

Message from Regional Manager Jeff Richardson



I think I can speak for everyone when I say this year has been a challenging one, and as it draws to a close, I am sure most of us are looking forward to a fresh start. Local 83 has faced difficult challenges over this past year due to the pandemic, but I am happy to say that we have persevered. Our membership continues to grow, and dispatch requests are being filled. We are also pleased to welcome two new Organizers, Cory Zwicker and Mark Finley. They have already been making their rounds on the job sites, so if you see them, be sure to say hello. I am confident that 2021 will surpass our goals and bring more growth.

On behalf of the Local 83 executive, the staff of mainland Nova Scotia, and myself, I would like to wish the members of Local 83 and their families a safe and happy holiday season.

Yours in Solidarity,

Jeff Richardson



Business Representative Noel Wall was able to visit Leads downtown Halifax site on Brenton Street. This site shows great views of Citadel Hill.



Mainland Nova Scotia has had a couple additions to their Organizing staff over the last month. From left to right: Regional Manager Jeff Richardson, Organizers Cory Zwicker, Mark Finley and Noel Wall.



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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 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 places on earth to live. As the holiday season draws near, we must continue to practice safety. Many of our members are working away and travelling 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



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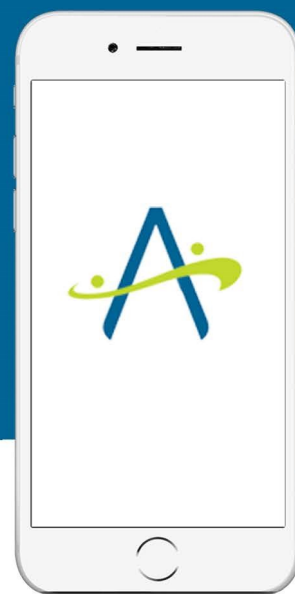


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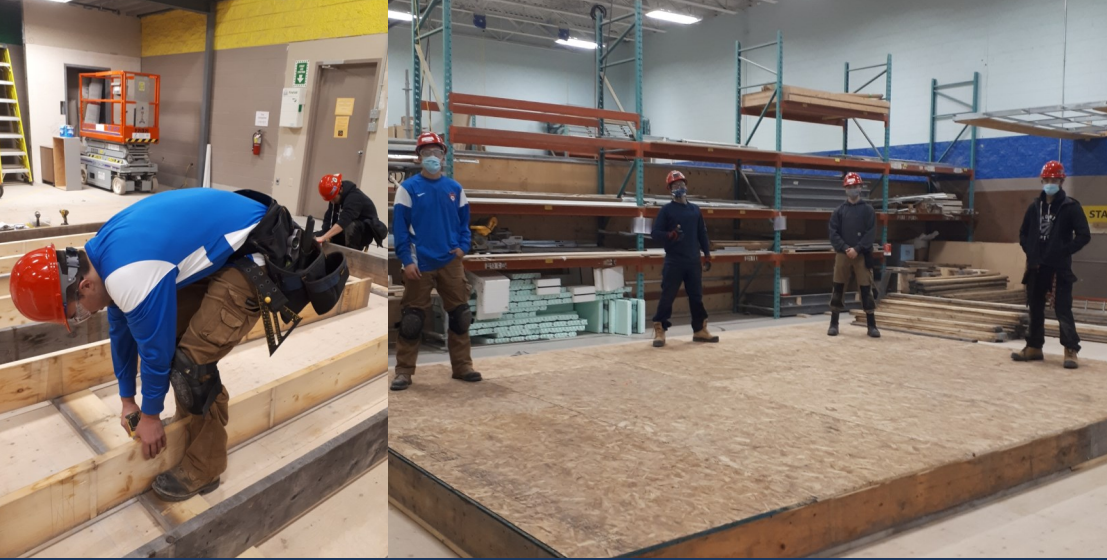
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As 2020 comes to a close, we here at CMC NS are reflecting back on another successful year. We enjoyed meeting so many of you while attending your training programs, and we are looking forward to meeting many more of you in the New Year. Christmas gives us the opportunity to reflect on the important things around us – a time for us to look back on the year that has passed and prepare for the year ahead.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas Holiday and hope - when restrictions allow – time with your family and friends.

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

See you in 2021



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Dispatch Update

A reminder that training is key for getting work. You **MUST** have NS Fall Protection, WHMIS 2015, and the COVID-19 Member Preparedness Program to be dispatched, **at minimum**. If you have First Aid, Confined Space, PITO, and MEWP, it further improves your chances of getting a call.

We are seeing a trend of members on the out of work list who are not work ready. We cannot send you out to a site without your safety training. Contact the Carpenter Millwright College at (902) 252-3553 to make sure your training is up to date.

COVID-19 Preparedness Course

Don't forget to make sure you have your COVID-19 Training!

This is a mandatory course needed to dispatch as we move forward safely through the pandemic.

Contact Ange at the union hall (902) 454-4100 or Len at CMC (902) 252-3552 for more information.

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