

## Message from Regional Manager Jeff Richardson

Happy New Year!

2021 is set to be a promising year here at Local 83. Contract negotiations are coming up; suggestions or concerns regarding the new contract are encouraged and can be sent to [contracts@acrc.ca](mailto:contracts@acrc.ca) between Jan 11-25. We are aiming to begin negotiations toward the end of February with the hope of having a recommended tentative agreement before our current contract expires.



Most of you are aware that we have transitioned the Pension Administrator from Belmont to Manion, and the transition has so far been a smooth one. Our Medical remains with Coughlin. I would like to take this opportunity to ask that if you have any complaints or concerns regarding remittances, medical benefits, or pension to contact myself directly. I can be reached at (902) 759-1922 or [jrichardson@acrc.ca](mailto:jrichardson@acrc.ca)

I am excited to see what this year will bring to the local. With a solid team of staff, new companies being signed, and new members joining every week, 2021 is promising much strength and growth.

On behalf of myself and the local 83 Executive, I would like to wish you and your families all the best for the coming year.

Yours in Solidarity,

*Jeff Richardson*



Southeast Drywall at Bilby Street- Pictured in photo from left to right: Brenton Bergeron, Manjeet Dhillon, Herman Skinner Jr, Jamie Swinimer (Vice President/Owner), and Gurdev Singh. Photo by Noel Wall

## Update on Goldboro LNG

The Local 83 Membership has been eagerly awaiting news on construction of the Goldboro LNG Camp, and according to an article recently published by Daily Commercial News, it is optimistic that plans will be moving ahead.

This could be the biggest project in the history of Nova Scotia, creating jobs for 3500 people during construction, which is estimated to last four years.

According to Pieridae Energy's Vice President Mark Brown, the site has been cleared and there is a possibility that construction could begin as early as this summer. The camp is set to be just outside Goldboro, NS, a small community about 250kms North-east of Halifax.

**Please note that this is only an update and that no jobs have been posted at this time.** It is, however, a great time to make sure your training is up to date, so that when the time comes, you are Work Ready. Contact the Carpenter Millwright College at (902) 252-3553 to be sure you have all your safety training and/or to register for any upcoming courses you may need.



**Did you know your Union has the following benefits in place to assist Insured Members and their eligible dependents with mental health issues?**

**Step 1: Member Family Assistance Program (MFAP)**

*via Aspira*

**Step 2: People Connect (Mental Health Tool)**

*via People Corporation*

**Step 3: Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation (DARP) Program**

*via Aspira (Member Only)*

## Member Family Assistance Program

- Short-term focused program for your mental, emotional, physical and financial health.
- Counselling services are fully confidential
- Wealth of resources available related to life, home & workplace challenges
- For more information or to register online, please visit the website at [www.aspiria.ca](http://www.aspiria.ca)
- iAspiria Mobile Code: **ACRC**  
Online User ID & Password: **ACRC**
- Toll free at **1-877-234-5327**



## People Connect (Mental Health Tool)

- Access to mental health forum, assessment tool and a virtual therapist
- Complimentary first session; subsequent sessions are \$75/hour or \$37.50/half hour. Eligible for reimbursement under your annual paramedical maximum, and if needed, the first \$500 of coverage can be directly billed to the Administrator.
- For more information, please visit [pcpeopleconnect.com/ACRC](http://pcpeopleconnect.com/ACRC) or use your mobile phone camera to scan the QR code:



## Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Program

- The Plan provides up to a maximum of \$5,000 towards assessment, treatment and case management costs
- Services available for insured **Members only.**
- A Union Designate will meet with Member to complete and submit the "Authorization to Disclose Information" consent form to begin the process. An appointment is set typically within 3-5 business days with an Addiction Specialist.
- Send completed consent form to Eric Rubel at [erubel@aspiria.ca](mailto:erubel@aspiria.ca).
- For more information, please contact your Local Union

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A crane erected at a 20-20 site in Burnside, photo by Mark Finley.



20-20 site in Portland Hills, photo by Noel Wall.

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The staff of the CMC of Mainland NS would like to wish all our members a Happy New Year in 2021. Thank you for your support during 2020, and we also want to remind you that our Covid 19 safety protocols remain in place for the foreseeable future. As challenging as 2020 was with the Covid 19 pandemic, we were able to keep our members up to date with their required training for the job sites, and we also welcomed a number of new members to our ranks. We completed a very successful 12-week Carpenter Development program Dec 11, 2020 and started 5 highly skilled young men down their Carpenter career path, and welcomed them into our Local.

We are planning another 12-week Carpenter class intake Jan 25-April 16. If you are new to the trade, then this program is for you!

If you are not yet a NS Apprenticeship registered Carpenter apprentice, then contact Len Bryden at the CMC to get registered and start your path to Journeyperson.

If you are a JM Level Carpenter and are looking to write your Interprovincial Red Seal Exam and become certified, then contact Len at the CMC to find out how we can help get you there and get on our list as we are building a class to offer you help with your JM Exam preparation in the early spring.

Level One and Two (of four) UBCJA 4 yr Canadian Scaffolder Program Scaffold three-week classes being offered early this year, call the CMC for more information and to register. Level One Class starting March 1.

Many more new and regular safety programs are being offered, please see [www.cmcns.ca](http://www.cmcns.ca) to see our mainland NS Course Calendar or contact us at 902 252-3553, or email Director Len Bryden at [lbryden@cmcns.ca](mailto:lbryden@cmcns.ca) if you would like to discuss your training requirements and the options available to you.

Stay Trained and Stay Safe in 2021!

## Dispatch Update

Dispatch at Local 83 would like to remind you to make sure you are on the Out of Work list if you are looking for work. We won't call you if we don't know you're available. Contact Ange at the Union Hall to make sure you are on the list and to check on available work. (902) 454-5100.

## 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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