



## BUSINESS MANAGER & FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT



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**T**he past few months have certainly been life-changing for all of us. Many of our members have suffered job losses while most of us have had to socially distance from our loved ones, particularly if they are vulnerable and elderly. The COVID-19 pandemic has upended our way of life with global effects that will be felt for years to come. Yet these past few months have also brought out the best in us and has put a spotlight on the value of our work. Our jobs were deemed essential by the provincial government and many of our members continued to work despite the unknown risks to themselves and their families; particularly those servicing our hospitals, facilities, and maintaining services while others remained at home. I am so relieved to report that as of today, we have had no confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst our membership. This speaks to your diligence and care in following COVID-19 safety protocols both at home and work. I could not be prouder and am confident our membership will continue to maintain our economy and lead us out of this crisis.

There are several COVID-19 resources listed on our webpage from financial assistance information (CERB, SUB, available subsidies) to health and jobsite safety information. You will also find all COVID-19 updates which were emailed to the membership. Keep checking back on the website as updates are posted there on a regular basis.

Do not hesitate to contact our office if you need any assistance whatsoever, particularly where working conditions are unsafe. At the outset of the pandemic, we were made aware that conditions on some jobsites were not meeting COVID-19 safety protocols. It is, and again I stress this important point, each member's right to refuse unsafe work. We have statutory protections in place to safeguard workers from working in conditions that are not up to standard. In addition to refusing unsafe work, we ask that you document the reasons and evidence the unsafe conditions with photos or videos. This is particularly important as work begins to ramp back up. Please contact our office and speak to myself or the Business Agent assigned to your employer.

## OFFICE CLOSURE, RE-OPEN & COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Our offices were closed to the public in late March in response to recommendations from our Provincial Health Officer, but it was business as usual with all staff onsite providing assistance by phone and online. On **JULY 6, 2020** our offices will re-open to the public with all appropriate COVID-19 safety protocols in place. Office hours will be: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (closed for lunch between 12:30 to 1:00 pm) Monday to Friday. In order to limit the risks to both members and staff, we encourage members whenever possible to continue accessing our services by phone or online and to limit visits to the office. Additional online services have been provided due to the pandemic, such as online dues payment (accessible through the members' database) and direct deposit of SUB payments which are processed every Friday directly to member's accounts. 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.

## KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

COVID-19 highlighted the importance of the ability for us to relay important information to the membership in a timely manner. I encourage you to provide us with your email and cell phone number and to ensure we always have current contact information for you in our database.

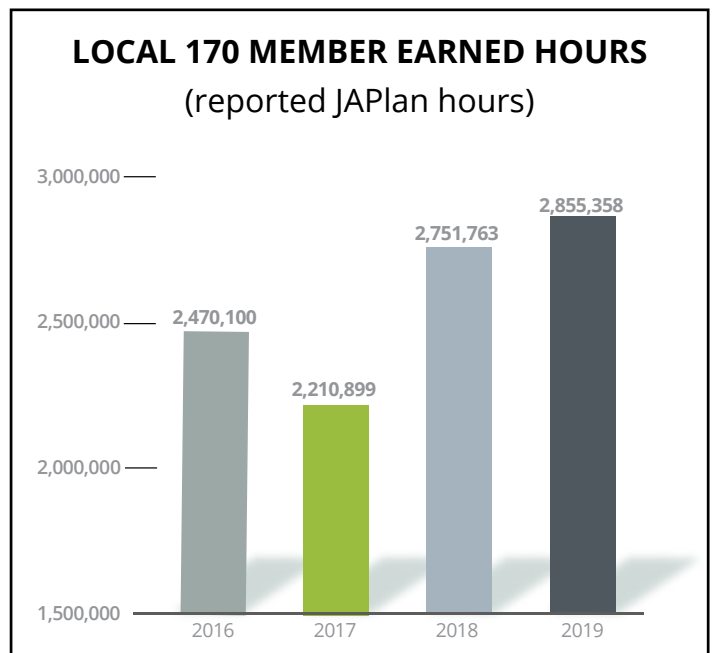
## COVID-19 DUES RELIEF

In March 2020, General President McManus announced that members who are experiencing reduced hours due to COVID-19 would be granted dues relief. As a result, members who worked less than 40 hours in the month of March were given credit for one month's counter dues. Dues relief has now been extended for the months of April and May. If you

have been given credit for one month's dues you will receive a letter notifying you that you have received a credit.

As stated earlier, many of our members have faced layoffs in the past few months. The number of unemployed members has risen by just over 10% since March 1, 2020 with a large part of these layoffs resulting from the completion of the Parkland shutdown. We are however seeing signs of recovery as some projects which had been delayed are resuming and Kitimat LNG has started to bring on some of our members.

On the heels of two strong years in 2018 and 2019, the number of work hours that will be provided by LNG and the upcoming pipeline projects (Coastal Gaslink and TMX) will be unprecedented for our membership.



## UA APPOINTMENTS

### DIRECTOR OF CANADIAN AFFAIRS

The UA appointed Brother Terry Snooks as our new UA Director of Canadian Affairs in December 2019. Brother Snooks was previously the Administrative Assistant to the General President, and previous to that, he was an International Rep and Business Manager with Local 46.

### VICE-PRESIDENT, DISTRICT 6, CANADA

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, the UA has appointed Brother Jim Noon to Vice-President of District 6, Canada. Brother Noon currently serves as Business Manager of UA Local 324 in Victoria.

### UA APPOINTMENTS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Effective July 1, 2020, General President Mark McManus made the following appointments:

Brother Terry Webb will serve as Administrative Assistant to the General President assigned to Canada.

Brother Stephane Favron will serve as International Representative.

I look forward to working with these officers in their new roles and congratulate them on their recent appointments. We all had an opportunity to meet with General President McManus on December 19, 2019, where we discussed the direction of the UA in Canada and also had an opportunity to openly speak about some of the challenges faced by our locals.

### LOCAL 170 – UA MEDIATION AGREEMENT

This process with the UA is ongoing. We are in meetings with the Chair of the Labour Relations Board, Jacque de Aguayo to resolve the outstanding issues we have with Brother Moss' recommendations. The Chairperson of the Labour Board, as per the Mediation Agreement, will attempt to mediate the outstanding issues and if we cannot come to an agreement, her decision will be final. We presented our objections to Brother Moss' recommendations which were based on inaccurate and incomplete information. We are complying with the Independent auditor's recommendations outlined in the MNP Audit report of July 15, 2019, but take issue with some of Brother Moss' recommendations which try to supersede and replace the Auditor's recommendations. We will provide further updates as we move forward.

## ICI STANDARD AGREEMENT

Members working under the Standard ICI Collective Agreement should have seen a wage increase effective May 1, 2020. Please refer to the Special Messages section of the Members database for the wage grids that came into effect on May 1. We continue to keep the Saturday overtime sunset clause in the forefront. This is an extremely important issue and we are committed to ensuring that double time Saturdays are re-instated. Bargaining Council of BC's Building Trades Unions (BCBCBTU) overtime meetings are ongoing and we see no proof of the fact that this has created more work as they claimed.



We are in the final stages of reviewing the Collective Agreement which will be printed and distributed to the membership in the coming month.

## JOB STEWARD TRAINING

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 22 MEMBERS** who recently took part in our two Shop Steward training courses which were held at the CLC Winter School in Harrison this past January. The course was taught by Corinne Hagen, UAPICBC instructor and was very well received. We had a great cross-section of members from various sectors – Commercial, Service, Industrial, Shipyard which provided great discussion and exchange of experiences. We plan to continue to offer these types of courses over the next few years.





## BC BUILDING TRADES PRESIDENT

I am happy to report that I was elected President of the BC Building Trades at their Annual Convention. The BC Building Trades represents 25 construction sector unions and more than 35,000 skilled workers in our province. I was very proud to have been elected by the delegates and my fellow Business Managers from the various locals. We have a very strong collaborative relationship and I look forward to working with them in advancing and keeping the concerns of our memberships in the forefront. By virtue of this position, I also now sit as one of the Vice-Presidents of the BC Federation of Labour which plays a very important role in representing working people in our province.



## BC BUILDING TRADES MEET WITH GOVERNMENT



This past March, the Business Managers from many of the Building Trades unions met with Premier John Horgan at the BC Legislature. It was a great opportunity to have one on one time with the Premier to discuss many of the issues that affect our members. We spoke on the recent advancements to the Labour Code and Employment Standards Act. We also discussed the Community Benefits Agreements and the importance of extending these agreements to vertical construction, including to new hospital construction. In addition to speaking to government, I also spoke with the Liberal opposition leader Andrew Wilkinson and several other Liberal MLAs.

## JOURNEYMAN TRAINING INDUSTRY PROMOTION FUND (JTIP)

I encourage all members to review and take advantage of the benefits and services offered through the Journeyman Training and Industry Promotion Fund. Effective July 2019, the JTIP trustees appointed the UAPICBC to administer the JTIP fund. As UAPICBC provides most of the programs and services offered through the JTIP fund, combining the program delivery and administration is cost effective and will streamline the member refund process. The JTIP fund provides the following member benefits:

### WELDING JACKETS

The fund provides free welding jackets to Welder members in good standing who are currently employed with a Local 170 signatory contractor (once every 12 months). Email [info@ualocal170.com](mailto:info@ualocal170.com) if you would like to request a Welding jacket.

### RE-CERTIFICATIONS

Members can submit their receipts for reimbursement (along with proof of successful completion) to [UAPICBC registrar@uapicbc.ca](mailto:registrar@uapicbc.ca) for the **RENEWAL** of the following certificates:

- Gas B
- Gas A
- Cross Connection Control Re-certification (Including UAPICBC course fees)
- PWP 7 & 10
- CWB
- Med Gas

# JOB READY BEFORE OCTOBER 2020

Last year we were able to successfully negotiate, for the Commercial sector only\*\*, an additional employer paid contribution of \$0.20 per hour to fund a Job Ready Dispatch (JRD) program. The JRD program pays for job ready training (free of charge to commercial members) and effective October 2020, members working under a Commercial Agreement are required to have the following certifications before they can be dispatched to their next Commercial job.

- Fall Protection- Certified Fall Protection (OSSA or equivalent)
- Confined Space Awareness (OSSA or equivalent)
- Aerial Work Platform (AWP)
- WHMIS 2015
- Hearing Test (current within last 12 months)
- Respirator Fit Test, as needed

## Online Training Now Available

Due to COVID-19, many JRD classes are now being offered ONLINE. Please visit our website under Training – Job Ready Dispatch for answers to the Frequently Asked Questions about the JRD program or visit the UAPICBC website.

## WHMIS 2015

Call UAPICBC for login and password information to access the online course

## NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE:

Fall Protection/Aerial Work Platform/Confined Space

## HEARING TEST

Call UAPICBC for an appointment to have your hearing tested.

## FOR MEMBERS LIVING OUTSIDE THE LOWER MAINLAND

Commercial Members living outside the Lower Mainland can go to a service provider located in their area to get the above certifications. The JRD Fund will reimburse to a maximum of \$200 for Confined Space, Aerial Work Platform, Certified Fall Protection and \$50 for a Respirator Fit Test.

Hearing tests should be free and billed back to Worksafe BC. Please contact the UAPICBC for a preauthorization form and maximum re-imbursement amounts prior to renewal.

**Once your training is complete, you must scan your certificate to [mycerts@uapicbc.ca](mailto:mycerts@uapicbc.ca) so that your membership record can be updated. You will then be JOB Ready and eligible for dispatch after October 2020.**

**\*\*Job Ready for Industrial**

In the last round of bargaining, CLR refused to contribute to the Job Ready Program; therefore once you are dispatched off the Industrial Board, the employer will be providing this training, if required.



**JOB READY DISPATCH  
TRAINING  
ONLINE**

PROVIDED AT  
**NO COST**  
FOR MEMBERS WORKING  
OFF OF THE COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL BOARD

**FALL PROTECTION  
AERIAL WORK PLATFORM  
CONFINED SPACE**

\* ONE HOUR PRACTICAL COMPONENT  
REQUIRED BY APPOINTMENT AT UAPICBC

Call UAPICBC to register at 604.540.1945  
or email [job.ready@uapicbc.ca](mailto:job.ready@uapicbc.ca)

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT [UAPICBC.CA](http://UAPICBC.CA) OR [UALocal170.COM](http://UALocal170.COM)

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In order to keep within COVID-19 capacity restrictions and to provide access to as many members who would like to attend the AGM, we have scheduled three meeting days at our Union Hall in Delta. The meeting agenda will be repeated each evening to those in attendance.

**Tuesday, July 14, 2020 – 7:00 pm**  
**Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – 7:00 pm**  
**Thursday, July 16, 2020 – 7:00 pm**

## ANNUAL AREA MEETINGS

Annual area meetings have also been scheduled as follows:

AREA MEETING LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	MEETING VENUE- BC
PRINCE GEORGE	MONDAY	July 6, 2020	7:00 PM	COAST INN OF THE NORTH	770 BRUNSWICK ST., PRINCE GEORGE
KITIMAT	WEDNESDAY	July 8, 2020	7:00 PM	LUSO CANADIAN ASSOCIATION HALL	159 KONIGUS STREET, KITIMAT
KAMLOOPS	MONDAY	July 20, 2020	7:00 PM	DELTA HOTELS BY MARRIOTT	540 VICTORIA ST., KAMLOOPS
KELOWNA	TUESDAY	July 21, 2020	7:00 PM	COAST CAPRI HOTEL	117 HARVEY AVENUE, KELOWNA
CASTLEGAR	WEDNESDAY	July 22, 2020	7:00 PM	SURESTAY HOTEL	1810 8TH AVENUE, CASTLEGAR
CRANBROOK	THURSDAY	July 23, 2020	7:00 PM	ST EUGENE GOLF RESORT & CASINO	7731 MISSION ROAD, CRANBROOK
NANAIMO	MONDAY	July 27, 2020	7:00 PM	COAST BASTION HOTEL	11 BASTION STREET, NANAIMO
COURTENAY	TUESDAY	July 28, 2020	7:00 PM	CROWN ISLE RESORT	399 CLUBHOUSE DRIVE, COURTENAY
GIBSONS	WEDNESDAY	July 29, 2020	5:00 PM	GIBSONS GARDEN HOTEL	963 GIBSONS WAY, GIBSONS
FORT ST JOHN	WEDNESDAY	August 19, 2020	7:00 PM	FSJ TRAINING SCHOOL	7825 100 AVENUE, FORT ST JOHN

In order to attend the AGM or any Annual Area meeting, members must register by emailing [info@ualocal170.com](mailto: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. COVID-19 distancing protocols will be in place at all meetings.



## SUB PLAN

In March 2020, the SUB Fund trustees voted unanimously to increase the SUB plan benefit from \$100 to \$125 per week for benefit periods ending between April 1 to May 26 in order to offer additional assistance to members during this pandemic. Unfortunately, the federal government moved everyone who applied for EI Regular and Sick benefits (if unemployed after March 15, 2020) to the newly created CERB (Canada Emergency Response Benefit). Under current legislation, the SUB Plan is unable to top up CERB benefits. We have lobbied our local MP Carla Qualtrough, but the CRA is firm in denying the payment of SUB for those in receipt of CERB payments. Despite this, I have submitted a request that the increased benefit be extended to the end of August 31, 2020. The trustees will be meeting shortly to vote on this request.

The SUB Plan provides supplemental benefits to members who are currently on EI. This is an employer paid benefit (\$0.10 per hour) which is accumulated in the member's "SUB bank". For every week of benefit paid out to the member, \$40 is deducted from the member's SUB bank.

Did you know you can check out what is available in your SUB bank by accessing the member database? Go to our website under the Members Only section and click on **Members Only** Login.



### ENTER YOUR UA CARD NO. AND PASSWORD AND LOG IN.

If you haven't ever changed your password – the default is the last 4 digits of your social insurance number.

**UA LOCAL 170**

**Log in**  
Use this form to enter your Card # and password.

Card #  
CARD #

Last 4 digits of your Social Insurance Number  
Last 4 digits of your Social Insurance

☐ Remember me?

Click [here](#) if you forgot your password.

**Log in**

**UA LOCAL 170**

Home My Balances Due My List Positions Referral Lists Available Jobs Special Messages Open Job Listing Report My Tax Documents

**My Information**

Name:  
Address:  
Country/Country:  
Phone:  
Mfc. Phone:  
Mobile Phone:  
Card:  
Status:  
Membership Type:

Once you are logged in – click on the **My Balances Due** Tab

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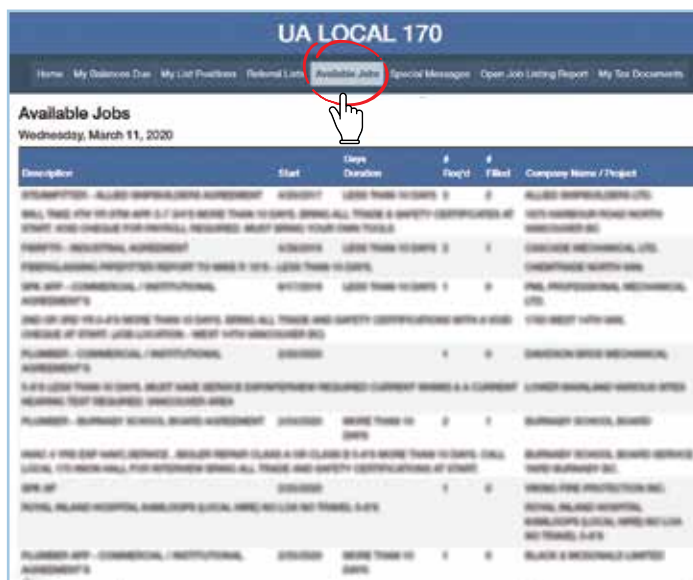
**My Balances Due**

Description	Total Due	Paid	Net Due
MONTHLY DUES	\$	\$	(\$)
SUPPLEMENTAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT	\$	\$	(\$)

## DISPATCH

There are some changes going on in Dispatch and with our Members database. We will be streamlining the dispatch procedure for both contractors and members, with many of the processes moving online. We are no longer accepting or sending out faxes. Contractors are now able to submit electronic forms and members are getting their dispatch confirmations by email. We are working on a process through our APP where members will be able to check in using their mobile phones. **STAY TUNED AS WE WILL BE LAUNCHING OUR APP IN THE COMING MONTHS.**

Again, the members' database, which can be accessed through our website, provides a lot of valuable Dispatch information. You can see the dispatch boards, the dispatches of the previous two days, available jobs, etc.



**Need a copy of your 2019 union dues tax slip? You can now access it online**

### TAX SLIPS ONLINE

Your 2019 Dues Receipt is now available to download and print ONLINE!

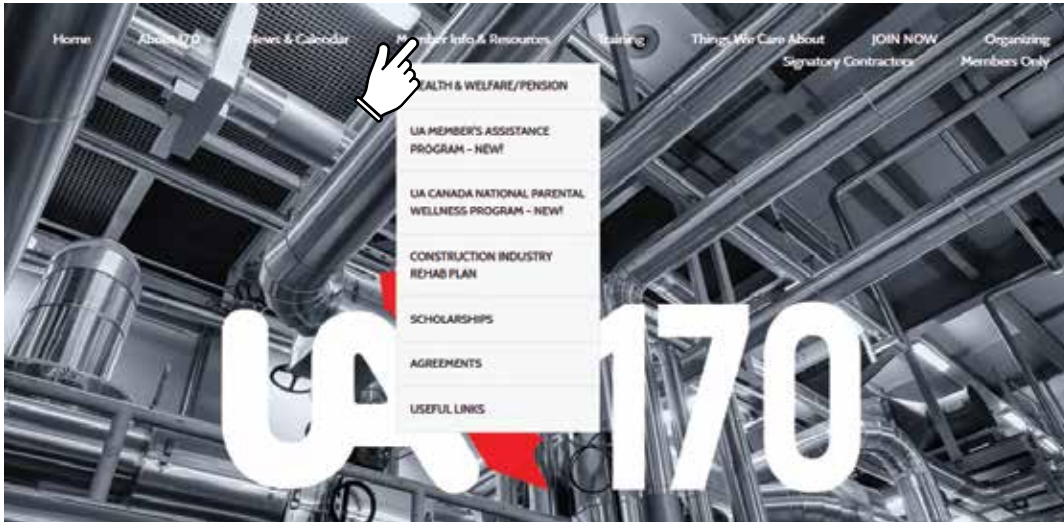
Login to the member's database as per above and click on the **My Tax Documents** Tab.





## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

If you are in need of assistance – whether it be in work, health or life, I encourage you to reach out to various services available to UA members. With our increasingly busy and stressful lives, our health is often ignored, but it is, and should be a top priority. We have made improvements and additions to our Wellness Plans in the past few years. All programs are strictly confidential and support is available immediately (24 hours a day). Links are available on our website under **Member Resources**.



Extended Healthcare  
(prescriptions, vision care, hospital/  
ambulance)  
Dental Care  
Wage Indemnity  
Long Term Disability  
Travel Insurance



### **LOCAL 170 HEALTH PLAN**

604.526.3434  
[plumbers.bc.ca](http://plumbers.bc.ca)

Treatment for Addiction & Substance  
Abuse  
Counselling  
Day Programs  
Residential Programs  
Family Programs



### **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REHAB PROGRAM (CIRP)**

1.888.521.6611 or 604.521.8611  
[contructionrehabplan.com](http://contructionrehabplan.com)

Hurt on the Job/WorkSafe Dispute?  
Legal Assistance with making a WorkSafe  
claim or appealing a WorkSafe decision



**UA LOCAL 170**  
604.526.0441

### **Confidential support services for:**

Stress & Mental Health  
Grief & Loss  
Separation/Divorce  
Addictions  
Financial Guidance  
Legal Advice  
Nutrition



### **UA MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (UA NATIONAL WELLNESS PROGRAM)**

Available 24/7  
1.833.778.2527  
[workhealthlife.com](http://workhealthlife.com)

Recently laid off?  
Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Fund (EI  
top-up)



### **UA LOCAL 170**

Email your claims to: [info@ualocal170.com](mailto:info@ualocal170.com)  
[ualocal170.com/supplemental-unemployment-  
benefit-plan/](http://ualocal170.com/supplemental-unemployment-benefit-plan/)

Pregnancy Benefit  
Maternal EI Assistance Benefit  
Parental EI Assistance Benefit



**UA NATIONAL WELLNESS PROGRAM -  
UA CANADA**  
1.613.565-1100





**JEFF  
CHAPMAN**  
**ASSISTANT BUSINESS  
MANAGER**

Central Interior  
& Northwest BC

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone and their family is doing well during these unprecedented times. This pandemic has affected all of us and our families in one way or another over these past few months and has changed the way we carry on with our daily lives. Although Local 170's doors were closed, the Staff, Officers, and Dispatcher were always there and available to deal with any issues and or concerns the membership may have had.

The year had started off with what was looking to be a good year with many job opportunities in both the commercial and industrial sectors of our industry. Most of these Industrial dispatches were in the Lower Mainland, with the Parkland outage seeing the bulk of these dispatches which commenced on February 3, 2020 and concluded near the end of March. Ideal Welders also has had a number of projects on the books including three large contracts for Enbridge's pumping stations, and 2 separate packages for Trans Mountain Pipeline TMX 1 and 2. Unfortunately the Chemtrade shutdown has been moved to September along with other various outages and other capital projects as well. CIMS has returned to Taylor Flats at McMahon gas plant with a small crew with expectations of hiring more after the July 1 Holiday and throughout August for the September outage with approximately 200 total UA required for the outage.

The commercial sector was also showing very strong employment opportunities and our contractors are still actively pursuing and securing new projects that should require members throughout 2020 and into 2021. Many of our Service Contractors during COVID-19 have agreed to work sharing during the pandemic with some interruptions in this industry. Many projects that were scheduled to start were put on hold and are once again re starting as the province opens.

## SITE C

Voith who is managing the Turbine-Generator portion of the project states that the project was delayed approximately 9 months from the original loading chart which showed Local 170 members originally arriving in Oct 2019. Because of COVID-19 they are planning a markup meeting in September with UA Crews starting in October or November. Voith is not self performing this project and the Requests for Proposals have not been released yet, so it is unclear which contractor will be doing this work, but it will be a Local 170 Contractor with Local 170 Members. The balance of the plant was also recently awarded to Aecon-FMI joint venture and an agreement with the Building Trades Union was agreed upon with the same conditions as the Turbine-Generator Agreement.

## LNG CANADA

Finally, this project is on the ground and moving forward. Countless years and meetings have taken place and we are now in a position that will create thousands of opportunities for Local 170 members and travel cards over the next several years. To date we have worked on the Civeo Sitka Lodge Camp, provided various site services for both on and off LNG Canada site, sprinklers at the Cedar Valley Lodge (LNG Camp), and in May sent the first Local 170 dispatches to Fluor for the warehousing and receiving of materials for Fluor Constructors. The underground piping will start in late July with approximately 100 plus members being dispatched over the summer. The welded underground pipe is expected to start in September with only a small number of Welders in 2020. Fluor Constructors to date has secured around 14 Million man hours of employment for all sectors of the Building Trades Unions.

The LNG Canada project is under a Memorandum of Understanding which was negotiated and signed off in September 2017. This MOU and other Agreements are available on the Special Messages section of the Member's database which can be accessed on Local 170's website under the Members Only tab. The schedule is currently planned for 14 on and 7 off rotations. Camp accommodations will be provided, along with flights from hubs that the project is still working on. The actual facility work is expected to start in mid to late 2021, and Fluor expects to peak with approximately 2000 total UA Members on site.

## SAPUTO DAIRY

Unfortunately, the major process package that Sinco Engineering was bidding on went to a non union company out of Quebec called Qualtech. The bidding was to GEA and not Saputo. Modern and Viking Fire are currently on site with substantial packages underway with more in the bid process. Local 170 has been in touch directly with Saputo and Qualtech to let them know that we have a skilled and ready workforce within British Columbia to help them with this project.

## WCB

On April 6, 2020, a revised Workers Compensation Act came into force. The B.C. Government has reorganized the Act so specific laws are easier to find and modernized the language, so the Act is easier to read and understand. This rewriting of the Workers Compensation Act makes no changes to British Columbia's laws concerning workers' compensation, occupational health and safety, and employers' assessment premiums. It simply makes the existing laws more accessible. Since the COVID-19 pandemic WCB has been making changes and new regulations are also being proposed regarding these unprecedented times. The Building Trades Unions have also been lobbying on behalf of British Columbian workers on many of these changes that will make workplace conditions better for all workers.

I would also like to remind all members if they are injured or involved in an incident on the job that it should be reported immediately. If it turns into a loss time scenario and was not reported or was delayed in reporting, it can cause serious delays and/or complete denial of your claim.

## CHANGES FOR WELDERS

The new Pressure Welder program is now open for applications. Members who are currently working as pressure welders and meet certification requirements can transition to this program without fees before December 3, 2020. To learn more visit [www.technicalsaftybc.ca](http://www.technicalsaftybc.ca) for more information.

Pressure welders in British Columbia are required to hold this certificate of qualification. This nationally recognized program assesses a welder's skills and abilities, ensuring all pressure welders in BC are working to the relevant codes and standards. The application can be found at <https://portal.technicalsaftybc.ca/forms/FRM1692>.

Pressure welders currently working in BC can transition to a Class "A" certificate of qualification without fees, provided they meet the requirements and apply to transition before December 3, 2020. If you do not apply to transition to a Class "A" certificate of qualification by December 3, 2020, you will need to apply for a new certificate of qualification and pay the appropriate fees.

To be eligible to transition to a Class "A" pressure welder certificate of qualification, you must have a previous Technical Safety of British Columbia registration number. You will also have to provide a copy of the appropriate pages in your logbook or other evidence demonstrating that you have welded to this procedure at least once every six months since the welding performance qualification test. Please note: if you cannot prove continuity, you will need to either contact your previous or current employer(s) to enter all related continuity dates or you can retake the welder performance qualification tests at the UAPICBC.

In closing I hope all the Members and their families have a safe and wonderful Summer.







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

January 2020 was a very hectic month. Traditionally it is busy at the local union with contractors starting up projects that were shutdown during the Christmas Holiday Season. This year it was even more hectic with both dispatchers being off sick for 3 weeks in January. I have been working closely with the dispatcher and I was the obvious fill in to cover during this period of illness. When thrown in at the deep end you quickly realize and appreciate how hard the dispatcher works during the busy times. Between fielding phone calls from members looking for work and contractor dispatch manpower requests and dispatching members to jobs it is a very full and fast paced day.

### CHANGES TO THE DISPATCH OFFICE PROCEDURES

We have been reviewing the dispatch process with an eye to make this office work smoothly with our database and to hopefully expedite the posting of jobs and dispatching members to open jobs. Again, this is a start and we will be reviewing all changes and may have to adjust, but we will keep the membership notified as changes occur.

1. The Dispatch Office will accept phone calls and members at the dispatch counter to apply for jobs between 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.
2. After 12:30 p.m. the dispatcher will begin filling jobs.
  - a. Be sure that your email address is correct – all dispatch slips will be emailed to the email address on file.
  - b. You may update and/or edit your profile by going to the UA Local 170 website ([ualocal170.com](http://ualocal170.com)). Once there you would use the "Members Only" tab and login with your UA card number.
3. When you are logged into the "Members Only" tab there is a "Home" tab and if you scroll to the bottom of this page there is an option to "submit corrections "here".

### WORK PICTURE

Since the beginning of 2020 we have had steady and at times overwhelming manpower requests. Between the dispatcher and the business representatives we have endeavoured to supply all our signatory contractors with highly trained and skilled journeypersons and apprentices.

### UA LOCAL 170 – TROTTER & MORTON EXCERPT

Fred Welsh and Trotter & Morton have recently joined forces to create FWL-TM Joint Ventures Inc. and were awarded the YVR Central Utility Building (CUB) project. Construction will last 18 months with an expected peak of 35 UA Local 170 members. Currently there are 7 members and we are always looking for driven individuals, fitters and plumbers, to join our team.

Trotter & Morton Building Technologies Inc. continues to be busy with residential towers; we currently have 75 Local 170 members employed on our Pacific, Parkview & Lumina Tower projects. Additionally, we have many commercial, institutional and municipal projects throughout the Lower Mainland employing over 30 members and growing. These projects include work at North Shore WWTP, SFU, UBC, as well as various hospitals. Trotter & Morton is currently pursuing many other exciting opportunities.

### MODERN NIAGARA

This signatory contractor started at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster 3 years ago and has generated just over 200,000 hours of work for Local 170 journeypersons and apprentices. During the 3 years of construction and at the peak there were 80 Local 170 members on site. Modern Niagara is happy to announce the project will complete in March 2020. Thank you to all Local 170 members that worked on this site.

### MODERN NIAGARA – CURRENT JOBS

PROJECT SITE NAME	NUMBER OF UA LOCAL 170 MEMBERS ON SITE
Abbey Lane	2
Richmond ITC	2
SFU Student Union	3
Royal Columbian Hospital New Westminster	16
UBC Hospital Phase 2	5
155 Water Street	6
British Columbia Women's & Children's Hospital	18
601 West Hastings	6
YVR Swissport	8
Oakridge Mall	8
Vancouver General Hospital	45
Saputo Inc. Coquitlam	13
Neptune Terminal	4
Fab Shop	12
Surrey Court House	2

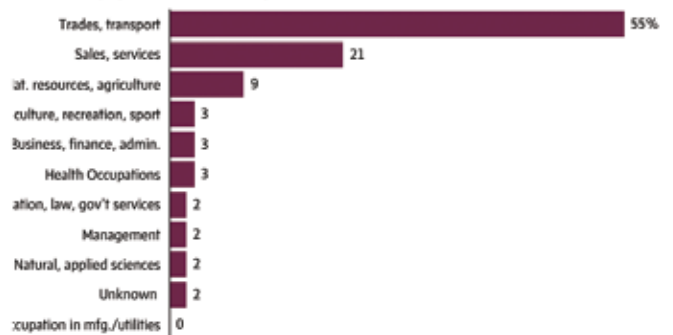
## OPIOID CRISIS

Some alarming facts regarding overdoses in the construction industry.

Available data published (2016) by the British Columbia Coroner's Service reveals that among workers who fatally overdosed in the five-year period ending 2016, three quarters were males age 25-54, 20 percent of whom worked in the construction industry, B.C.'s second largest industry. In addition, 13 per cent worked in industries connected to construction, including building maintenance and waste management. During my term in office I have had to help several of our member's families deal with the passing of their loved ones. I didn't sign up for this. Don't let yourself be a statistic. We offer many types of free counselling to help with your personal issues. Visit our website under member resources for information on the Construction Industry Rehab Plan and UA Member Assistance Program (UAMAP). If you can help a brother or sister, please do.

As Reported in the Globe & Mail – December 23, 2019

**Illicit drug overdoses in B.C. by industry**  
Per cent of employed decedents in industry



THE GLOBE AND MAIL, SOURCE: B.C. CORONERS SERVICE

DATA SHARE

## NALOXONE INSTRUCTION

As in all communities across North America we are experiencing the effect of people overdosing on drugs with very dire results if they do not receive assistance as quickly as possible. Local 170 will attempt to host courses prior to the start of the General Membership Monthly Meeting. At this meeting we will give instructions on how to administer Naloxone if the need should arise on the jobsite or in your day to day life.

Due to the wide sweeping effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we had to make the decision to cancel our Annual Local 170 Picnic. It was unfortunate that we had to cancel this event because we were starting to make changes and add different activities to our long standing Annual Picnic. I would also like to point out that if the COVID-19 pandemic status is still a major factor in our daily lives we will have no choice but to cancel the Children's Christmas parties. The major problem with holding any event is to find a venue big enough to accommodate all attendees and maintain social distancing. We will keep the membership posted and give everyone a chance to attend if we are able to host these Christmas parties. Please be safe and healthy during these very trying times.



**\* NOTE: ANY MEMBER REQUIRING WHMIS, PCST OR HEARING TESTS  
PLEASE CONTACT THE UAPICBC SCHOOL AT 604.540.1945**



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## LOWER MAINLAND

### Fred Welsh

- YVR project was halted due the COVID-19 crisis, work is expected to resume in July.
- Riverview Youth Detention Centre – Coquitlam
- Royal Columbia Hospital - Phase II

### PML Pacific Mechanical Limited

- Davie Safeway and Towers
- Cardero
- Melville
- VPO/Amazon

PML currently has approximately 130 members employed

## INDUSTRIAL

### Brymark

- Neptune Terminal
- Univar – North Vancouver
- The new Univar Plant proposed for Abbotsford has been delayed.

### Mitchell

- Shell Refinery – Burnaby (Maintenance)
- Two 'run-of-the-river' projects

## SUNSHINE COAST

### Port Mellon

- Shutdown cancelled

### Powell River

- It was unfortunate that in February 2020 the Mills' computer systems were hacked, leading to the cancellation of the shutdown and closure of the Mill. We do not have a re-opening date.

## VANCOUVER ISLAND

### Campbell River

- John Hart Dam – there are several large seismic packages coming out for tender.

### Courtney/Comox

- Nichols completed a small fuel project at the Comox Air Base

### Fanny Bay

- Co-Gen secured some fabrication for the Courtenay Water Treatment Plant.

### Harmac

- CIMS and Cascade were onsite for the shutdown in June.

## VANCOUVER DRY DOCK (VDD)

- The drydock has been extremely slow due to the COVID-19 situation. The OSFV III will be arriving onsite for final completion in the next few weeks.
- They are preparing the W building to build modules for the J.S.S.

## SEASPAN

- We had the official announcement, Seaspan was officially awarded the 2.4 billion dollar J.S.S. project.
- The bulbous bow for the J.S.S. – is being built by Ideal Welders.
- Seaspan is currently lobbying the Government for the return of the Polar 8 Ice Breaker project the Trudeau government gave to Davie Shipyard in Quebec

## PIPELINE

- YVR – RB Somerville is weeks away from completing the 10 km 14" fuel line from Steveston to YVR.

## TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE

- Somerville has several spreads on this project. They are currently working on Spread 1 in Edmonton.
- Spread 4B – North Thompson regions (Blue River) – start date August/September.
- Spread 6 – Bridal Falls to Langley – no start date.
- Spread 7 – we are still waiting for this spread to be awarded – Langley to Burnaby.

## COASTAL GASLINK

- Start approximately August/September.
- Somerville has spread 3 & 4 for a total of 197 km.
- PAPC/Bonatti has Spread 6 & 7 - for a total of 163 km.





## **BILL QUALLY**

**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Brothers and Sisters,

2020 has been a year like no other. I hope you are all keeping well throughout this pandemic. Early in the year, the Business Development Department was busy meeting with many potential members across all our trades. Our contractors were continually looking for more Journeypersons and Apprentices.

While COVID-19 caused a slow down for many of our contractors, we continued to actively speak to "potential" members as we sensed optimism for the industry despite COVID-19; that this lull is temporary and once the curve is flattened there will be a resurgence and increase in work. So we continued our organizing efforts mainly by phone and dropping off of flyers at several construction sites.

We had been preparing for a Job Fair in April which had to be cancelled for obvious reasons. This will be postponed until we are again able to safely in gather in large groups.

The Business Development Department has also been contacting non-signatory contractors to let them know of the benefits Local 170 has to offer them with training, jobsite readiness, safety and manpower.

In closing, I would like to thank those members who have been assisting us in locating potential new members. As we emerge from this pandemic, we will again be needing more members as the major projects such as LNG Kitimat move ahead.



# 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 2020/2021 PLCAC Student Award Program Application form will be available online in the fall of 2020.

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)

## **HONORING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US**



FIRST NAME	LAST NAME			AGE	DATE DECEASED	YEARS OF SERVICE
LEN	GREAVES	NANAIMO, BC	PLUMBER	80	01-06-2020	53
CHARLES	DUNCAN	CRANBROOK, BC	STEAMFITTER	89	01-10-2020	66
ROLAND	COTE	COQUITLAM, BC	PIPEFITTER WELDER	83	01-23-2020	61
DONALD	MALMER	PORT ALBERNI, BC	PLUMBER	87	01-31-2020	43
GREG	MITCHELL	VANCOUVER, BC	SPRINKLER FITTER	64	02-02-2020	14
DONALD	DUPLIN	SURREY, BC	SPRINKLER FITTER	85	02-13-2020	59
BRYAN	MADSEN	TRAIL, BC	STEAMFITTER	62	02-25-2020	27
THOMAS	LOMAX JR	LANGLEY, BC	STEAMFITTER	95	03-12-2020	72
IAN	CLYDE	VANCOUVER, BC	PLUMBER	70	03-25-2020	23
WAYNE	LYNCH	OKANAGAN FALLS, BC	STEAMFITTER	85	03-25-2020	65
FLOYD	WRIGHT	TRURO, NS	PIPEFITTER WELDER	87	03-27-2020	61
FRANK	VANGAALLEN	CHILLIWACK, BC	SPRINKLER FITTER	88	04-09-2020	50
ADOLF	HOLLAUS	FORT LANGLEY, BC	PIPEFITTER WELDER	84	04-23-2020	63
KEN	BROAD	KAMLOOPS, BC	PIPEFITTER	84	04-26-2020	63
HEINZ	KSCHISCHANG	BURNABY, BC	STEAMFITTER	82	05-02-2020	52
JOSHUA	BARSALOU	SURREY, BC	WELDER	34	05-02-2020	2
LARRY	PIERON	GIBSONS, BC	PLUMBER	66	05-03-2020	45
CHRIS	NEILSON	BURNABY, BC	PLUMBER	52	05-27-2020	33
WILLIAM	ADAMS	SURREY, BC	PLUMBER	80	06-03-2020	55
GORDON	MARTIN	ABBOTSFORD, BC	STEAMFITTER	92	06-10-2020	61
DAN	SHIRATTI	COQUITLAM, BC	PLUMBER	71	04-16-1966	54

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