



Regional Manager Message



Hello Fellow Members,

While we learn to live and deal with COVID-19, work continues to be slow on industrial sites in our province.

We were recently hit hard with bad news on the postponement of construction at the Husky site in Argentia for 2021. Hopefully this decision will change earlier than predicted as oil prices rise and the economy rebounds.

On a positive note, we did learn of news this week regarding the Come By Chance Oil Refinery. Origin International has made an offer to Silverpeak for all assets related to the Come By Chance refinery and North Atlantic retail properties. A deal could mean steady employment.

Members are reminded to keep certification up to date and be work ready as new work opens up.

As we approach Remembrance Day, let's take a few moments to pause to remember and to give thanks to the brave soldiers who fought to protect our rights and freedoms.

Yours in solidarity,

Mike Williams
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Contractor Spotlight

Black & McDonald is a general contractor at Vale's Voisey's Bay Nickel site in Labrador. The company was awarded the new camp and mess hall at the site in 2018 and was selected to remain on site during the COVID-19 pandemic for projects related to care and maintenance. The company has submitted bids for some significant scopes of work and is awaiting the outcome.

Black & McDonald started in 1921 as an electrical wiring contractor and has grown to multiple lines of business with more than 5,000 employees working out of 30+ offices. Black & McDonald is one of North America's most respected integrated, multi-trade service providers. The company is a family-owned and operated business driven by their founder's philosophy to "Do things right" and "Deliver lasting value".

Shown in pictures below from top left to right: Local 579 members installing mess hall units; interior shots of the dome garage and bottom right interior of mess hall with newly installed plexi glass for added safety.



Supporting our Community - Kids Eat Smart

In early November the Kids Eat Smart Foundation Newfoundland and Labrador held its radiothon to fundraise for the Kids Eat Smart (KES) Breakfast Club. Local 579 donated \$2,000 to the worthy cause for a total of \$7,000 since 2019. The KES clubs across the province are designed to create a warm welcoming environment so that every child is welcome. The program offers Grab & Go and Basket delivery models to classrooms. Both have a positive impact within our school communities with an uptake of approximately 80%. The program ensures all of our children in Newfoundland Labrador have access to food at school at no cost to families.



Local 579 President Mike Williams presenting recent donation to Celina Stoyles, Executive Director, Kids Eat Smart Foundation

Useful Websites

United Brotherhood of Carpenters
www.carpenters.org

Coughlin Health and Wealth
www.coughlin.ca

ASPIRIA Family Assistance Program
www.aspiria.ca

Mental Wellness
www.bridgethegapp.ca

Federal Government Employment Support Programs
<https://rebrand.ly/SupportForWorkers>

Millwright Local 1009 Update

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

The year 2020 has been a challenging one to say the least. It started with Snowmageddon at the beginning of the year followed by the COVID-19 virus in March which basically shut down our industry for several months. Since then we have been lucky that we have most people back to work and we anticipate being busy for the rest of the year and into 2021.

Muskrat Falls continues to be the busiest spot for our members with various smaller jobs at Wabush Mines, Labrador City, Shefferville, St. John's Airport, Voisey's Bay and Soldier's Pond. The shutdown at Holyrood was recently completed. We also have members working through Local 585 doing maintenance at Long Harbour and Voisey's Bay.

I would like to remind members that it is your responsibility to make sure your training is up to date and make arrangements to have it updated several months before it expires as per the Government COVID-19 protocol. The classes at CMC are a lot smaller than normal. Also with this protocol there are no in person membership meetings scheduled in the near future but you will be notified when they resume.

I also want to remind you that there was a nomination letter sent to all members in mid October indicating that the nominations for the Executive of Local 1009 will be held via conference call November 26, 2020 at pm. All members are encouraged to participate in this call and I also encourage members to consider running for the Executive. Stay safe everyone!

Regards,

Darrell Melvin
Business Representative/Organizer

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