

July 2020

Message from Regional Manager Jeff Richardson

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the state of emergency continues, I hope all our members have enjoyed the lessening of restrictions and the opening of the Atlantic Bubble. It's been a busy start to summer, with many of our contractors operating at full or near full capacity. We've seen a steep increase in man power requests, with concrete form work being a large contributor. Our Provincial Government has invested heavily in infrastructure and we can see many of the road and bridge projects taking shape. One of the notable projects over the next 60 days will be the commencement of bridge work supporting the twining of Highway 104.



Our team has been working diligently to expand our market share and at this time I am happy to report the first contracts have been filed in the residential sector. I look forward to working with residential contractors, expanding our membership and most importantly, offering a better wage with benefits/pensions improving the lives and working conditions for workers in this sector.

The ACRC is here to support our members and ensure your concerns are heard and actioned. I would like to share our ongoing grievance with Civil Tech Construction has made great strides and is currently in resolution with over \$260,000 in repayment with the assistance of our in-house legal counsel. I look forward to a positive ongoing partnership with Civil Tech as they strengthen and expand.

In closing, I would like to remind all members, COVID-19 is still very much a concern to all of us and although things are slowly feeling more normal, we must remain vigilant. Our Site Visit Campaign is ongoing, and our team is delivering Safety Packs to members with Covid-19 information as well as sanitizer, gloves, masks, and fever strips. Our priority is the health and safety of our members during this time.

Yours in Solidarity,

Jeff Richardson



Contractor Spotlight: Lindsay Construction Ltd.

If you have driven past Higney Avenue in Burnside recently, you likely have noticed this impressive project. Lindsay Construction erected 50-foot tilt up panels on site, the largest panels on record for Lindsay Construction. This site will be a new Leon's Distribution Center when it's completed. Southeast Drywall is also on site completing the interior drywall.

Safety Packs

The new Atlantic Bubble, the restaurants open at capacity and malls and businesses open again may make you feel Covid-19 is a bad memory. This pandemic is a marathon not a sprint and we are heeding the warnings from the Premier and Dr. Strang and remaining vigilant. Our team is dedicated to keeping our members safe on site and in our offices throughout Atlantic Canada.



Have you seen our team on your site? A robust Site Visit Campaign is underway delivering safety packs to members across Nova Scotia. These packs contain personal protective equipment as well as important information. A newly developed and handy pocket-sized Health & Welfare booklet, Covid-19 Preparedness Qualification Manual, and a copy of monthly newsletter are also included. If you haven't had a visit on your site and would like safety packs delivered, call the Union Hall at 902-454-5100.





Introducing the newly elected ACRC Executive

On June 24, 2020, our first Virtual Delegate Convention was held, and our new ACRC Executive was elected. A big thank you goes out to everyone who ran for positions.

We are happy to present your 2020 ACRC Executive:

Executive Secretary-Treasurer- Debbie Romero

President- Gord Jacobs

Vice President- Mike Williams

Exec Committee Member 1- Jim Dawson

Exec Committee Member 2- Tony MacDougall

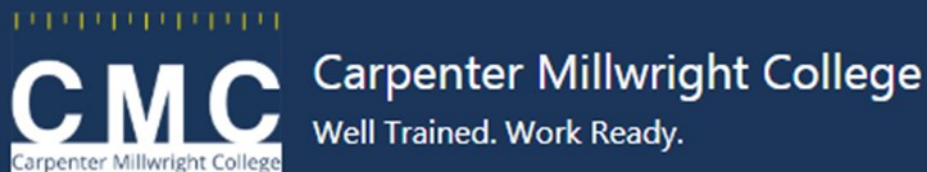
Trustee 1- Jeff Richardson

Trustee 2- Joe Madore

Trustee 3- Paul Pelley

Conductor- Alan Kornelson

Warden- Darrell Melvin



Due to COVID19 protocols, and public health orders, our class sizes are limited in numbers as physical distancing must be observed. The CMC has implemented all necessary precautions and policies for all of our staff and students. We also must adhere to a strict NO SHOW fee policy, as all of our safety courses and programs are in high demand, and every seat we offer is in demand. If you are registered, you are expected to attend, and if you do not cancel in advance, you will be charged the fee for that course, and no further training can be accessed through CMC until that fee is paid.

Also, please make sure to complete your UBCJA COVID19 Preparedness orientation online, you must have this 25 min program finished before you can attend any classes. Contact the CMC at 902 252 3553 to find out how to access this online, and to register yourself for upcoming Fall Arrest, Confined Space, Forklift/ Telehandler, and other classes today. We are offering classes in our Stellarton location on a monthly basis as well as PEI. Any questions you may have please contact Director Len Bryden at 902 252 3553 Ext 2073, Stay trained, and stay safe!



Above: Lindsay Construction, Leons Distribution center, Burnside, NS

Dispatch Update!

In June we saw a 50% increase in manpower requests from our contractors, on average over the months since March when the government started implementing restrictions due to COVID-19. Our Local is becoming cautiously optimistic most of the projects organized for the summer season will move forward. A major driver for man power in HRM is formwork, if you or any members you know have experience in concrete form work and are looking for opportunities, please call the hall and ensure your name is on the Out of Work List. Remember, if you have been called back to work by your employer following a lay off due to Covid-19, please call and update your status to avoid unnecessary calls for work

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