

Message from Regional Manager Jeff Richardson

Hello Brother and Sisters,

As spring is quickly approaching, I want to remind all our members to have your training certificates up to date. With the Covid vaccine on the horizon I am expecting shutdown work to commence. I would not want to see any members miss out on work opportunities due to not having up to date safety courses.

There have been calls for Millwrights in Ontario, turbine outage at Darlington Nuclear and other job sites. Journeypersons and apprentices are welcome. Anyone who is interested needs to speak to the Ontario Local 2309 office, (416)757-8754, to confirm their placement, and have the online security clearance emailed to you. The security clearance is mandatory before being able to proceed to this job.

In regards to the Northeastern part of this province, Guysborough, I'm not seeing a significant slow down on any of the projects with the exception of the Rocket Launch facility, it seems to be challenging to raise investments in the current climate for that development. There has been a significant uptick in activity associated with Pieridae (LNG) as they close in on the completion of the final investment decision. I am seeing much more activity on land options/lease arrangements for both laydown and work camp.

Pieridae has already purchased the land for the LNG place and marine facilities, sub-contractors' engagement, and engagement with several levels of government etc.

Anaconda Gold Mine has grown significantly; they have increased their measured indicated resource to 1.9 million ounces. As a result they have shifted their focus to open pit mining for the first 8 - 10 years. A much larger footprint, more employment, longer mine life before going underground. They are planning to process onsite and this opens up potential for other mining in the area. Anaconda has already stepped up their drilling to Lower Seal Harbour area, so it looks very promising, but it will delay development some what since they will now submit a new Environmental Assessment by September and that will likely take approximately 12 to 18 months for approval.

Port Hawkesbury Paper are advancing their Pirate Harbour Windfarm project. They have installed their MET towers and will collect data for 12 months to inform their design and environmental applications.

Negotiations have started, our current Collective Agreement will expire on April 30, 2021. Ryan MacDonald (Vice President), Mark Ellis (Financial Secretary), and myself as the lead negotiator will be meeting with the NSCLRA within the coming weeks for round 2. I will send out an email to the membership with dates and times for ratification once we have a tentative deal.

I hope that you all are being safe and remember when coming to our office, you must wear a mask and follow all Nova Scotia health protocols.

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Jeff Richardson

Jeff Richardson, Mainland NS Regional Manager



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