

February 2021

## Message from Regional Manager Jeff Richardson

Please join me in congratulating our Organizing Team for signing Harbour Foundations Limited to Local 83 this month, kicking



the year off to a great start. Harbour Foundations is a family owned and operated company with over 30 years in the concrete formwork industry. They bring 4 tower cranes with them, employ roughly 40 people, and we are excited to work with them on their upcoming projects.

I am pleased to say that negotiations for the new Collective Agreement will begin on Wednesday, Feb 17th. The negotiating team will be Peter Hicks and Bruce Chaulk representing the Carpenters, Jason Cook for the Scaffolders, Darryl Cribb for ISM, and myself as the lead negotiator. This will be the first of many meetings with the NSCLRA as we work toward an updated contract.

Dispatch is picking up and I would encourage you to reach out to the CMC and ensure that your training is all up to date. Please also ensure that you are on the out of work list and that we have your up-to-date contact information so we can reach you when an opportunity comes up.

2021 is already looking better than last year and I am excited to see what else it will bring for the membership of Local 83.

Yours in Solidarity,

*Jeff Richardson*

## UNIONIZED CONSTRUCTION WORK IS SAFE WORK

BUILDINGS TRADES UNIONS IN ONTARIO'S ICI CONSTRUCTION SECTOR ARE

# 31% SAFER

WHEN COMPARED TO NON-UNION FIRMS

Source: Institute for Work & Health, 2020. Updating a Study of the Union Effect on Safety in the ICI Construction Sector.



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## Help for a Fellow Sister

As some of you may have heard, one of our sisters, Morgan Murphy, lost her home in a tragic fire in January. She has two young children and could use our help.

You can send donations and get more information at the following link:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/eastern-passage-abortion-sign?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=product&utm\\_campaign=p\\_email%2B4803-donation-alert-v5&fbclid=IwAR3VmuRLIYqilSZYxLbYVDCOvIMI1CQ\\_81JQ7CCsPb1-Mz4atTZ2to-7ts](https://www.gofundme.com/f/eastern-passage-abortion-sign?utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2B4803-donation-alert-v5&fbclid=IwAR3VmuRLIYqilSZYxLbYVDCOvIMI1CQ_81JQ7CCsPb1-Mz4atTZ2to-7ts)

## Recovery Benefits for those not Eligible for EI:

The Government of Canada has newly implemented recovery benefits to assist with those who cannot work due to the Pandemic.

- Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)
- Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)
- Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)

For more information on these new benefits or to check your eligibility, visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/covid19-emergency-benefits.html>





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In this month's edition of the CMCNS monthly newsletter update, I want to welcome Brianna MacDonald to the admin team of the CMCNS here in Lower Sackville! Make sure to say hello and welcome her on your way by. I also would like to welcome to our Financial Services/accounting department, Theresa Redondo, who will be taking over the role of Tracey LeBlanc and other duties as we move into 2021. These two ladies are here on a part-time basis, and I want to welcome them aboard! On that note, I want to extend our thanks from all the many members that Tracey Leblanc had contact with over her nearly 8 yr. tenure here at the CMCNS; we thank her for all she accomplished and wish her well in her new endeavors. Good Luck Tracey!

As always, be sure to check your training history often, and make sure you are up to date, and have a valid Training Verification Card (TVC). Be sure to help us in the CMC and ACRC offices be more efficient, and to help assist you quickly and effectively by having your Union ID number with you, or better yet, memorized. This helps all staff find you in our database quickly and saves everyone valuable time. Thank you for helping us with this!

We are still running smaller class sizes due to COVID-19, and we welcome you to contact us at the CMC to learn more about what classes are on the schedule. You can also check [cmcns.ca](http://cmcns.ca) and take a look at the schedule, and be prepared, as classes fill up quickly!

Feel free to contact Director Len Bryden at [lbryden@cmcns.ca](mailto:lbryden@cmcns.ca) for more information.

Stay Trained, Stay Safe!

## Dispatch Update

Dispatch is really starting to Boom. Now is the time to ensure you are on the Out of Work list and that your training is up to date. Please remember that your lift tickets now expire every three years. It is worth checking the date you last took it and re-booking if need be. Call CMC for more info and upcoming courses. (902) 252-3553.

## Call for Scaffold Apprentices and Journey People!

Two signatory contractors are hiring for the Halifax Shipyard. You must be able to obtain Reliability status and Controlled Goods. Call Ange at the Hall for more info (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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