

## Message from Regional Manager Jeff Richardson

Dear Brothers & Sisters,



I am excited to share with you a few of our many accomplishments this past month. Our organizing team has built partnerships with two new contractors, we welcomed Frank Brown Contracting and Paradigm Exteriors to Local 83. The Mainland Building Trades is once again hosting a Career Fair on March 7<sup>th</sup> and our team will be there to make new connections, educate participants on the many advantages of membership and recruit skilled workers. This season maybe one of our busiest and we are committed to meeting the manpower needs of our contractors. 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 season.

Recent negotiations surrounding the twinning of highway 104 between Sutherland's River (Pictou County) and Addington Forks (Antigonish County) has secured a contract with Zutphen Contractors. This work is outside the ICI and is a stand-alone agreement. I am hopeful this will capture work that the ACRC hasn't seen in the past creating new opportunities for our members.

Fraternally yours,  
*Jeff Richardson*



Local 83 Scaffolders from Sancton Access seen above on site with MPL. (left to right) Nate Hale, Jason Cook, Danny Hawley, Karen Bennett, Philip Baxter, Francis Chaisson, Warren Munroe.



### Your health and wellness matters to us.

Local 83 has introduced a new resource corner for health and wellness information. Did you know that work-related stress, depression and anxiety have overtaken musculoskeletal disorders as the most reported workplace health issue in the construction industry? You can find Coughlin Medical Claim Forms, information regarding our new People Connect Program and lots of other important information around mental health in our lobby. If you have questions around what supports are available to you and your family, contact Coughlin & Associates (1-888-204-1234) or the Union Hall to learn more.



## Mainland Nova Scotia Building Trades Council Update

Build Right Nova Scotia is a partnership of professional unionized tradespeople and contractors created to promote and celebrate the valuable contributions we make to Nova Scotia.

Build Right Nova Scotia includes all members of the Mainland Nova Scotia Building Trades, Cape Breton Island Building Trades and the Nova Scotia Construction Labour Relations Association. Together, Build Right represents approximately 300 contractors, 3,700 management and administrative staff, and 11,000 tradespeople.

### VISION

To establish the unionized construction sector as the best value option available to government and industry stakeholders.

### MISSION

To promote the value of unionized construction sector (contractors and unions) of Nova Scotia to the general public, government, industry stakeholders, owners, investors and union members.

### GOALS

As the voice of the unionized construction industry, Build Right:

- Communicates the quality and benefits of unionized work;
- Influences policies and regulations that support the unionized sector;
- Promotes public sector action (enforcement, procurement, apprenticeship, etc.);
- Promotes opportunities for and advancement of diverse and underrepresented groups in the sector.

Build Right Nova Scotia also promotes union-built benefits such as safety, quality of work, impact on the economy, and superior training of workers. To learn more, please visit

[www.buildrightns.ca](http://www.buildrightns.ca).



## Dispatch Update!

For the first time in a long time, we saw dispatch numbers exceed name hires in February. The new crane is erected on Brenton Street, and work resumed on site with Lead Structural Formwork, Lindsay continues to complete the renovation at the Marriott Hotel, and formwork for the new JL Isley High-school in Spryfield is underway with Able Equipment. March is here and our busy season is fast approaching, if you are looking for work, ensure you call the hall and add your name to our Out of Work List. It is imperative if you are out of work to contact Tina at 902-454-5100. To view current opportunities, visit [ACRC.ca](http://ACRC.ca) follow the dispatch link.

## 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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## Carpenter Millwright College

The CMC would like to remind all members that you are required to have a current WHMIS 2015, and a current Fall Protection certificate BEFORE you can be dispatched to a jobsite. We also want to make sure all members have current Confined Space, Powered Industrial Truck Operator (Forklift/Telehandler), Mobile Elevated Work Platform (Scissorlift/boom lift), and First Aid training. We also want all members to take our free, online (3 hr) Working in a Respectful and Inclusive Workplace Program.

By completing ALL of these programs, you will be eligible for our WRAP Certification (Work Ready Advancement Program) and will receive a FREE CMC Backpack and T-shirt! Go to [www.cmcns.ca](http://www.cmcns.ca), click on INFO--then WRAP--to learn more about the WRAP program today! Also contact the CMC at 902-252-3553 for information on what we have to offer you!



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