



Fall & Winter Newsletter 2017

Our dispatch office anticipated fall shutdown calls but soon realized that the demand from our contractors was much higher than what we could provide. We had to utilize travel cards from across Canada to fill calls at Albian Sands, Suncor, Syncrude, Keephills, Al-Pac and various other sites. This mobility of skilled UBC members did not go unnoticed by our contractor group, I collected calls from them thanking us for our efforts.

2018 will experience fewer construction calls as we near completion of Fort Hills and NWR. Recent meetings with contractors and owners is forecasting plenty of shutdown work in 2018. Having said this I do not have any start dates for these outages. The Rumour List will be updated once we have some information.

Staff Changes

Jeannelle and Alexis have recently resigned from our office, we wish them well in their future endeavors and thank them for their service to the members. Marie Pier Mecure will be assigned to the Accounting Administrator. Lisa Wilson our Training Administrator will assume all front line office duties and continue all training duties.

Benefits

For the first time as a cost saving measure the 2016 Annual Health & Welfare/Pension Report will be available on our website www.albertamillwrights.com/members/news to the membership. Printed copies can also be picked up from our Calgary, Edmonton or Fort McMurray offices upon request.

Training

Training Courses are posted on our website. I cannot tell you how important it is for all members actively working through Local 1460 to participate in our training. Some courses offered are the UBC 5 Day Rigging, 1460 Pump Technician, GE Gas Turbine, Alignment classes, Overhead Crane etc. These courses need to be filled. Some of our contractors are requesting these courses as a pre-requisite for dispatch purposes. Call or email Lisa Wilson.

Bargaining

As you are aware our current Provincial Collective Agreement is expiring June of 2019. Framework bargaining is to commence later this year, the bargaining committee is expecting a very challenging round in a declining unionized construction environment. The National Maintenance Agreement (NMA) is set to expire on December 2019. We also are anticipating the General President Maintenance Agreement (GPMA) will have the same expiry date. Our negotiating committee will keep you updated on the progress of the Provincial Collective Agreement meetings as well as any updates with the GPMA/NMA negotiations.

Children's Christmas Party

The 10th annual Children's Christmas party was held on Sunday November 26th at the Telus World of Science in Edmonton. We have 150+ children, parents and grandparents coming out for fun filled day. Pictures of the activities will be posted in the spring edition of the Hard Hat magazine as well as on our website.

Our offices will be closed December 25th and re-opening January 2. If you need assistance please call myself or anyone of the business representatives on their cellular phones.

Fraternally Yours,

Ted Remenda
President
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Merry Christmas!

Holiday Greetings!

Happy New Year!

All the best in 2018!

from the staff of Local 1460

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