



RONA UPDATE - November 30, 2018

Carpenters Local 579 is committed to helping the Rona Membership through this very difficult time. As we work on your behalf, we will be utilizing our website as a venue to keep you informed.

MEMBER CONCERNS

We continue to communicate with Rona/Lowe's to get answers for the many concerns that have been brought forward and will provide answers as we receive them.

The current Rona Collective Agreements are still in effect. This week a letter was sent to Rona/Lowe's to continue negotiations for the Metro Agreement and to begin negotiations for the Bay Roberts Agreement.

MEDICAL BENEFITS

We have been assured by Rona/Lowe's HR that issue with Sunlife has been resolved and employee benefit accounts will be re-activated by Monday, December 3, 2018. If you have receipts for benefits that should have been covered and were denied, you will be able to remit them to Sunlife for refund.

RESUME WRITING COURSE

For members who signed up for the Resume Writing Course at the November 29th meetings, the course will be held:

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Carpenter Millwright College
89 McNamara Drive
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

We will schedule another Resume Writing Course if there is enough interest. If you haven't signed up for the course please send an email with your name and contact information to cbaker@acrc.ca.

SERVICE CANADA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED EDUCATION, SKILLS & LABOUR

Representatives from Service Canada were at our November 29, 2018 meeting to give an overview of the services they provide. More in-depth information sessions will take place in both St. John's and Bay Roberts. These sessions will give you the answers concerning your EI eligibility and the resources available to you when you finish work.

Below is the Bay Roberts and St. John's session details.

BAY ROBERTS INFORMATION SESSION – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

Bay Roberts Hotel (Formerly Klondyke)
9:30 AM & 1:00 PM

ST. JOHN'S INFORMATION SESSION – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

Union Hall, 89 McNamara Drive, Paradise
9:30 AM & 1:00 PM

Guests:

Clarence Noseworthy – Department of Advanced Education, Skills & Labour
Peter Coombs – Department of Advanced Education, Skills & Labour
Sherry Lockyear – Service Canada

We encourage all member to attend either of these meetings.

CREDIT COUNSELLING SERVICES OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Credit Counselling Services of Newfoundland and Labrador has a mandate is to assist households through financial crisis. These services are entirely free. Their counselling is focused on the client remaining as financially sound as is possible in spite of the financial challenge they face. They provide budget counselling and support to individuals and struggling with spending or the sudden loss of income. In addition, they provide assistance with the repayment of debt including the establishment of repayment options which fit the client's altered financial state. They can provide alternatives to bankruptcy and will advocate with creditors and others seeking concessions on interest charges, reduced monthly payments and a no re-possession or legal action understanding with banks and other financial institutions.

More information can be found on their website at www.ccsnl.ca or by calling 1-888-738-3328 or email info@ccsnl.ca

OFFICE TO ADVANCE WOMEN APPRENTICES

Office to Advance Women Apprentices (OAWA) works with female apprentices once they complete their in school training to assist them in finding employment opportunities with the ultimate goal of achieving journeyman status. OAWA has established partnerships with Employers, Unions, Government and Training Institutions in helping to accomplish these goals.

More information can be found on their website at <http://www.womenapprentices.ca> or by calling Mary Ford at 709-757-5434 Ext. 238

EASTERN HEALTH – JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Eastern Health has reached out to the Union and has provided the following link to share with our members. There are several positions currently available with health care that you may be interested in.

Also, we are awaiting a date from them to hold a mini job fair at the Union Hall.

<http://www.easternhealth.ca/careers.aspx>

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