

February 2020

Message from Regional Manager Jeff Richardson

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

January has brought us lots of winter weather, but things have not cooled down at Local 83. Our organizing team has had a very successful month building relationships with new contractors. We welcomed some great contractors to the Local, including Caper Developments from Antigonish.



As the government of Nova Scotia continues to invest in infrastructure, more and more projects are taking shape. The 2019-2020 Capital Budget announced there would be \$35.2 million for construction, repair and renewal of the hospitals and medical facilities in Nova Scotia, supporting the largest healthcare redevelopment projects in this province's history. We are already seeing the new primary health care facility taking shape in Middleton (Lindsay Construction). \$63.1 million was announced for school design and construction, the new J.L. Isley High School has already broken ground in Spryfield (Able Equipment). These are just a few of the many upcoming projects that will increase the demand of skilled workers in our sector.

With this boom on the horizon, I want to encourage you to maintain communication with the Union Hall and ensure your work status and training are up to date. If you know skilled workers who are interested in joining us, be sure to promote our growth and help us build our workforce to accommodate this upcoming busy season.

Fraternally yours,

Jeff Richardson

Local 83 Welcomes Caper Developments Ltd!

January 2020 brought a number of new contractors to Local 83, we'd like to offer a big welcome to all our new signatory contractors. Caper Developments is a locally owned and operated company in Antigonish. They currently employ upwards of 35 skilled workers and with many ongoing and upcoming projects are looking to grow their workforce. Currently, they have four commercial projects underway as well as many duplexes. Caper Developments offers both commercial and residential builds, major renovations, custom mobile home builds, and electrical services. They pride themselves on offering all trades under one simple umbrella making project development easy for their clients.



Update: Goldboro LNG in Nova Scotia



A \$16 million development expense budget will keep alive in 2020 the delayed plan to export natural gas from Canada's Atlantic coast via the Goldboro terminal in Nova Scotia, according to project sponsor Pieridae Energy Ltd.

The company said it remains committed to its latest stated target to

reach a final investment decision in 2020 about whether to build the liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal Goldboro LNG for tanker deliveries to Europe.

Pieridae's 2020 targets include finalizing a construction contract with engineering conglomerate KBR and a multibillion-dollar loan guarantee sought from the German government. Pieridae has worked to secure a \$1.5 billion loan guarantee from a clean fuel incentive program. The current timeline targets commercial deliveries starting November 30, 2024 and May 31, 2025.

For more information on the project visit: <https://www.jwnenergy.com/article/2019/12/western-canadian-gas-european-demand-key-lng-projects-eastern-canada/>



Mainland Nova Scotia Building Trades Council Update

Our mandate includes promoting and developing business for our 11,000 members, and providing a united voice on issues affecting the professional trades.

2020 brings with it new opportunities for growth, strengthening relationships, and we've outlined five key areas of focus for the Council this year:

OPERATIONS

Maintain our internal operational quality and efficiency. Monitoring of the budget, and dissemination of information.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Continue on the success of promoting broader awareness and value of the Mainland Building Trades. This year the Council will put their efforts toward developing a marketing campaign highlighting the Building Trades' training programs.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS

A solid foundation has been formed with our stakeholders, and the objective for 2020 is to continue to engage and strengthen these relationships. Government relations is always a priority – advocating on issues to the trades on both a provincial and national level.

TRAINING

In 2020, we look forward to assisting Unions training under the Building Trades Advancement College (btacns.com) with their programming. Priorities include highlighting the network of Building Trades training that continues to be delivered by the ACRC and our other Affiliates.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAMS

With \$5-8 billion in public infrastructure investments planned for Nova Scotia, there is a unique opportunity to enact "Best Value Procurement", of which community benefits is one component. Our last article focused on the benefits that a Community Benefit Agreement would bring to members of Local 83. The Council will continue to advocate for this while finding community partners who share in the belief of best value procurement.

Carpenter Millwright College

Our Winter intakes of both The Carpentry Development Program and the Level 1 UBCJA Canadian Scaffold Program are in full swing. We have a new bunch of faces everyday in the halls, and it's great to see!

Our February Safety Week kicks off February 5th, so be sure to call Ange at (902) 252-3553 to make sure your training is up to date and register for any courses you need! Remember: Whmis 2015 is mandatory, so if you haven't upgraded yet, ask about that as well.

Remember to work and play safe, and keep in touch with your Carpenter Millwright College!

ACRC Texting Program

Sign up to receive texts from the Council right to your phone.

Text ACRC to 770077

Press send and you're enrolled!

Please note the ACRC does not charge members for this service; however, your standard text rates from your carrier may apply.

Dispatch Update!

As expected January was a quiet month, with a 30% dispatch to name hire ratio. A number of new contractors have joined us and we are working with them to meet their labor needs in the coming weeks. Our Out of Work List is undergoing a winter audit, to ensure we have the most up to date availability list and current contact info for all members as peak season approaches. There has been an expression of interest to compile a list of members interested in wood framing under the Wood Framing Agreement, if you would like more information or would like to express your interest in opportunities to work under the Wood Framing Agreement, contact the Union Hall.

Meeting Reminder!

Monthly meetings are held in (four) locations (Stellarton, Sackville, Digby and Yarmouth) on the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

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