

LOCAL 83 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021

Message from Regional

Manager Jeff Richardson

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

As the Nova Scotia economy and population numbers continue to grow the need for skilled carpenters in the province is proving to be a real challenge. Even though Nova Scotia's union construction sector is one of the highest paid opportunity sectors in Nova Scotia right now, there is a significant shortage of apprentices and red seal journeypersons. A combination of factors has produced this shortage of skilled carpenters; retirements, lack of awareness regarding our craft, stigma regarding the kinds of jobs that exist and the increase demand for new infrastructure.

Myself as your Regional Manager, our organizing representatives, our training departments and the membership as a whole must do a better job in regards to bringing awareness, education and improve the exploration of our diverse populations as a workforce pool and understand that all of us have a part to play.

I would also like to introduce Joan Ashe as our new Administrative/Dispatch for mainland NS. Joan comes with several years working in the construction industry. Welcome Joan.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Hope you get to spend time with your family and friends.

In Solidarity,

Jeff Richardson



Able infrastructure Local 594 twinning of Hwy #104 construction of two piers.

Upcoming work

We are getting a high demand from contractors looking for skilled form workers, scaffolders, and drywallers. We are having a hard time filling these positions, so if you are looking for work, please contact the hall (902)454-5100. Please also ensure your training is up to date. In order to be dispatched, you will need current Nova Scotia Fall Protection and WHMIS 2015 at minimum. By now you should also have completed your mandatory online COVID-19 member preparedness program. If you haven't, please contact the CMC to have it sent to you.



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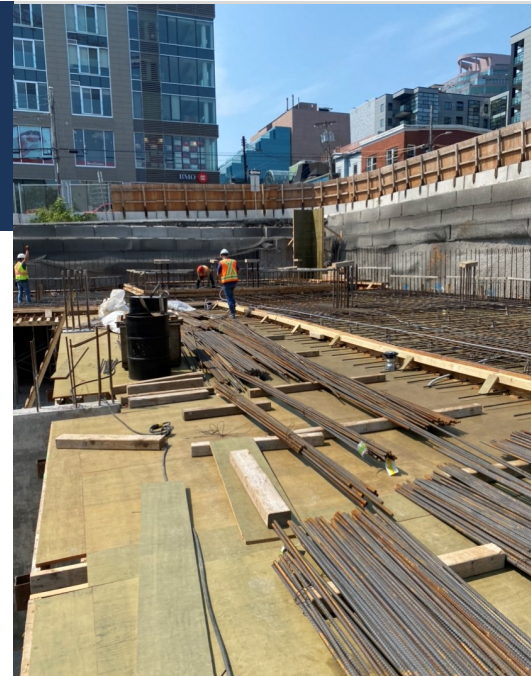
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Call the CMCNS at 902-252-3533 to make sure you have your WHMIS 2015 entered in our TRAIN database. This is very important as you **MUST** have this course recorded to be dispatched.

Upcoming classes for the fall of 2021, contact the CMCNS to register and / or get your name on the waitlists.

1 day Rigging Awareness

2 Day advanced Rigging for Carpenters/Scaffolders

Infection Control Risk Assessment

2-week intro to concrete formwork

2- week intro to Drywall Fundamentals

5-day CITF Blueprint Reading (December)

All other available regular class and safety offerings on a weekly basis (fall Pro, Confined Space, PITO, MEWP, First Aid, Scaffold inspection, etc)

Also, we are offering

[UBCJA Level one scaffold Oct 4-22 \(3 weeks\)](#)

UBCJA Level one scaffold Nov 1-19 (3 weeks)

UBCJA Level Two Scaffold Nov 29-Dec 17(3 weeks)

12- Week carpenter Development Program (CDP) Jan 10-April 1-2022

REMINDER: Keep your safety certificates up to date, become a registered apprentice (we can show you how) and make those hours work for you and your future on the way to certified Journey Level Status!

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Dispatch Update

August Hall Dispatches—23

August Name Hire—22

August Total Dispatches—45

September Hall Dispatches—38

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