

June 2020

Message from Regional Manager Jeff Richardson

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Many things have changed since Premier Stephen MacNeil announced a state of emergency on March 22, 2020. The first wave of COVID-19 has stabilized in recent weeks and with the steady hand of our leadership, the ACRC has been able to overcome some of the new challenges that has come with COVID-19.



In Nova Scotia, fortunately, COVID-19 did not halt the construction industry. Many sites continued through the early weeks and many more have adapted COVID-19 protocols allowing them to reopen and recall many members back to site. This is not the case in all areas of Atlantic Canada, some major industrial sites have closed and plans for new projects postponed. These closures have been unprecedented and have had an impact on our contractors, the Council and so many of our members. As an organization, we have had to navigate this downturn, as so many organizations have, and it is lead to some difficult decisions. I would like to share the following changes to our team on Mainland Nova Scotia; Ken MacCuish, Organizer and Julie MacPhee, Administrative Assistant, have left the ACRC. I want to assure all members that I am confident our membership can be serviced, and robust organizing campaigns will continue with the current reduced team.

However, I am pleased to share our Sackville and Stellarton office will reopen to visitors on June 15, 2020. It may not be business as usual, but we are taking the necessary precautions to keep our staff, members, and guests healthy. We are implementing social distancing markers in our lobby, a clear barrier for our counter and new sanitization protocols for our public washroom and all high touch areas.

In person union meetings are still be on hold until gatherings in excess of 50 people can resume by the government.

I look forward to the continued reopening of our province, and I will provide ongoing updates as things progress.

Yours in Solidarity,

Jeff Richardson

A message from Able Equipment:

Able Equipment (2007) Limited is pleased to announce its expansion into the Pictou and Antigonish Co. region, helping build the next phase of community infrastructure. We seek qualified Form Work Carpenters that will be part of an experienced bridge construction crew. There will be ongoing work on these bridge structures for the next two years. We seek Foreman, Lead Hand Carpenters, Journeyman, and Apprentices. Past bridge experience would be considered an asset. Onsite and Offsite training may be offered. We look forward to having you join our efforts on building a better and safer environment for Nova Scotians.

#NovaScotiaStrong.

Watch for further announcements around an upcoming Hiring/Registration Session at the Carpenters Union Hall in Stellarton on July 9, 2020 or for more information contact Tina Bain (902) 454-5100 ext 2000.



COVID-19 Preparedness Qualification Online Course



The UBC has created an online course for members to take regarding COVID-19 Safety on and around a job site. This course is now mandatory for members.

If you have not yet completed this training, please visit <https://auth.carpenters.org/login>.

Visit the UBC's "For Our Members" page 2. Scroll down to "UBC Member Training Opportunities" 3. Select "Access to the CITF Online Learning Center".

Should you need further assistance, please contact CMC or the Union Hall.



ACRC Commit to be Fit

“Do Something Today that your Future Self will Thank You for.”



The ACRC is committed to keeping our members safe during these hard times. It is in these times that it is vital to take care of our mental and physical health. The Wellness Committee has created a Fitness Challenge to run from June 1-30, 2020 to encourage physical fitness and improve overall health.

The challenge would be to complete any exercise daily for at least 30 minutes for 30 days! This could be a bike ride, walk, run, or an at home fitness routine – whatever your preferred exercise! It may be a different exercise daily or this may be a good time to try something new!

You can register as an individual or a family. Prizes will be awarded for individual participation or family participation – and do not forget the young family members! A separate prize awarded to our participants under 18 years of age.

For more information visit <http://www.acrc.ca/fitness/> , get registered and get active!



Carpenter Millwright College
Well Trained. Work Ready.

The Carpenter Millwright College for Mainland NS is pleased to announce that we are offering the following safety certification programs as we begin our return to operations from the COVID 19 Pandemic closure beginning Monday June 15.

There are many new policies and procedures for everyone to follow, and the class sizes will be smaller than usual.

The planned schedule for the week of June 15-19 is as follows:

Monday	June 15	STAFF COVID PROCEDURES Review/Planning
Tuesday	June 16	Fall Protection
Wednesday	June 17	Confined Space
Thursday	June 18	Fall protection
Friday	June 19	Confined Space

We will be posting new classes week by week for the time being, please call 902 252 3553 and leave a voicemail with your name, Union ID number, and the class you would like to register for and someone will get back to you within 24 hrs.

Please contact CMC Director Len Bryden at 252-3553 ext 2073 for more information, we look forward to seeing our members and friends again!



Above: Omega Formwork (Ellis Don), Dalhousie University Arts Center.

Dispatch Update!

In Nova Scotia work continued on many sites, creating sporadic manpower requests across sectors. Some contractors made the difficult decision to cease operations due to health and safety protocols and limitations. In May, only 28 members were dispatched from the Local compared to 83 the same month last year. As we move forward through this pandemic, the outlook is brighter. Ongoing conversations with our contractor partners indicate major projects are moving forward. Now more than ever, it is imperative you update your work status and complete the mandatory COVID-19 Preparedness Training. If you have not yet completed this training, please contact Len Bryden (lbryden@cmcns.ca).

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