

March 2021

Message from Regional Manager

Jeff Richardson

Spring is in the air, and we are seeing a boom in the city. With that said, I'd like to remind the members to make sure their safety training is up to date. I would hate to see anyone miss out on work because they aren't work ready.



Regarding the Northeastern part of this province, Guysborough, I'm not seeing a significant slowdown 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 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 somewhat since they will now submit a new Environmental Assessment by September and that will likely take approximately 12 to 18 months for approval.

A reminder that the province of Nova Scotia is implementing the requirement for a percentage of apprentices on each site to be registered with the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency, and a portion of these must be from under-represented groups. To keep the balance, there will also be an increased need for Red Seal Certified Carpenters. If you aren't already registered, now is a great time to do so!

On behalf of the Local 83 Executive, mainland staff, and myself, I would like to wish the membership and their families a Happy Easter weekend!

Yours in Solidarity,

Jeff Richardson



On February 24, if you popped into the office or training centre you would have found all ACRC and CMC staff wearing pink for Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day started over a decade ago in Nova Scotia to stand up to bullying.



Organizers Mark Finley, Noel Wall, and Cory Zwicker on site with Local 83 members working for 20-20 Forming.



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Union Benefits Purchasing Power



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Exciting Program News

As a member of the Atlantic Canada Regional Council of Carpenters, Millwrights and Allied Workers (ACRC), an Atlantic Canada Health Care Coalition Society (ACHCCS) participating group, you are eligible for the **MHCSI Preferred Supplementary Pharmacy Benefits Program**. We are pleased to offer this great savings opportunity and look forward to providing continued and enhanced value to participating members.

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20-20 at Seapoint Tower



Able at 1000 Micmac



Arnoldin at Richmond Yard



Pump Truck at Portland Hills (20-20)



Sancton at Woodside Ferry Terminal. Very rare to see wooden stairs being used on a scaffold, as the public needs to use the scaffold to access the ferry.



Carpenter Millwright College
Well Trained. Work Ready.

Spring is in the air, and the Mainland NS construction projects, both ongoing, new, and proposed are looking good for 2021. This means it is VERY IMPORTANT to make sure all of your required NS Safety training Certifications are up to date! We are continuing to run full classes at half capacity due to Covid restrictions and are scheduling as many as we can and as fast as we can. The staff at the CMCNS both Lwr Sackville and Stellarton locations want to thank all of our students and members for adhering to our strict Covid 19 safety protocols. There is an end in sight now with the delivery and roll-out of the vaccines; we ask for continued vigilance and let's keep being good to each other as we come out of this unprecedented event.

If you are a UBC Local Union member, and not yet a REGISTERED Carpenter Apprentice with NS Apprenticeship, then contact the CMC and we can discuss this process with you and assist with your application and information to get you on the apprenticeship track.

If you are a Journey Level Carpenter, minimum 10,800 hrs. worked, and want to get your Red Seal, and be a Certified Journey level Carpenter, then please contact our office at 902 252 3553 and have your name registered on our waitlist for our next Red Seal Carpenter Preparation program being planned for spring of 2021.

Please have your Union ID # ready when you call our offices, this helps us be more efficient with your requests and registrations. (located on your Training Verification Card (TVC))

If you do not have a TVC, and do not know your Union ID number, then please contact our office 902 252-3553 and we can provide that to you and can discuss with you exactly how the TVC works, and how you can use that to track your current training certs on file, as well as use it to remind yourself of any upcoming classes you have registered for.

No Show for classes fees are being strictly enforced for ALL classes, and no further training can be registered for until these fees are paid, so if you register for a class, be sure you notify us in as much time as possible if you have to cancel, so we can offer the space to someone else. Contact our CMCNS main office at 902 252-3553 anytime you require any information!

Keep up the good work and Stay Safe!

Dispatch Update

Now is the time to get your Reliability Status and Controlled Goods security clearance for work at the Shipyard. There is lots of work coming up, and the process takes a while, so get started now, and you'll be ready when the time comes.

We are also seeing a huge demand for experienced Form workers. If you have 2+ years' experience and are looking for work, call Ange the hall for more info. (902) 454-5100.



Greetings from Office to Advance Women Apprentices! This month, we would like to introduce our new project Assistant, Emily MacLaren, who joined our office in December 2020. Emily comes from a project and program management background, and has worked in private, government and non-profit sectors. She is happy to be part of the OAWA team! Please visit our website <https://www.womenapprentices.ca/nova-scotia/> and follow us on our socials @OAWA_NS for more information on our office and the services we offer to tradeswomen.

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