

# Newfoundland & Labrador

## Newsletter February 2021



### Message from Regional Manager



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Your safety on and off the job site is our number one priority. Our province is experiencing a setback this month as public health officials work diligently to combat

the recent spread of the B117 variant of COVID. Already many of us know someone that is affected in some way or another. Many people across the island are self isolating because of contact tracing and potential exposure. Many of us have children home switched over to on-line learning or people in our family that we can't spend time with right now. Everyone needs to pull together and help each other in whatever way we can.

As Trades Workers, we are classified as essential workers during this public health emergency. The work we do is important to keep our communities and province operating. At the same time, we have to be constantly cognizant of the public health measures and keep up to date on directives for self isolating when traveling in and out of our province or when exposed while working in our province. Everyone should

have a plan in place, in the event that you or someone in your families needs to self-isolate. Additional information on this can be found on the gov.nl.ca website.

On top of this global health crisis, Newfoundland and Labrador is in the midst of a provincial election. If you haven't already taken advantage of voting in an Advance Poll, you do have the opportunity to go on-line and request a Mail in Ballot. Now more than ever, it is important for you to exercise your right to vote.

Stay safe everyone and remember public health advice...people, place, time and space. We will get through this together.

Yours in Solidarity,

*Mike Williams*

### COVID-19 Update

In response to the Chief Medical Officer's announcement reverting Newfoundland and Labrador to Alert Level 5. All counter service will be discontinued at our Atlantic Canada Regional Offices in the province, as well as the Carpenter Millwright College and the Office of the Advance Women Apprentices. In class instruction at the CMC is also suspended.

This is a precautionary measure to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Business can be conducted by appointment or as follows:

Atlantic Canada Regional Office  
Telephone: 709-364-5430 x200  
Email: mwilliams@acrc.ca

Carpenter Millwright College  
Telephone: 709-364-5586  
Email: info@cmcnl.ca

Office of Advance Women Apprentices  
Telephone: 709-757-5437  
Email: kwalsh@womenapprentices.ca

Thank you for your understanding while we do our part to help keep our staff, students and membership safe.

### Organizing Update

United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 579 was voluntarily recognized on January 29, 2021 as a signatory union by Grieg Seafood Newfoundland.

Mike Williams, President of Carpenters Local 579 stated, "Local 579 is looking forward to providing our newest signatory partner with a well-trained and skilled workforce that demonstrate their strong work ethic, productivity and safety mindset on the job site every day."

Knut Skeidsvoll, Managing Director of Grieg Seafood Newfoundland stated, "We are looking forward to a productive and harmonious partnership with Local 579. We see opportunities to strengthen and grow our relationships in the future and enhancing the reputation of Grieg Seafood Newfoundland as a world class aquaculture company."

Grieg Seafood is the seventh largest salmon farming company in the world, with production in Norway, Scotland and British Columbia and is currently undergoing an expansion to its Placentia Bay Aquaculture Project with the construction of a state-of-the-art salmon hatchery in Marystown, NL.

Carpenters Local 579 has 2600 highly skilled members in Newfoundland and Labrador leading the way in training, educating, and representing the next generation of skilled construction and maintenance professionals in the province.

Grieg Seafood Newfoundland and Local 579 are excited about future opportunities in the fast-growing aquaculture industry in Newfoundland and Labrador and are looking forward to working together in 2021 so that Grieg Seafood Newfoundland becomes an industry leader in the province and country.



L-R: Knut Skeidsvoll, Managing Director, Grieg Seafood Newfoundland; Mike Williams, President Local 579; and Perry Power, Director of Human Resources and Communication, Grieg Seafood

**Marshall Industries** plays an important role as an expert in the repair, installation, and maintenance in mines such as Tacora Resources, Bloom Lake, Arcelor Mittal, and IOC. With over 40 years in under its belt, Marshall has developed exhaustive knowledge of the infrastructures and offers these companies a wide range of service. Located in the Wabush Industrial Park right next door to these multiple iron ore mines, Marshall has over 40,000 square feet of workshop and office space, complete with multiple overhead cranes capable of lifting up to 60 tons. It has a complete office and administrative staff dedicated to supporting the ongoing projects in the area. Together with their experienced field and office staff, their large shop space and their fleet of equipment, Marshall is fully equipped to meet the needs of the local iron ore industry.

In addition to their experience and knowledge, Marshall's customer service is what distinguishes them from their competitors. The company has an excellent reputation for taking care of its customers needs quickly, completing jobs on schedule and within budget. Whether Marshall's teams are working on crushers, overland conveyors or any other section of the mining operation, Marshall's knowledge, and concern for the safety of its employees and the safe and continued operations of the mine's infrastructure is key to helping the clients meet its operating objectives.



*Pictures above: Marshall Shop in Wabush*



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