



LOCAL 276 NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2018



NIKI UPDATE

It was this time last year we let you all know that Niki was on leave from having a stroke. We are so pleased to let you know that Niki has worked her way back to full-time again. Welcome back!

Already 2018 has been much smoother than last. On behalf of the entire office, we want to thank you for your patience and kindness, we look forward to growing stronger together.

CANADIAN COMPETITION

We are very excited to be hosting the 43rd Annual Canadian Apprentice Competition right here in Victoria from July 4-8, 2018.

Representing us from Local 276 are:

Sheet Metal: **Ryan Elder**, Lewis Sheet Metal, Victoria
Roofing: **Bruce Scheltgen**, Nelson Roofing, Cumberland

Competition is tested on: Theory, Pattern Development & Shop Fab.

POKER TOURNAMENT

Local 276 Charity Poker Night:
April 21st, 5:00pm at Strawberry Vale Community Hall, View Royal.

Door prizes, 50/50 draws, snacks and cool hard cash for the top 9 players, not to mention a fun night out!

Call the office for more information:
250-727-3458

T4-A's

All T4-A receipts and dues statements have been sent out. If you have not received yours yet, please call the office.

ADDRESS CHANGES

A Reminder to phone the Union Hall to update your address if you have moved.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to the following for completing their Red Seal!

Amy Carr
Dan Dickie
Matthew Kurtenback
Aaron Robinson
Blair Woods



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

March 8th marked International Women's Day. BC Building Trades hosted a Conference to coincide with this and we were very happy to have four of our sisters (Amy Carr, Carmen Collins, Justine McHale & Stephanie McMartin) attend this conference which included lobbying Local MLA's. The afternoon was spent at the Legislature, where Premier John Horgan announced a 1.4 Million grant to support women and minorities in the trades. After the Premier's announcement, our very own Amy Carr addressed the crowd, and talked about what it is like to be among the 3% of working women in the building trades.

Business Managers Report

Spring is upon us and the construction on the Island is in full bloom, we currently sit at 97% employment and it doesn't look like it is slowing down any time soon. From Victoria, which has a sky line of cranes that looks more like Vancouver, to the work north Island at the John Hart Dam, Myra Falls, Vanier high school to name a few, construction is booming.

Listening to John Horgan speak at the legislature after our BC Building Trades Conference earlier in March, we hear a lot of very positive labour friendly ideas being put forward which is a breath of fresh air after listening to 17 years of Liberal anti-union redic backing such groups as ICBA, Merit and CLAC. Amongst his speech we heard the reinstatement of the Allied Hdoro agreement and the introduction of CBA's or Community Benefit Agreements formally known as PLA's on infrastructure projects to be built in BC. Some of the benefits of CBA's are local hire, fair wage, support for women in the trades, indigenous hire and apprentice ratios. The Pattullo bridge project will be the first of a series CBA's planned for the province which we hope to see the construction of schools and hospitals follow suit.

A move to harmonize training across Canada in our red seal training program has been on the go for a couple years now. Right now we are looking to increase the weeks of training we have for our apprentices here in BC. As it sits now we have 24 weeks of schooling in a four year apprenticeship. In comparison, Local 8 in Alberta has 40 week in their program. A committee was formed to see what industry felt would be an acceptable increase in hours and they came back with an increase of 10 weeks to make a total of 34 weeks of training, this was submitted to ITA along with many letters of support from both the Union and non-Union sectors. We have had conversations with Melanie Mark the Minister of Advanced Education, skills and training, asking for her support and urging her office to contact ITA prior to them rendering their decision to help keep our Sheet Metal industry strong and competitive.



Jason Pedersen
Business Manager
Financial Secretary

LOCAL 276 SKI TRIP

Between Local 276 and UA 324, we had 78 ski/snowboards who helped make our first ski trip a huge success!

Everyone enjoyed a sunny day on the slopes, great BBQ and lots of prizes.

Special thanks to our BBQ master, Brother Jason Zunino and Tyrel Smith from the UA who made sure we were all well fed.

Looking forward to doing it all again next year!



MEETING DATES

Victoria: 1st Thursday of the month

Nanaimo: Monday April 16th at the UA Hall

Courtenay: Wednesday April 18th at the Westerly Hotel

Campbell River: Thursday April 19th at the Anchor Inn

Food will be served at 5pm with the meetings starting at 5:30
Apprentices are reminded that attending union meetings are a requirement of their apprenticeship and will also receive a grant based on number of meetings attended.



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