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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your union leadership has been busy working on your behalf to maintain steady growth and secure jobs in our province.

I want to take this time to update you on our new maintenance and fabrication union, Local 585. This is the third Local in Newfoundland & Labrador under the Atlantic Canada Regional Council. It is important to note that Local 585 performs maintenance work **not construction** work and the NL Building Trades Construction Council is a construction council not a maintenance council. Local 585 has been legally working outside the construction accreditation sector securing maintenance contracts and work for our membership. Your union was tired of watching other non Building Trade unions and the non union sector secure work that our members should be performing. The UBC and Local 585 have been progressive and aggressively pursuing these new work opportunities for our members, instead of sitting back with a sense of entitlement and doing little.

Local 585 was established in March 2016 and signed its first maintenance contract in July 2018 at the Vale LHPP site. In November 2018, another maintenance contract was signed for the West Aquarius drill rig at the Bull Arm site. A second maintenance contract was secured at the Bull Arm site this month with Drivers Industrial Inc. for a scope of maintenance work on the Transocean Barents drill rig.

Further to the above contracts, Local 585 secured a contract with D.F. Barnes for a 3-year commissioning project (not construction) on the Voisey's Bay site. Local 585 sat at the table with two other NL Trade unions for these negotiations and in the end Local 585 was the only union to sign. It is important to remember that other NL Building Trades unions have signed multi-trade labour agreements to supply all the labour on projects such as the Muskrat Falls Transmission Line & Switchyard Project, Stephenville Flare Stack Project, Argentia Vale Demonstration Plant, Integrated Logistics in Long Harbour, Come by Chance Tank Project and this is not a complete list of agreements that other individual unions have entered into to supply all labour. It is important to note that Local 585 has also invited other unions who do not have their own agreement to work under our collective agreement and put their members to work. It is also important to highlight that the NL Building Trades Construction Council has endorsed the three union collective

agreement for the Husky Argentia Project. This is a construction agreement and only the Labourers, Iron Workers and UBC are signatories.

Both Local 579 and Local 1009 are per capita paying members to the NL Building Trades Council and will continue to work with other member unions of the NL Building Trades Council to secure work in the Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector. All collective agreements signed by Local 585 are endorsed by the Atlantic Canada Regional Council, hence all NL members of the Atlantic Canada Regional Council are permitted to seek work on these projects.

If any members require any further information or have questions, you can contact me or any of our Business Representatives at 709-364-5430.

I want to encourage all members to continue to bring a safe, positive and respectful attitude to the workplace as you represent the Atlantic Canada Regional Council of Carpenters, Millwrights and Allied Workers. I also want to take this time as we approach Remembrance Day to give thanks to and remember all who served and sacrificed for our freedoms

Yours in solidarity,

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