

# Newfoundland & Labrador

Newsletter December 2020



## Message from Regional Manager



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

As we approach the Christmas Season and the New Year draws near, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your support this year. 2020 will certainly be an unforgettable year. It was filled with work delays, restrictions and some major disappointment but we must be grateful that we were able

to work together to keep COVID-19 cases down. We achieved this by following and adhering to public health professionals advice. We respected the drastic changes that were made to our workplaces, schools and community and were able to train and work safely. Many of these safety protocols will remain in place for a while, but 2021 already looks brighter with vaccinations starting to roll out in our province and new contracts being awarded.

New construction is anticipated to begin in Voisey's Bay in mid January with the power plant. There are also two other contracts close to being awarded for the Paste Plant/Booster Station and Underground Conveyor System. We are also optimistic that there will be new work at IOC in Labrador City. There are several commercial projects slated to begin in the new year and we are hopeful that

there could be work start up in Argentina in the spring. Members are encouraged to be work ready and keep training certification up to date.

I hope you take a few minutes to read the information provided in this newsletter. Membership meetings should be able to resume at some point in the new year as restrictions ease but until then we will continue to keep you informed through newsletters and on-line meetings. There will be a Tele Town Hall for Newfoundland and Labrador on January 7th. Details of this meeting will be sent out to you.

I hope you and your family have a happy Christmas and bright, safe and prosperous New Year!

Yours in solidarity,

*Mike Williams*



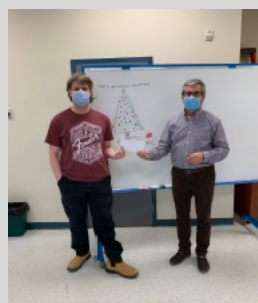
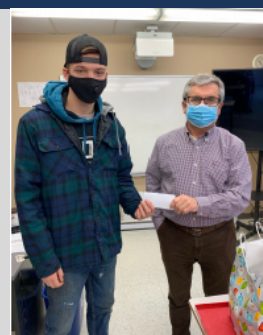
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That's a wrap for 2020! What can we say? Snowmageddon and then a pandemic? It has been quite the year, however, we have had many successes!

We have had over 39 students graduate from CMC and over half of the graduates have found employment within their fields. We just concluded a Carpentry Level 3 and an Industrial Mechanic (Millwright) Level 4.

There were three scholarships; Trades & Technology Scholarship from Women in Resource Development Corporation (WRDC), Ben Curtis Memorial Scholarship, Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC) that were presented to students of our College. The WRDC Scholarship was awarded to Alison Hynes studying Pre-Employment Carpentry, The Ben Curtis Memorial Scholarship awarded to Nikolas Mesher who is a 3rd level Carpentry student. The JATC was awarded to Colin Carpenter, studying Pre-Employment Carpentry, Jacob Callahan, and Darryl Fowler studying Industrial Mechanic (Millwright). Congratulations to the successful recipients!

We look forward to meeting our new students that have registered for January enrollment in Pre-Employment Carpentry and Industrial Mechanic (Millwright). We wish you and your families a safe Christmas!



# Contractor Spotlight

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# Message from EST Deb Romero

The ACRC kicked off 2020 with a bang. Hours for January and February were higher than previous years, and we anticipated that this would be a ringer year for work for our members. In March, COVID became a reality for Atlantic Canadians and our world, and the world around us changed dramatically. Project cancellations and slowdowns caused tremendous job losses for our Brothers and Sisters across the regions. Some regions recovered by late summer while others still have not overcome the losses caused by the impact of COVID.



To say the very least, it has been an incredibly difficult year for most. As 2020 ends and we look to 2021, we are filled with optimism. Our provinces will begin to administer vaccines in the next few days. Work for 2021 is very promising with government pledging to invest in infrastructure to boost the flailing economy. Many projects that were put on hold due to the virus will move forward in 2021. This means jobs and plenty of them. - if we continue to control the spread of COVID.

Government restrictions on travel and the creation of the Atlantic Bubble gained worldwide recognition for our provinces as one of the safest place on earth to live. As the holiday season draws near, we must continue to practice safety. Many of our members are working away and traveling home for Christmas, or will have family members returning home for the holidays from other areas of the country and abroad that have had significantly more cases of COVID. It is important for all of us to follow the rules put in place by our various Premiers to ensure the safety of our families and all citizens of Atlantic Canada.

Christmas this year will look very different from past ones and we need to be creative as we find new ways to communicate with our families and friends. Take some extra time to think about who may be alone for the holidays and check in on them by reaching out to give them a call. During these difficult times, we all need to support each other. I would like to remind all members that we do have support available through our health plan if you or a family member are not coping well with the extra stress.

On behalf of the Executive Board, delegates and staff of the Atlantic Canada Regional Council, I would like to extend a heartfelt wish for a safe and happy holiday season for you and your family.

EST Deb Romero



# Millwright Update

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

As the year 2020 draws to a close we reflect on the past months which have been difficult to say the least. The good news is that we have gotten through it and most members who sought employment did get some work. As we look ahead to 2021 I am optimistic that we will continue to be in a position to provide work for our members. In addition to work locally I have been contacted by the Sarina Ontario Local who may be in a position to take some travel cards in late January or early February for the Bruce Nuclear Plant. If any member is interested; contact Connie at our office to have the clearance forms filled out.

As we all return to our families for the Christmas break please keep your family safe by adhering to regulations in place for COVID-19.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the outgoing Executive who has served the membership for the last 3 plus years. Everyone should have received their ballots for the selection of the Executive members you want to represent you for the next 3 years. Please take the time to consider the choices and please vote and mail your ballot in. Ballots will be counted on January 5, 2021.

Due to the virus we have not been able to hold monthly membership meetings but in the New Year when the new Executive is put in place Local 1009 will be hosting a Tele Town Hall membership meeting for the entire membership. Notices will be emailed and text out as well as posted on the ACRC website. Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, text or email if you have any questions.

Finally, I would like to wish each one of you and your families a Safe and Merry Christmas!

*Darrell Melvin*



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