.M.S.

### Nanaimo

#### Brymark

- Has a small project coming up at the Esso Tank Farm in Departure Bay.

## SHIPYARDS

### Seaspan VSY

- At a recent labour management meeting I was told additional manpower will be required in 3-4 weeks time.
- We were also told Seaspan has a budget of 52 million dollars to spend on facility upgrades.
- A new pipe shop was mentioned in the discussion.

### Vancouver Dry Docks

- The Sir Wilfred Laurier is once again on-site for approximately three (3) months work.
- We are currently in contract negotiations and recently they suggested we are at an impasse, so we are headed to the Labour Board on January 12<sup>th</sup> for Mediation.
- Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> we took a strike vote, which was 100% unanimous in favour of strike. The main issues are coffee and lunch breaks, contracting out and shift hours. Hopefully we will be able to move forward to a resolve in a timely manner.

## PIPELINE

### Banister – Fort St John

- There has been a bit of a delay on the start date after the Christmas break. Originally the start date for the Poor Boy and Main Gang was January 14<sup>th</sup> which is now changed to January 21<sup>st</sup>, which will allow bending, to get some lead time. I visited the project in December and I am happy to report Banister is extremely happy with our members on this project.

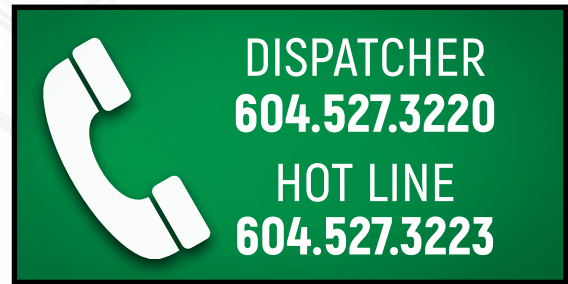
### COASTAL GASLINK

- 672 km 42" from Dawson Creek to Kitimat is slated to kickoff in 2020. This project was negotiated with full Red Book conditions.





**SAM  
GREAVES**  
DISPATCHER



I would like to wish all the brothers and sisters and their families a Happy New Year, and I hope this year is good and prosperous for all. In 2018 Local 170 dispatched 2,066 Local 170 journeypersons and 900 apprentices, and 126 sister travel card members for a total of 3,092 union members dispatched. This is a significant increase compared to 2017, when Local 170 dispatched 2,551 members.

In mid-2018 the commercial sector saw a steady increase in manpower demands mostly for journeyperson and apprentice plumbers. With most of the work within the Lower Mainland/Vancouver area. Those commercial calls are continuing to come into the dispatch office with some requests that were going unfilled for some time. The Local 170 organizing office has been busy recruiting new journeypersons and apprentices to fill the gaps.

Those unfilled positions opened opportunities for some sister travel cards to take some calls. I am anticipating this to continue in 2019 for commercial and then for the industrial sector as the year progresses.

I would encourage Local 170 members to be diligent in going to the Local 170 web site to available job postings daily to read what is there. If you are looking for work or monitoring what our signatory contractors are actively requesting for tradespeople or to check the job location.

Members can also listen to the daily job posting on the after-hours message tape 604.527.3223. Also listed on the message are those members that were dispatched out and job requests that are unfilled by Local 170 members. Jobs will be let out for sister travel card members to take first come/first serve after 48-hours has passed.

I note that some brothers and sisters are confused about how the new travel card system called MOMS works. There are no more physical plastic travel cards that you would carry to a sister local. Your union membership card is all you need. The MOMS System is an electronic database that UA Head Office has developed, and most UA Locals in Canada have access to this database.

You may either call Local 170 and ask for the Membership/Dues office: **604.526.0441 (Option 1)** – remember leave a message when you get voice mail – this extension is cleared 3-4 times a day. You may also come into the Local 170 at the main reception office. But as simple as this MOMS system may seem all the old rules still apply.

1. You must be signed in on the 170 out of work board as "available".
2. Your monthly membership dues must be paid into the month you are traveling (e.g. Travel January 2019, your monthly dues must be paid for January 2019).
3. If the above 2 requirements are fulfilled the membership department will make a Travel Card Out event in the Local 170 database and send a reciprocity form for your health, welfare and pension benefits to the local you state you wish to travel to.
4. The Local 170 membership office will then go onto UA Head Office MOMS database and release your name; therefore, any UA local you wish to travel to will see you are available to travel and if you go into their local, they will then on the MOMS system travel you into their local.
5. You cannot travel to another local until you contact the local you traveled to and inform them that you wish to move onto another local. That sister local would then (if your travel card dues are paid to them correctly) release you in MOMS so that your home local (170) could travel you back into your home local or any other UA Local in Canada.
6. When you take a travel card your name and position is held on the out of work board (referral list) at Local 170. But your status will be marked as "travel card issued".
7. You are not eligible to be dispatched from Local 170 when your name has "travel card issued" status.

Again, it is a new system but the travel card rules as per the Constitution still apply. Some local unions within Canada are not using the MOMS system and it takes a bit longer to process the travel card event, but it usually works within a day.

Remember nothing can happen instantaneously, so be sure to give the local union enough notification of your intentions to take a travel card and ensure that your home local monthly dues are up to date.



## BILL QUALLY

BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
REPRESENTATIVE

## SENIOR'S REPAIR SERVICE



If anyone is interested in working for the Senior's Repair Service,

**PLEASE CONTACT: WAYNE GOULET AT 604.529.1100**

54 year member, Brother Phil Bailey, has decided to retire from the Senior's Repair Service after several years of service.. Thank you Brother Bailey for all your dedication and hard work – enjoy your well deserved retirement. We are happy to welcome Brother Wayne Goulet who took over from Brother Bailey earlier this month.

The Business Development Department had a busy 2018 filling "open calls" for journeypersons and apprentices that active members on the board did not bid on. Most of these "open calls" have been in the ICI Commercial/Institutional sector. I am again requesting the membership to assist the Business Development Department to find new members, just give us their names and contact numbers and we will contact any potential new members to see if they are interested in the wage and benefits the UA can offer.

I would remind all members that it is their responsibility to pay their monthly membership dues in a timely fashion. There are different ways to pay your monthly dues and you should contact the Local Union office @ 604.526.0441 – Option #1, if voice mail is on then please leave a message and state your name, contact number and a brief message as to why you called.

I was appointed as a delegate to the BC Federation of Labour convention in Vancouver, BC in late November 2018. This convention was attended by delegates from all the affiliated unions of the BC Federation of Labour. On average there were approximately 1000 to 1100 delegates attending each day of the convention. I found the convention to be very informative with a daily varied group of guest speakers from government to private sectors.

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