

New Brunswick Newsletter

October 2020

Message from Regional Manager James Dawson

With the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic, this year has certainly been one of the most difficult for members medically, financially and emotionally.



When the pandemic began in March, nearly all of our jobsites were either shutdown or reduced dramatically. This was evident by looking at April and May hours which were the lowest we've seen in years.

Fortunately, the commercial sector is surprisingly booming both in Moncton and in Fredericton as nearly all our commercial contractors have ongoing work. In the industrial sector, Irving began hiring members back at the refinery in the Summer and we were able to get more than 200 members to work this fall. While it wasn't as good as a typical shutdown pre-COVID, it is a sign of how work is coming back. Point Lepreau is another example of this as we have had over 100 members working there throughout the Fall and we will continue to have members there in November.

While I know this year has not been great for most members as some have had to take extended EI or enroll in the CERB program rather than be able to work, I believe the tide is turning in New Brunswick. In order to ensure that work continues we must all do our part and continue to keep the COVID cases down and maintain our position as the leading Canadian province.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Work hard and stay safe.

Yours in Solidarity,

James Dawson



Local 1386 October 6th Vote

Photo Credit: Tammy Marr

On Tuesday October 6th, more than 500 members of Local 1386 turned out to vote on both the Moncton Commercial and Saint John Industrial/Commercial offer. This was the largest turnout we have had for a vote on a contract in New Brunswick. The monetary offers from both Associations are as follows:

Saint John Construction Association

On Signing - \$0.62

July 5th, 2021 - \$0.63

July 4th, 2022 - \$0.63

July 3rd, 2023 - \$0.65

July 2nd, 2024 - \$0.65

Moncton Northeast Construction Association

September 1st, 2020 (retro) - \$1.00

January 1st, 2021 - \$0.75

July 1st, 2021 - \$1.25

July 1st, 2022 - \$1.00

The bargaining committee worked well with the MNECA and we were able to reach a balance that we thought was fair to our members. 77.98% of Local 1386 members voted in favour of the offer and the contract is now ratified and in place until July 1st, 2023.

The bargaining committee and the SJCA are still very far apart and the committee strongly opposed adopting the SJCA offer. The membership stood up strong with 95.33% of the province rejecting the offer. Next week we will be going back to the negotiating table with the strongest mandate possible from our membership.

NB Shops Update

This past Summer, Safway bought out AGF and we were able to successfully transition the Collective Agreement so members are still working at the yard. While COVID-19 hit shops especially hard, no shop went out of business. Some shops even gave members a premium payment for working through a global pandemic.



Local 2262 Update

Good Day Sisters and Brothers,

First of all, on behalf of all Millwrights in the ACRC I would like to Congratulate Steve Thorne on his retirement and wish him many safe and happy years to come. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Darrell Melvin and I was first hired as Millwright Rep in 2001 for NL. Since Steve's retirement EST Romero has been managing the affairs of Local 2262 but most recently due to her schedule, James Dawson, New Brunswick Regional Manager has asked me to assist in overseeing the Local until a suitable replacement is found from within the local membership. This past week I attended via conference call an executive meeting of Local 2262 which I committed to meeting them in person in late October or early November. At this time, dependent on COVID restrictions, I will hold membership meetings both in the South and the North. I look forward to meeting and working with you all in the interim to maintain and grow our presence in the industry.

On another note, we are relatively busy in NL and have recently employed members from both NS and NB in camp jobs in Labrador. Your training center just finished training another 10 members with NL safety training and are job ready if the need arises which is looking very positive. If any members would be interested in such opportunities if they arise, please contact CMCNB.

In closing, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns and I will return your call or email within 24 hours if possible.

Best Regards,

Darrell Melvin Business Representative/ Organizer



Carpenter Millwright College
Well Trained. Work Ready.

As we progress through the current pandemic, the Carpenter Millwright College of New Brunswick continues to train members safely and effectively.

Aside from a mandatory board order from Public Health regarding the use of non-medical face-coverings in public areas, we've implemented an active screening process where we have course participants fill out a survey prior to entry to help monitor COVID-19 symptoms and track individuals in case of an outbreak.

In addition to our regularly scheduled safety training, we are currently registering for a winter in-take for our *CWB Welder Qualification* course, and our *UBC Canadian Scaffold Program – Levels 2-4*.

This will give opportunity for Locals to enhance their current workforce by having members obtain or renew credentials, and have successful apprentices advance through the formalized stages of their (sub)trade.

We look forward to working with members and UBC signatory contractors this winter to better prepare our workforce for the 2021 construction season.

Dispatch Update

The dispatch information from the summer is as follows:

June 2020

- 30 job orders
- 101 members dispatched

July 2020

- 29 job orders
- 162 members dispatched

August 2020

- 36 job orders
- 84 members dispatched

Sept 2020

- 29 job orders
- 65 member dispatched

There is a substantial amount of work currently throughout the province with the exception of the North where things remain slow. We are continuing towards projects for that area.

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