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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Yesterday, Premier Horgan announced that our province is ready to proceed to Phase 3 of the province's re-opening plan. With the easing of restrictions, we will be moving ahead with Local 170's re-opening plan. While we are eager to resume normal operations, we all know that COVID is still around and we need to continue to be cautious as we move ahead, so as to ensure the health and safety of our staff and members.

Office Open to Public

Our offices will re-open to the public on **JULY 6, 2020**. **Office hours** will be: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (closed for lunch between 12:30 to 1:00 pm) Monday to Friday. While our doors have been closed to the public since late March, all our staff has been onsite assisting members by phone or email. We have also added additional online services for members including: online dues payment through the member's database and direct deposit for SUB benefit payments. In order to limit the risks to both members and staff, we encourage members to continue accessing our services by phone or online and to limit visits to the office. If you need to come to the office, I recommend that you call and make an appointment so that we can manage the number of people in the building at any one time.

In preparation for opening we have developed a **COVID-19 Safety Plan**. The Plan is posted on our website and contains details of the precautions and regulations that must be followed by visitors and staff. I encourage you to read over the plan and observe the guidelines that we have put in place. We will continue to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep you safe by elevating our cleaning protocols and providing sanitizer stations (and masks) for anyone visiting the office.

Annual General Meeting & Area Meetings

Due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold our Annual General Meeting and Area Meetings in May. Given the easing of restrictions on non-essential travel, we will tentatively move ahead with these meetings in July/August. Social distancing protocols will be maintained at each venue and we will have masks available for all in attendance. The following dates and venues are **TENTATIVE** and **SUBJECT TO CHANGE** in response to changing conditions or recommendations from the Provincial Health Officer. Please continue to visit our website for updates.

Annual General Meeting

We are still limited to gatherings of 50 or less, but would like to ensure that those who would like to attend the AGM can, so we have scheduled three days for the Annual General Meeting at our Union Hall in Delta. The meeting agenda will be repeated each evening to those in attendance. In order to ensure we comply with capacity restrictions, **members must register to attend the AGM by emailing info@ualocal170.com or by phoning the Local Union office at 604-526-0441**. Spots will be filled for each meeting as registrations are received, on a first come, first served basis. To ensure we have safe numbers and good attendance at each meeting, only register for the meeting if you know you will be able to attend. If you come to a meeting and have not registered, we will not be able to seat you as we cannot exceed COVID-19 capacity restrictions.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held at **7:00 pm at the Local Union Hall in Delta** on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 14, 2020
Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Thursday, July 16, 2020

Annual Area Meetings

Annual Area Meetings have been tentatively scheduled as per the schedule below. **Members must register by emailing info@ualocal170.com or by phoning the Local Union office at 604-526-0441 in order to attend.** If you come to the meeting and have not registered, you will only be able to attend if we are under the venue capacity limit. As meeting spaces with adequate space for social distancing are limited in some cities, we have varying capacity limits at each meeting location.

PRINCE GEORGE	MONDAY	July 6, 2020	7:00 PM	COAST INN OF THE NORTH
KITIMAT	WEDNESDAY	July 8, 2020	7:00 PM	TBA
KAMLOOPS	MONDAY	July 20, 2020	7:00 PM	DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOTT
KELOWNA	TUESDAY	July 21, 2020	7:00 PM	COAST CAPRI HOTEL
CASTLEGAR	WEDNESDAY	July 22, 2020	7:00 PM	SURESTAY HOTEL
CRANBROOK	THURSDAY	July 23, 2020	7:00 PM	ST EUGENE GOLF RESORT & CASINO
NANAIMO	MONDAY	July 27, 2020	7:00 PM	TBA
COURTENAY	TUESDAY	July 28, 2020	7:00 PM	CROWN ISLE RESORT
GIBSONS	WEDNESDAY	July 29, 2020	5:00 PM	GIBSONS GARDEN HOTEL
FORT ST JOHN	WEDNESDAY	August 19, 2020	7:00 PM	FSJ TRAINING SCHOOL

At the AGM and Area Meetings, members in good standing will be able to vote on the 2020 Notices of Motion. The Notice of Motions can be found on the Special Messages section of the members database.

As per Local 170 Bylaws, Financial Statements are to be made available to members at least one week prior to the AGM. They are available now. Please contact the Local Union office if you would like a copy emailed to your last email address on file.

I would like to thank the membership for their patience over the past few months. These have been challenging times for all of us as we try to find safe ways to continue with our regular work and social activities. I am encouraged that we have made it through the worst and look forward to seeing you again at our hall or at our upcoming meetings.

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