



## RONA UPDATE – December 7, 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.

## METRO NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Today, Friday, December 7, 2018, the Rona Negotiating Committee met with Rona/Lowe's Management to continue negotiations on the Metro agreement. Our proposal for wage increases were given to Rona/Lowe's for consideration. We expect to receive a response next week.

## RESUME WRITING COURSE

This past week 9 (nine) people attended a Resume Writing Course. We will schedule another Resume Writing Course if there is enough interest. If you are interested in taking this course please send an email with your name and contact information to [cbaker@acrc.ca](mailto: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 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 are St. John's session details.

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

Union Hall, 89 McNamara Drive, Paradise

**9:30 AM & 1:00 PM**

#### Guests:

Peter Coombs – Department of Advanced Education, Skills & Labour

Sherry Lockyear – Service Canada

**We encourage all member to attend either of these meetings.**

## 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.

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

If you would like to be considered for any positions currently available or any positions that may come in the future, please send your resume to [cbaker@acrc.ca](mailto:cbaker@acrc.ca) before January 4, 2019. All resumes will be forwarded to Eastern Health by the Union on your behalf.

## EASTERN HEALTH – JOB FAIR

A mini job fair has been scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We are in the early planning stages. More details will follow.

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you have been offered a position with an employer/company and they would like for you to start prior to the January 27, 2019 store closure, we would ask that you contact one of the Union Reps before you make a commitment to the prospective (new) employer/company. We will request consideration of your early departure from Rona/Lowe's employment with your full severance package.

## 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](http://www.ccsnl.ca) or by calling 1-888-738-3328 or email [info@ccsnl.ca](mailto: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

## UNION CONTACT INFORMATION

Below is the contact information for the Business Reps if any additional issues arise.

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