

Newfoundland & Labrador

Newsletter March 2021



Message from Regional Manager



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Spring is just around the corner and everyone is eager to get back to work and to some sort of normal activity. The most recent return to Alert Level 5 had a negative impact on many job sites in Newfoundland and Labrador however the economy will start to rebound again as parts of our Province enter Alert Levels 4 and 3.

Our Carpenter Millwright College will reopen on March 15th and all members are encouraged to register for any courses needed to be work ready.

Work is expected to ramp up at IOC in the coming weeks. There have been a number of contracts awarded in Voisey's Bay that are still waiting to start. It is our expectation that there will be more announcements related to work following the outcome of the dragged out provincial government election.

This week marks the one year anniversary of the global health pandemic and many of our members have experienced loss, stress and hardship during the past year. Take a moment and reach out to a Brother or Sister in the union and ask how they are doing. There are brighter days ahead as vaccines roll out and work increases. Stay safe everyone!

Yours in Solidarity,

Mike Williams

COVID-19 Update

Effective Tuesday March 16, 2021, counter service will resume at our Union Hall by appointment. Members are asked to call ahead 709-364-5430 to arrange appointment time. Anyone experiencing cold/flu like symptoms are asked not to enter the building.



Carpenter Millwright College
Well Trained. Work Ready.

Under Alert Level 4, the Carpenter Millwright College (CMC) will be reopening as of Monday, March 15, 2021 for training. Reopening will be done in a "phased" approach starting with Safety Classes and Scaffolding class on Monday, March 15. This will allow us to bring in some smaller classes to start the return to training. Any issues we may need to work on to ensure a smooth opening will be resolved during this time with limited numbers of people at the CMC.

The following week on March 22, the remainder of Students, Instructors and Staff will return to class. Cafeteria services will also resume. The experience gained the previous week will assist Administration to ensure that all necessary protocols are in place for a safe return to training.

While the CMC has been closed for the past month, there has been a deep cleaning of the entire facility. All classrooms, washrooms, shop areas and common areas have received a deep cleaning with sanitizing products to ensure the building is clean and free of any potential COVID variants. All high touch surfaces (door handles, light switches, etc.) have been cleaned thoroughly and all sanitizing stations have been restocked with cleansers, paper towels, sanitizing foams, etc. All Staff and Students have been contacted about the return to training and the CMC is ready to resume training!

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Contractor Spotlight



Kento has provided high-quality residential window and door products since 1983. The company first started manufacturing exterior entrance systems in 1986 and currently produces steel and fiberglass doors with optional wood, vinyl clad, composite and solid vinyl door boxes. In addition Kento has also added their own line of quality Solid Vinyl Patio Doors to their manufacturing process in 2019.

In 1994 Kento added the manufacturing residential vinyl windows in a vast selection of sizes and shapes. Kento also meets the requirements for non-residential projects such as retail outlets, daycare centers, churches, and hotels.

Kento doors and windows are made right here in Newfoundland and Labrador for our unpredictable weather. Kento has expanded into manufacturing and distributing windows and doors for non-residential projects including commercial retail premises, franchise properties and hotel/motel facilities.

With a manufacturing plant on the Avalon Peninsula producing windows and their door plant in Springdale, Kento is truly employing local workers from all over Newfoundland and Labrador with their proven local products throughout the province via local building supply as well as window and door dealers. There are approximately 25 Local 579 members actively working with the company.

Today, Kento Windows & Doors has built a reputation for providing each customer with a competitive price for a quality product. Customers are provided the comfort of knowing they have received superior products manufactured by an experienced local work force that are backed by Kento's exceptional customer service.



(Pictures above depict buildings in the St. John's Metro Area with installation of Kento products)

