

Message from Regional Manager Jeff Richardson

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Thanksgiving is sure to be different for Nova Scotia. You may be used to being together with a large group of loved ones, and some may not be able to make it this year due to isolation laws. Most of us are probably feeling a little fatigued from the pandemic by now, and it is important to go easy on ourselves and know that this is new territory for us all. We must remain positive and take things day by day, all the while adhering to the directives put forward by our government. The ACRC would like to remind you that we are here for you during these times.



COVID-19 has not stopped us here at Local 83. Our two remaining Business Representatives, Noel Wall and Jamie Ryder, have been going nonstop. They have been visiting sites and signing new members (while adhering to social distancing and other safety measures) and have been busy introducing the Residential sector as well as signing several new VRs within the last few months, including Dr Solar, So Busy Concierge, Beaver Renovations, and Scaffoldtech.

Formwork still seems to be leading for dispatches, with Drywall not far behind. There are many requests coming in for workers, so don't forget to check the job board if you are looking.

Wishing all our members and their families a happy, safe and healthy Thanksgiving weekend.

Yours in Solidarity,

Jeff Richardson



This is the future site of the new Seapoint at Harbour Isle condos and townhouses, Dartmouth. 20-20 is busy with the formwork.

Unemployment/ CERB Update

Employment Insurance and Recovery Benefits for Affected Workers

As the CERB program is set to end on September 27th, the Government of Canada recently announced several income programs which may be of assistance to our members:

- Simplified Employment Insurance
- Canada Recovery Benefit

Simplified Employment Insurance:

- Individuals with a minimum of 120 hours of work, claimants will receive a one-time insurance credit to bring them up to 420 hours so that they qualify for EI.
- Essentially, individuals with 120 hours can qualify for EI.
- The hours credit will be retroactive to March 15th.
- Claimants will receive a minimum of \$400 per week.
- Minimum entitlement of 26 weeks regular benefits.

Canada Recovery Benefit:

- Individuals who are not eligible for EI, can receive \$400 per week for up to 26 weeks.
- To qualify, individuals had to have employment income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or 2020.
- Workers would have to apply after every 2-week period.



A Message From Shane Butler, President, Local 83:

Hello Brothers and sisters,

Hoping all is well with you and your family during these difficult times.

We would like to update everyone on a bit of activity with your local since meetings have been put on hold throughout the pandemic.

Your executive has met two times to ensure annual audits are being conducted and our annual budget has been set and ready to be presented when we feel it's safe to get back to having meetings.

There has been minimal financial activity at which your financial secretary will update you on in future articles with only regular monthly bills being paid. To my knowledge there has been no donations as members are currently unable to vote on expenditures.

There have been suggestions made if the locals choose to hold meetings to keep people safe. Due to lack of space at the hall it would involve holding possibly several meetings back to back say- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The ACRC is working with the locals to try and establish guidelines for end of October or early November meetings. This would require pre registration for attendance. Stay tuned for more info in your ACRC newsletter.

On another note, it has been a pleasure serving the members as your president and many other roles throughout my 22 years with local 83.

For now, I feel it's time for me to step away as your president to fulfill other personal goals.

Your Vice President will now fulfill the role as your chair along with the current executive until further elections.

I would like to thank all the great coworkers and members for all their support throughout the years and I wish you all health/happiness and prosperity moving forward.

Stay safe.

Respectfully,

Shane Butler

As we all adapt in our daily lives, at the job sites, and in our classrooms to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the CMCNS wants to thank each and every member and any others that have come through our doors into our Lower. Sackville or Stellarton locations since mid-June of this year. You have shown us all that when we work together, have patience and respect each other, we can achieve great things, even in times of crisis and change.

Our safety training classes continue to be our priority for our members, smaller class sizes mean more offerings, in addition to our regularly scheduled Safety Week every month. We are seeing an increased interest in our 12-week Carpenter Development Program, we started a class Sept 21, running until Dec 11. Our next intake is scheduled for Jan 11, let us know if you are interested in this program.

As a reminder, when you register for a class, please make sure you have the correct email, address and contact phone number on file with us so we can contact you. Please ensure your voicemail is activated, and we ask you to frequently check your voicemail and email up until your class starts as you may need to be contacted for a variety of reasons, Covid protocols, class rescheduling, weather closures, etc.

Also, don't forget to CANCEL with us at least 24 hours prior to your scheduled class as we must charge a No-Show fee for those that don't show up for a class after registering.

Contact the CMC at (902) 252-3553 if you have any questions or want to register for scheduled courses. Keep up the great work and Stay Safe!



Dispatch Update!

With things up in the air due to the pandemic, we are uncertain of what the coming months will bring. We do know that several cranes have been purchased and are going up in HRM, all with union companies. There are a few big union projects coming up, so if you are looking for work, make sure you are on the Out of Work list. Contact Ange at the hall (902) 454-5100 for more information.

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