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Conair's CV580 fighting the BC wildfires.

Photo by Susanne de Montreuil





## Executive Board responds quickly

## Wildfire disaster relief fund

It has been a very busy summer and hard to believe that fall is almost upon us.

With one of the hottest and driest seasons on record it has been devastating for many of our Members who have been subject to evacuations and the uncertainty of watching their surrounding properties and communities be under threat of fire.

At time of writing there are 123 active BC wildfires with 23 of those deemed as 'Wildfires of Note'; which means they are highly visible or pose a potential threat to public safety.

As these threats began to evolve, your Executive Board acted quickly to establish a Disaster Relief Fund to provide financial assistance to those Members in need. BC IUOE Locals 882, 963 and 959 were quick to jump on board, and IUOE Locals from across Canada acted without hesitation to help our Brothers and Sisters in need.

Our General President James T. Callahan, and our General Executive Board also immediately stepped up to provide the support of our International to provide further assistance.

It is times like these that define who we are, and how we pull together to help one another in times of need. I couldn't be more honoured to be the Business Manager representing Local 115, and the overwhelming support provided by our Brothers and Sisters throughout our International makes me incredibly proud of our entire Organization.

Local 115 Members employed as pilots for Conair Group Inc. have had one of the busiest seasons in recent history. Aerial firefighting is a highly skilled and very dangerous profession and we all owe them a debt of gratitude for their courage and long hours to save British Columbia from further devastation. Thank you!

The new NDP - Green Cooperation Government is just about to sit in the legislature at the time of writing. We have had a long 16 years of a Government trying to lower wages and our Collective Agreements, and we now need to work with them on creating good jobs for our Members and to

strengthen our Labour Code.

The Officers of the Local Union have and will continue to be actively engaged at both the municipal and provincial levels; getting out and meeting with politicians to make sure they understand the long list of issues that are important to Operating Engineers. Some of the main areas of concern we want to see are; balance restored to the Labour Relations Code; Project Labour Agreements (PLA's) for all major public construction projects; and MSP premiums to be eliminated; to name just a few.

It is important now more than ever that our voices are heard collectively and that we stand together in front of those who can change things for the better in BC. Local 115 officers, staff and Members need to be strong and stay united to ensure that political promises are met and changes occur now, that support all working people across BC

Brother Josh Towsley has recently accepted the role of Assistant Business Manager with the Local, and I have every confidence that he brings the energy and strategic "bench strength" to our team.

Josh has been engaged in many leadership roles within the IUOE and outside the Organization from Health and Safety and Pension Administration, through to Skills Training and Organizing.

These experiences will provide a great foundation to advance the interests of IUOE Members.

I would also like to welcome back Brother Tom Kinnear as Business Representative representing Members in District 2 on Vancouver Island alongside Brother James Knowles. Brother Kinnear will also take on the responsibility as District 2's Executive Board representative. This additional support will no doubt assist in gaining more strength on the Island.

Brother Mike Mayo has been hired as a District 1 Business Representative effective August 27th. As an experienced Paving hand, I am confident that Brother Mayo will do an

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## Business Manager's report continued

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excellent job of representing the Membership employed in the blacktop and roadbuilding sectors.

I want to recognize and thank everyone who participated in the IUOE Local 115 Training Association's Open House on June 17th. Once again the staff and volunteers did a great job of showcasing our craft to our Members, friends, families

and guests, making it another successful event.

To close, I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming General Membership Meeting on Saturday September 16th, 2017, or at one of the District meetings in the fall.

Work Union. Work Safe. 🍁

# IUOE Members and the summer of flames



Conair's CV580 fighting the Kaleden fire.

*Image—Mark Brett, Penticton Western News*



Lake Country Fire attacked by Conair planes.

*Image—John Rodall*



Castlegar fires attacked by Conair planes.

*Image—Brian Clarkson*



Kelowna Knox fire.

*Image—Douglas Farrow*



A formation of Conair Air Tractor AT-802AFs.

*Image—Brian Clarkson*



Brothers Craig Watson (left) and Daniel Berwin (right) w/ Belcorp Environmental. Cache Creek RDO after the fire.





Elephant Hill Fire (Ashcroft Fire).

*Image—Brother Ken Kiley*



Elephant Hill Fire (Ashcroft Fire).

*Image—Brother Ken Kiley*

# IUOE Local 115 offers assistance to members affected by the BC Wildfires

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 115 has set up an IUOE Disaster Relief Fund to help Operating Engineers' members who have been affected by the BC wildfires.

IUOE 115 will provide \$500 worth of financial assistance to members that have been served evacuation notice.

"Our thoughts are with our Brothers and Sisters throughout this province that have been affected and relocated as a result of these fires. It's vitally important for us in times of hardship to stand together and provide whatever help we can and to look after our members." — *Local 115 Business Manager Brian Cochrane*

For further information and steps required to receive financial assistance, Operating Engineers' members who have been served evacuation notice are asked to contact IUOE Local 115 directly at: 1-888-IUOE115 (486-3115).

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## Project Labour Agreements

### PLA's the way to go for LNG

Wow what a summer, eh?

Over 40,000 people evacuated their homes or were on evacuation alert as I sat and wrote this article. Close to 200 Local 115 Members and their families live

in the fire zones and our sister Locals, Local 882, City of Williams Lake, and Local 959, Village of 100 Mile House and the Cariboo-Chilcotin School District, have about 450 Members in the areas. So far there have been no deaths attributed to the wildfires just a lot of confusion and frustrations. Your Local Union Officers and Executive Board along with the other Locals and the International have set up funding for those affected and our thoughts are with those who were on the forefront of the wildfires.

Politically we have seen some very interesting performances as people try to cling to power knowing that staying there was not going to happen. With the new government sworn in and a cabinet named, time will be the deciding factor. Coalition governments work in other parts of the world and if the people want it to work, it will. For the sake of our various industries, we all hope that it works here. The new cabinet looks promising and I know a number of them and believe they will work very hard for the Province and the people.

Woodfibre LNG in Squamish has two contractors, KBR and Fluor, giving numbers to the owner with some of our contractors bidding for the site civil works, and if the project is economically feasible, it may be a go with the site development in the spring of 2018. Some of the Building Trades have Project Labour Agreements (PLA's) for the civil work.

After spending the last five years doing PLA's for various LNG projects, Pacific NorthWest LNG has been cancelled. We will be closely monitoring the situation to see what unfolds in the near future. Currently we are having numerous meetings between the Building Trades and the four Contractor groups, Bechtel, Fluor, KBR and Saipem, some with CLR involvement and some without, regarding the LNG Canada project in Kitimat. In my opinion, it would be better if the Trades met with all four groups at the same time and negotiated a PLA but each contractor has their secret way of building these freakin things and wants to keep their secrets. This LNG may get a Final Investment Decision (FID) in the 3rd quarter of 2018 with a completion date of 2024.

The Labourers, IBEW and the IUOE Local have a PLA for the Kemano Tunnel (T2) with Frontier Kemper Aecon Joint Venture but the start date, if Aecon is successful, is not known at this time, but look for spring of 2018.

Your Union is in the process of meeting with the Crane Owners Group, both CLR and non-CLR signatories, for discussions on the various issues facing our industry. For those of you not in the loop, some of the signatory contractors are spinning out non-union outfits in Alberta and with their advertising write-ups looking as if they are interested in going across Canada with them.

With the work picture and high unemployment in Alberta, nothing is cut and dried anymore. How we will look back and say "ah the good ol' days of 2008 – 2010".

Wages, benefits and conditions are all but finalized and there should be a vote for anyone that has worked in the Crane Rental, Heavy Industrial, Commercial Institutional, Steel Erection or the Bel Pacific Groups in the last calendar year.

In closing, I hope everyone had a good summer and thanks to all of our Stewards and Safety Reps for the hard work they do on behalf of the Membership, it is appreciated. Always remember to keep safety in your daily plans and not as an afterthought. 🍁



Brother Calvin Meier working for GWIL Crane Service, doing a 40,000lb lift for the Vedder River Crossing Bridge.





### Health and Safety, Labour Code changes, and PLA's

## Local advocacy continues

I would like to start by thanking Business Manager, Brian Cochrane, the Table Officers, Executive Board, Staff and Members for the appointment to Assistant Business Manager. The change in my role comes at an important time in British Columbia.

While the BC Liberals have championed themselves as the political party of jobs, our Members have seen most of those jobs go to the Christian Labour Association of Canada or to the non-union in our sector. That has to change. The result of the spring provincial election—an NDP Government—gives us reason for optimism.

During the recent election, your Union supported candidates that support our ideals. Today we have an NDP government that ran a campaign promising to put people first. For sixteen years, the IUOE Local 115 has advocated for a balanced Labour Code that allows employees to organize their workplace in our industry, we've advocated for stronger health and safety legislation, we've told government that when governments and crown corporations build projects they should have a minimum of 25% apprentices in order to maintain our workforce. IUOE Local 115 has led the fight for Project Labour Agreements on publicly funded projects. That fight didn't end with Premier Horgan's swearing in on July 18—it continues with a renewed focus.

The same challenges that existed in our industry when the BC Liberals called the election exist today. The Christian Labour Association of Canada is still recognized as the representative union at Site C, MSP Premiums haven't yet been reduced, aging infrastructure such as the Massey Tunnel and Patullo Bridge still needs replacing and most importantly – we still have a broken Labour Code that ignores the realities of construction.

During the election, many of our Members participated in town hall meetings, attended all-candidate debates, stopped in at campaign offices to advocate for our issues and volunteered their time in support of local candidates. When we stay vocal, our issues remain at the forefront; if we fall silent, it allows others to drive their agenda.

The Officers and Staff of the IUOE Local 115 will continue working on our agenda. Our Members deserve the opportunity to build BC because they are the most qualified

workforce in the province. We deserve to live in a province where the workforce is respected and the infrastructure isn't built by underqualified and temporary foreign workers. We deserve to live in a province where medical services plan premiums aren't a financial burden, and where affordable housing is achievable. The challenge in front of the new government is immense.

Our efforts in engaging all levels of government will not change with the election of the BC NDP Government, the difference is that today we have a provincial government that is willing to engage in our issues, willing to work toward solutions, and doesn't answer to big business.

"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude." *Thomas Jefferson* 🍁



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IUOE MEMBERS ON THE  
**Vedder Crossing**







### Site C and Trans Mountain Pipeline

## Members can help organize

Hello Brother's and Sister's, I hope everyone enjoyed their summer at work and at play.

With major projects in this province ongoing or upcoming, we want to make sure that the Local is at the forefront when it comes to organizing these projects. This applies to any project big or small in the province; the Union needs to know of any non-union companies doing work in your town. All it takes is one phone call to the organizing department to get the ball rolling, the more companies the Union can organize the more we grow our density in the province, which in turn will bring more work to our Members and help you and the Union when it comes to bargaining Collective Agreements. Strength comes in numbers and the more Members we have, the louder the voice we have in the province when it comes to the terms and conditions in bargaining.

With Site C ongoing and the last government going to a managed open site model, the Union would like to make sure that if we have any Members working on the project for either non-union or Christian Labour Association of Canada contractors, that they are getting in touch with the organizing department and relaying information on the company, number of employees and names of employees. If the company is Christian Labour Association of Canada we are going to need a copy of the Collective Agreement so we know when the raid period is and we can make sure the employees are getting proper representation.

Kinder Morgan Pipeline has no Project Labour Agreement signed with the pipeline trades and work is scheduled

to start in September. Kinder Morgan is leaning towards Christian Labour Association of Canada companies to do this project. We are going to need you, our Members, who might be working on the project to contact the Union and let us know what companies are doing the work, where they are located on the project, and the number and names of employees with that company. We need to make sure as a Union that this work is being done to the highest standard as this project will be done right in our backyards. The best way to make sure that our standards are upheld is to ensure that they are engaged with the highest trained operators as opposed to less skilled and temporary foreign workers.

With John Horgan becoming the new Premier of our province on July 18th, we are looking forward to working with the new government to address issues of importance to the BC labour movement. We need to press the new government to make various changes to the labour laws; one of which will assist us in raid periods in the construction industry. Currently legislation allows employers and employer dominated unions to move raid windows into the winter months when construction crews are laid off.

We also need to go back to "card check" in BC which I talked about in my last OE News article. I bring it up again as it is very important for us to have when organizing, as this would take away the 10 days a company could have to talk and spread false information to their employees. 🍁



**Saturday  
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## Hard work shows results

While this Article is usually dedicated to labour relations matters, I believe it must be stated that the people of BC have shown the world what we are made of in times of extreme adversity. Never has this province experienced a wildfire catastrophe of this mag-

nitude. On a daily basis we are made aware or read stories, of the generosity and compassion of ordinary citizens of BC shown to Wildfire evacuees. On a daily basis we hear or read about the evacuees and the individual circumstances that led to their evacuation and their unqualified gratitude and appreciation for this out-pouring of assistance. We, as citizens of BC, should be proud that we are simply the best!

We all also need to recognize the first responders of which many are Members, such as the pilots of Conair Group Inc. fighting these fires by air, and the heavy equipment operators who are clearing for the fire fighters in battling these blazes. Collectively this group of fire fighters, union, volunteer or otherwise are deserving of our praise as these people are doing an incredible job in the most difficult of situations. Thanks to all those people involved in fighting these wildfires as your dedication and commitment is most appreciated.

Now onto the business at hand; as of the date of writing this Article;

### **Blue Water West Ltd.**

I have met with the Employer and presented the proposal. The owner of this Company is in the Maritimes and has been unable to attend. I am hopeful that by month end the owner will find some availability to attend negotiations and the parties make some progress.

### **Fuelex Energy Ltd.**

I have met with the Employer on two occasions. The Parties are scheduled in the next number of weeks to meet and I am cautiously optimistic that the next meeting will result in a document for the crew to vote on.

### **Hiway Refrigeration Ltd.**

The proposals for negotiations from the crew have been collected, a meeting with the crew has been had, the proposal document prepared with the input of the negotiating committee, notice to commence bargaining has been sent, and I am awaiting a response from the Employer on dates to begin negotiations.

### **Waste Connections of Canada Inc.**

#### **—all locations except Victoria**

I am pleased to report that a majority of the crew voted in favour of the proposal. In addition to wage increases over the three year life of the Agreement, there was a substantial increase to the Company's required pension remittances. There was also significant changes to the language that deals with Divisional seniority and when "bumping" can occur inter-division. All of these gains are directly attributable to the efforts of the negotiating committee: Brother Steve Lawson, Brother Wade Foster and Brother Trevor Smith did an outstanding job of representing the crew in negotiations. Thanks for a job well done Brothers!

### **Waste Management of Canada Corp.—Vancouver Island**

Here again, I am pleased to report that a majority of the crew voted in favour of the proposal. The crew received considerable wage and pension increases in this round of negotiations. Another major milestone reached was that, after almost twenty-five (25) years of negotiations, this negotiating committee succeeded in achieving the same wage rate for each individual classification for the entire Island. This means that the rate of pay for work performed in any specific classification is the same in Campbell River as it is in both Nanaimo and Victoria. This all comes as a result of the hard work demonstrated by the negotiating committee; Brothers Bill Waterhouse, Neil Sutherland, Richard Jessen and Brent MacDonald all did an exemplary job of representing the crew's interests in bargaining. Thanks for a job well done Brothers!

On another note, Brother Neil Sutherland has decided to retire after many years of dedicated service to the Membership and this Local. Brother Sutherland has been an integral part of negotiations for better than a decade and has always been an objective Shop Steward with his no nonsense approach in his dealings with the crew and the Reps and Officers of this Local. On behalf of the crew, the Reps and the Officers of this Local we collectively wish you and Donna, all the best in your very long and happy retirement! Congratulations my Brother!

### **Waste Management of Canada Corp.—Interior**

Again, I am pleased to report that a majority of the crew voted in favour of the proposal document. The crew received considerable wage and pension increases in this round of negotiations as well as other improvements in language.

Till next time....🍁



## Busy summer in the Lower Mainland

The summer months have proven once again to be busy in construction in the Lower Mainland with the exception of the Pile Driving Industry. The Road Building Paving and Utility Industries had a

slow start this year due to an extremely wet spring, but the conditions have changed considerably with forest fires and evacuation notices throughout the Province.

The 2017 BC wildfires are somewhat reminiscent of the Fort McMurray wildfires that displaced thousands in Alberta last year, and drastically affected thousands of people including Members of the Operating Engineers. Thousands in BC were ordered to evacuate their homes or put on evacuation alert. The evacuation encompasses a vast area of the Province including the Cariboo, Thompson Nicola and Columbia Shuswap Regional Districts. Temporary relief shelters have been set up in the communities of Prince George, Kamloops, and are being set up as far south as Chilliwack.

As a result of the wildfires your Local Union, with the cooperation of the International, implemented the IUOE Disaster Relief Fund to assist Members who were officially ordered to evacuate their homes.

It's during times like these where we come together as a Union and as a Community to assist those that have endured hardship as a result of a very devastating and traumatic event.

I'm proud to be a Member and Representative of a Union that assists during times of crisis.

After weeks of delay by the defeated Liberal government, the results of the Provincial election were finally decided. On June 29, 2017, the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, issued the following statement: "As Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and as the representative of Her Majesty the Queen of Canada, I have met with Premier Clark and will accept her resignation. I have asked Mr. Horgan to form a government, he having assured me that he can form a government which will have the confidence of the Legislative Assembly."

Now that the official swearing in has taken place on July 18 with BC's new NDP government taking power, and Premier John Horgan at the helm, the hard work and transition will officially start. The cabinet ministers have been selected, sworn in and have begun the challenging work of running government on behalf of the citizens of British Columbia. This is a politically historic time we are entering into in BC, and your Representatives will make the most of this opportunity to advance the interests of our Members and the Union. We will be working harder to ensure public infrastructure projects are once again built Union by Members of Local 115, and to ensure our work is governed by a Labour Code that serves the interests of all workers, not just the employers. 🍁



Brother Lam Le, welder and a six year Member working for Menard repairing the vibro in the Richmond yard.



Brother Dan King with Vanport Enterprises.



## Membership and COMET classes successful



L-R: Assistant Business Manager Brother Josh Towsley, Brothers Mazuba (Wesley) Shunamon-Shamaila, Keegan Jackson, Alan Shearer, Blaine Morrow, Chris Ma, and Business Representative Frank Carr.



L-R: Brothers Babak Heshmati, Clayton Ramsey, Assistant Business Manager Josh Towsley, Randall Regimbald, Martin Galka, Robert Regan, Brayden Holden, Ryan Mullins, Roger Brommeland, Casey Callan, Brent Hoard, Andrew Coates, Daniel Kuchak and Jonathan Phaneuf.



L-R: Brothers Brent Hoard, Assistant Business Manager Josh Towsley, Jonathan Phaneuf, Ryan Mullins, Brayden Holden, Roger Brommeland, Business Representative Frank Carr, Babak Heshmati, Daniel Kuchak, Casey Callan, Clayton Ramsey, Martin Galka, Robert Regan and Randall Regimbald, Andrew Coates, and Instructor Adam Begg.



## Bargaining season continues

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

It is still busy on the bargaining front for me. Since the last issue I have been bargaining Collective Agreements with Atlas Copco Canada Inc., Owen G. Carney

Ltd. (dba Carney's Waste Systems), and assisting Brother Bryan Railton from District 3 with Belkorp Environmental Services Inc. bargaining for the Thompson Nicola Regional District Transfer Stations. At the time of writing we are bargaining the Collective Agreement for the new landfill in Cache Creek.

The bargaining resulted in a new Collective Agreement with Belkorp Environmental Services Inc. Brother Bryan Railton did a great job putting together a Collective Agreement for the Members working at the Thompson Nicola Regional District transfer stations. I would like to give a special thank you to the Bargaining Committee, Brothers and Sisters Stewart Unrau, Lindell Smith, Darlene Donchi, and Christine Watt for their hard work and continued perseverance.

We have concluded bargaining and will be taking offers to the crews for ratification with United Rentals of Canada, Inc. (Vancouver Island) and Clean Harbors Canada. Brothers Ar-

len Fennings and Dennis Best of Clean Harbors Canada Inc. did a great job of identifying the issues, working together, and coming up with creative ideas to those issues. Brother James Knowles did a great job bargaining the Collective Agreement with United Rentals of Canada, Inc. and it was a pleasure to help him in this endeavour. Brother Jamie Walker, Shop Steward of the Nanaimo branch of United Rentals of Canada, Inc. assisted in the bargaining of that Collective Agreement. Brother Jamie did a fine job and his experience and knowledge of the rental industry was invaluable.

The NDP and the Green Party have formed government and the labour movements' task now is to make sure that the government makes Labour Code changes we require. In my estimation the most important of the issues is that we return to card check. The current system is open for potential employee abuse. It is vital for the Local that we succeed more often in our organizing drives to obtain market share so we have the leverage to bargain better Collective Agreements.

Hope everybody had a safe and fun summer.

Upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all.—*Alexander The Great* 🍁

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## Government lobbying important

It's been a long and tireless road of political lobbying to assist in getting a new government into office after several decades; but we have finally got there and are looking forward to new Labour

Code changes that will benefit our Membership as promised. Labour Code changes with respect to organizing the unorganized to help regain market share is a big step in the process to having stronger bargaining power and more work for our Members. These Labour Code changes will also affect Project Labour Agreements (PLAs), and many other labour issues, and you can be assured that your Union will continue to lobby government for the best interest of our Membership.

On the bargaining front, I am currently in negotiations with Marcells Equipment (Vancouver) Ltd. (dba Great West Equipment) and look forward to a fair deal that will cover our Members for the next three years. Great West Equipment is currently in the process of building a considerably larger facility in Surrey (Port Kells), which will bring in more work for our current Brothers and Sisters as well new Members in the future. SMS Equipment Inc. has ratified their new Collective Agreement that will cover them for the next five years, with respectable increases to their wages that will keep them competitive within their market. Bargaining with SMS

Equipment Inc. on this go around was a long hard road, but we managed to stick handle it through and put one in for the team. Congratulations to both Brothers Rob Foskett and Wayne Kemp on a job well done!!!!

All Commercial Transport shops currently under agreement with Local 115 seem to be doing very well. For example, First Truck Centre Vancouver Inc. (Freightliner) and Pacific Coast Heavy Truck Group (Volvo) are both opening up new shops. First Truck Centre Vancouver Inc. (Freightliner) is opening up in Abbotsford just off the Sumas exit in the industrial area south of the highway. Pacific Coast Heavy Truck Group (Volvo) is opening up shop in Chilliwack that should be ready for the end of September of this year for their grand opening. Both shops are currently recruiting for qualified parts people as well as certified Commercial Transport Mechanics. If there are Members looking for work in this field and are certified, please contact them for gainful employment.

I would like to close with a big thank you to all the Shop Stewards; your hard work and dedication doesn't go unrecognized. We know that the work you do is tough and challenging, and we wouldn't be able to do our jobs well without you. I look forward to your continued dedication and will see you in the field. Stay Safe! 🍁



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## Important work for Members

## Fortis pipeline projects

As we move into the fall of 2017, we have seen one of the worst fire seasons ever recorded in B.C. and have to reach out and help our fellow Members and general public affected by this tragedy. Donations can be made in various locations throughout the province and by calling the Red Cross. The IUOE Local 115 has also provided financial support to Members who had been evacuated from their homes.

The Fortis BC Coastal Transmission System pipeline that Michels Canada is currently working on should be finishing up in late September early October. We have had a number of Members and Apprentices working on this project since its inception back in February of this year. At the peak we had around 50 of our Members working on this natural gas pipeline extension. Each piece of equipment that called for an oiler as well, which Darren Suehsschlaf from the IUOE Training Association did an excellent job in providing.

There is another pipeline scheduled by Fortis that will run from Coquitlam to Vancouver; however I am unsure of who will be awarded the project. As we have seen in the past it's a tight bidding war when it comes to projects like this in the Lower Mainland, but if it's awarded to a Union contractor our Members will be on the project.

The Vedder Crossing Project, built by Emil Anderson Construction Ltd. is just in its finishing stages and should be open to the public for the September long weekend. The old bridge is scheduled to be dismantled in early November. The new bridge will improve traffic flow through an area that in the past has seen substantial wait times for traffic.

The Annual Open House at the Training Site saw a great turn out this year with over 1000 people in attendance. The IUOE working together with the B.C. Building Trades raised over \$2,200.00 in donations for Dollars Against Diabetes at this event. The money will all go to help to find a cure for juvenile diabetes. I want to thank everyone who contributed as the money raised is going to a great cause.

After sixteen years we finally have a change of government that the IUOE can work with in getting changes to the Labour Code in BC. Together with other trade unions, we have to lobby local MLAs and the new government to get these changes in place for a fair chance of organizing.

I hope everyone has a safe and productive fall and look forward to seeing you during my site visits and at the District meetings. 🍁



Cewe paving crew King George and 81st Ave in Surrey.





### Road work fills the season

Greetings Brothers and Sisters, I would like to start off by thanking Business Manager Brother Brian Cochrane for appointing me the position of Business Representative. I have been a Member in good standing of IUOE Local 115 since 2007. To give you a brief introduction about myself I was employed at BA Blacktop for 14 years. I started as a labourer and moved my way into a leadership role as a foreman. I attended the IUOETA in January of 2007 and was taught to run Grader by Brother Jim Ayotte and have been running Grader since then. I look forward to bringing a different perspective to the Business Representative side of the IUOE Local 115. It has been a pleasure to meet and join this fantastic team Brother Cochrane has assembled, who are working together on behalf of the Membership and advancing the interest of the Local Union Membership on a daily basis.

As a Business Representative I will do my best to be the safeguard for workers rights under our Collective Bargaining Agreement, make sure that our valuable Members have a safe work environment to go to, give our Members the opportunity for their voices to be heard, and consistently provide a high level of service which we are all accustomed to.

Let's finish the year strong! I look forward to working with and meeting as many of you as possible at this month's General Membership Meeting and in the coming months. 🍁



*Alpine Paving Ltd. Crew Paving in Creekside, Whistler on Karen Crescent. L-R: Brothers Timothy McDonald, Taylor McDonald, Sheldon Hartnell, Scott Stroup, Richard Collins, Brad Smith and Barry Hurford.*

## We're looking for photos

If you have recent photos showing off your skills or workplace, send us your pictures for the next IUOE News.

E-mail your newsworthy stories and photos to:  
[iuoe@iuoe115.ca](mailto:iuoe@iuoe115.ca)



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## Island work steadily picking up

Summer time on Vancouver Island and the projects started to roll.

After a surprisingly slow start to the season the work on the island is steadily picking up momentum. The John Hart Dam may be down to a slow trickle when it comes to work for our Members, however several other jobs have started to take its place. Up in the most Northern part of Vancouver Island, Mammoet Canada Western Ltd. have mobilized into the Cape Scott wind farm an hour Northwest of Port Hardy to perform maintenance in the form of replacing wind turbine blades, which should

take them into September. Advantage Crane in Nanaimo unloaded fifty of the blades at Duke Point to be transported to Cape Scott for the removal and replacement job. In the Campbell River area, Upland Excavating Ltd. has a large project at Nyrstar mine at Myra Falls calling on dispatch to fill many vacancies. Paving seems to be in full swing throughout the whole of Vancouver Island right now with all our signatory contractors running at full power, and hiring to cover their needs. Emil Anderson Construction Inc. currently has a project on the Malahat Highway that will go into 2018. OK Industries Ltd. and Global Pro System, Inc. will both play parts in the project as subcontractors. In Victoria Ralmax Contracting Ltd (RCL). has started back up at Royal Bay prepping for further expansion of the new community.



Emil Anderson Construction Inc. on the Malahat Highway.  
*Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Image*

Both Advantage Crane and GWIL Crane Service have been permanent fixtures at the Mayfair Mall expansion project along with RCL and several of our Members with Construction Drilling Inc. RKM Crane Services has had several high profile lifts at the McKenzie Overpass Project. The second phase of the McKenzie Overpass recently came up for tender and hopes are high that our signatory contractors will successfully bid and bring yet more work for our Members. The work picture looks bright and there are several projects both large and small on the horizon. Remember if you're not working now please contact your District office to make sure you are eligible for dispatch, checked in and we have your most up to date tickets and qualifications on file!

Bargaining has been very busy so far this year and hopes are high to get both Roadbuilding Contracts ratified by mid-summer. Brother Don Swerdan managed to successfully negotiate and ratify both Waste Management of Canada Corporation and Waste Connections of Canada Inc. Brother Chip Dhaliwal's help was invaluable negotiating an agreement to be ratified by United Rentals of Canada, Inc. shortly. There is still plenty of bargaining to be done on Vancouver Island but we are well on our way to a successful year. Another additional face has been Assistant Business Manager Brother Josh Towsley whose support and assistance with some of the more difficult challenges we have faced has been phenomenal.

Hope you had a safe summer and are ready for more to come. 🍁



Cape Scott wind farm near Port Hardy.





## New Government faces big tasks

Similar to our last article, we are in a state of constant flux here. Last time, it was the uncertainty over the provincial election. At the time of writing this article, many parts of the District and the rest of the province are experiencing some of the worst wildfires in recent memory. There is no doubt that the new NDP Government has a momentous task ahead of them.

That being said, it was, and still is, extremely heartening to see the people of our communities come together and support those who were evacuated, and those who may be still dealing with the fires. I'm also proud of our Brothers and Sisters. Not only those working for

Conair Group Ltd., flying overhead every day fighting for our communities; but, also the Membership who diligently kept their communities running smoothly. For example, the Brothers and Sisters working at the Village of Cache Creek have been putting in unprecedented hours during the evacuation of Cache Creek to ensure that everyone had a working village to return to when the evacuation was lifted on July 18th, so props to you.

Unfortunately, the wildfire season has taken its toll on construction in District 3 already. Many of the projects that were

slotted for the North Thompson area (like projects in Darfield and Hwy 24) have now been delayed due to the extreme fire danger. This

will inevitably result in some mid-season lay-offs with Dawson Construction Ltd. and Eagle Rock Construction Ltd., where the Membership could usually rely on steady summer hours. These delays will likely either mean a very busy fall, or projects being completed next spring rather than this winter. However, there are still a number of projects running and about to start up in the District. Emil Anderson Construction Inc. is continuing to push on a difficult Hwy 97 project in Kelowna. They are also putting a number of local Members to work with the project on the Rogers Pass. BA Dawson Blacktop Ltd. is heading down to Merritt for a fairly sizeable utilities and roadbuilding project that promises to keep them busy for the remainder of the season. Additionally, Con-Ex Civil Contractors Ltd. is keeping busy in Kamloops with projects at Orchards Walk and Juniper. Kamloops Augering has a number of crews out of province working on mainline pipeline projects in Ontario and Alberta. Both companies each recently ratified new three year deals.

Our shops also seem to be enjoying a busy year to date. Cummins Western Canada has recently added additional personnel in their already busy shop and on out of town crews. They are working on some new contracts that could add even more business. SMS Equipment Inc. has bolstered their crews in both Kamloops and Williams Lake, adding a number of new techs. Williams Machinery Limited Partnership is busy to the point where they are still looking for new techs in Kelowna. Along with that, the truck shops are staying steady as usual with more and more rigs and RV's on the road during the summer months.

There is one issue we would like to highlight in this article. Recently, we have been dealing with some grievances and complaints about Employer practices that the Union is not aware of. If you are ever unsure about something at work, or something feels like it's not right to you, chances are there is something wrong. Ask your Steward or Business Rep. Don't take a Manager's word for it that, "It's always been done this way." ASK THE QUESTION. Your Stewards and Reps can't be everywhere and "police" every job; the Membership is the eyes and ears of the Union. The same can be said when it comes to identifying non-union and Christian Labour Association of Canada projects to your Union. Nothing feels better than when we show up on an out of the way project and having an angry Manager greet you with, "How did you know we were here?!"

With that, we hope all our Brothers and Sisters in the District work and play safe; we'll see you out there. 🍁



L-R: Brothers  
Rory Krenzler,  
Cory MacDonald,  
Thomas Johnson  
Emil Anderson  
Construction.



## End employer scare tactics

# Strengthen the Labour Code

With the summer coming to a close it has been a devastating year with the numerous forest fires throughout the province. Many Members and their families have been displaced from their homes and have been re-located in either evacuation centers, RV parks, or with friends throughout the province. Our thoughts are with all of you.

*"The Union is and has been lobbying the government for changes to the Labour Code."*

With the New Democrat Party (NDP) governing the province, there are several new faces within the Cabinet. The Union is and has been lobbying the government for changes to the Labour Code; this will ensure labour stability in the province. With the changes to the Labour Code this will create an opportunity to regain some of the market share with our signatory contractors. The previous government ensured that the non-union and rat contractors were successful on undermining the standards of working people in the

unionized sector. The government must recognize the rights of working people to be free to join a union, without the threatening scare tactic attacks from the employer. With the newly elected government, it must continue with unionized construction of infrastructure and support for Project Labour Agreements. We look forward to dealing with the new government and we should also continue to lobby the MLAs elected in any riding that we reside in for support for a fair Labour Code.

The District 4 & 5 Road Builders Agreement has been ratified by the Membership. Lafarge Canada Inc.'s paving crew started off to an extremely dismal start for the season. Lafarge Canada Inc. is now working many hours at the end of summer and into the fall to complete their season of work. Pittman Asphalt's paving crew have been traveling around the District 4 region and work

for them has been steady. Adventure Paving has completed the paving at the Port of Prince Rupert, this project created many hours for the Member's hour banks.

Currently there are several rounds of bargaining that are being negotiated; those include Atlas Copco Canada Inc., Union Tractor Ltd. & Entrec Cranes & Heavy Haul (Western) Ltd.

District 5 has been having a busy season with two pipeline contractors working out of Dawson Creek area. Between these two companies it has created 180 jobs for Operating Engineers Members.

In saying that, having tickets current for your employment is imperative. We saw incidences where the Member's tickets were expired, which meant they had to scramble to find a location for a physical course or take time to complete an online course. If you are planning to receive a dispatch on any of the pipeline work you will be required to have a current, Pipeline Construction Safety Training, Ground Disturbance and H2S Alive. Take advantage of the Training Association, they have a great staff that will assist you in obtaining the tickets that are required on pipelines and construction projects. It makes it very difficult to get Members dispatched when they don't have the correct tickets.

In closing, we must thank and recognize the Shop Stewards and Safety Reps for the countless hours they contribute to make the work place a more respectable and safer environment to work in.

Work Safe 🍁



BC Premier John Horgan will be pressed by the Local for changes to the Labour Code.



# Bunce to Blackwater Highway 16 four-laning project



Integrated Contractors installing pedestrian tunnel.



Geogrid Reinforced Slope (GRS) Wall Construction.



IUOE Local 115 Members work on the Highway 16 four-laning project. The \$15.6-million Bunce to Blackwater contract was awarded to IDL Projects Inc.

*Images— James Morrison (IDL Projects Inc.)*







### Summer busy with paving

The summer of 2017 brings with it fires, floods, slides, and earth tremors as of late but with every turn of a corner, I see more and more of the people in our province banding together to help one another. A proud group we are.

Paving has been expectedly productive this summer and aside from that as of late our Members have been putting in some long hours working on several other construction projects in and around the Kootenays, which have been somewhat thin for the last couple of years without many projects. It's nice to be able to dispatch out Operators for jobs we haven't seen in a while other than paving going on in District 6.

BFI Constructors Ltd. has been successful at being awarded work and has been working up at Fording River Operations. KMC Mining (BC) Ltd. has also been actively bidding on work in the East Kootenays at the mines in the Elk Valley with hopes of securing a foothold in the area as in the past. We have been working with our signatory companies trying to help them gain this footing in the market share among the Non-Union and Christian Labour Association of Canada groups who are also bidding on this work.

Coming to the end of the paving season I want to remind everyone that those people working on our roads have fami-

lies too and they expect to go home to see their families just like the rest of us. This season there have been some serious incidents on our roads, where people have not obeyed the flaggers and even tried to keep going resulting in running them over. This is unacceptable and should be dealt with as harsh as the court system is able to hand down punishment in these cases. Everyone deserves to go home after work in the same condition they arrived in; so please be aware and always drive safe.

Stay safe. 🍁



Selkirk Paving Highway Crew Paving Highway 6 in Silverton.



L-R: Business Representative Brother Rob Foscett, Brothers Sean Kavanagh, Nicholas Maida, Devon Simister, Jayden Maida, Mike Auerbach, Steve Kjelshus, Training Coordinator Brother Stewart Miller, Tarn Starbuck, and Business Representative Brian Lefebvre.





## Full summer for Training Association

### 22nd Annual Open house

Saturday, June 17th marked the 22nd annual IUOE Local 115 Heavy Equipment Rodeo at our training site in Maple Ridge. This turned out to be one of our better events with over a 1000 people in

attendance.

Those in attendance were able to try their hand at operating one of the 20 pieces of equipment that were set up under the supervision of one of our skilled Members. The equipment that visitors could try included the excavator, backhoe, haul truck, dozer, loader roller, boom truck and RT crane.

Everyone was so appreciative of the event that we were able to break our record in donations for Dollars Against Diabetes. By the end of the day we were able to raise over \$2,200.00 for this cause! Thank you to all who came out and donated.

The success of this event is also assisted by the contributions of our signatory Equipment Dealers such as Williams Machinery Limited Partnership, SMS Equipment Inc. and Wajax Industries. All 3 of these companies generously provided equipment for those in attendance to demo. A big thanks to these companies and their commitment to make this event a huge success.

Cooperators Insurance sponsored the event once again. As the attendees arrived on site they were welcomed by the Cooperators with a bag of popcorn as they registered.

For many of our Members and their families, this event is a highlight for them each and every year. However, this event would not be possible if it weren't for the nearly 100 volunteers that come out each year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every volunteer along with our staff whose dedication continually makes this event a success.

### Training Site Property

The Training Site in Maple Ridge has the reputation of being the premier Training Center in the Province of BC. We have been continually training people for a career as Operator's of Heavy Equipment at the site for over 40 years.

The site is large enough (40 acres) for the operation of heavy equipment, simulating job site conditions and ensuring safe operating area for multiple pieces of equipment and concurrent programs. This location is a natural source of gravel, making it ideal for operating heavy equipment. Because of the gravel content of the soil, the property is well-drained, allowing training programs to run throughout the year. This gravel resource also provides a source material for our aggregate crusher plant. Product from this plant is utilized in the paving courses, simulating asphalt.

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Sister Leanne Hughf with future IUOE Local 115 Operator during the 22nd annual IUOE Local 115 Heavy Equipment Rodeo.

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Since 1974, we have been continually renewing a Licence of Occupation (LOC) on a 10 year basis with the Province of BC. Under this licence, the province always had the option of evicting us from the site with as little as 60 days notice.

Due to the uncertainty of this agreement there was a need for us to gain better security of the property. Over the past 2 years we have been continually meeting with Government Officials to address this issue. I am proud to say that our efforts have paid off. We have recently signed a 30 year lease with the Province of BC.

Knowing that we have the property locked up for the next 30 years will allow us to confidently continue to expand and make improvements to the Training Site. This will equip us with the tools that we need to continue to deliver the highest standard of training in BC and to continue to be able to train and supply the best qualified BC workers for jobs in BC.

### **Kamloops Heavy Metal Rocks**

The Training Association once again participated in the Heavy Metal Rocks (HMR) program in Kamloops this year which ran from April 6th-8th. The HMR program is a joint program that is organized by WorksafeBC, the Kamloops School Districts and local employers/industry.

The HMR program is designed to introduce over 20 high school students to career opportunities in the road building and construction industries. Over the 3 day period, students are given the opportunity to operate different pieces of machinery under the supervision of a Journeyperson Operator. Students also had the opportunity to try out the Training Associations Excavator and Mobile Crane Simulators.

Special thanks to all the local signatory employers who supported the HMR program this year. All of our efforts will go a long way in attracting future Operators and Mechanics for the jobs of tomorrow. 🍁



Brother Harparwan (Heera) Hundal receives his Certificate of Qualification for Truck and Transport Mechanic from Brother Darren Suehsschlaf (Training Coordinator). Heera completed his apprenticeship working at Pacific Coast Heavy Truck Group (Volvo).



Level 1 Crane Class—L-R: Brothers Reyall Clouthier, Garrett Duffus, Wade Quechuck (in cab), Lee Taylor (front), Adam Kirk, and Instructor Wes Bauder.



BC Premier John Horgan visiting Training Site and speaking with Business Representative Brother Jeff Turner, Instructor Brother Robyn Bishop and Training Coordinator Brother Darren Suehsschlaf.





Heavy Equipment Operator Class—L-R: Instructor Brother Robyn Bishop, Brothers Doug Nicoll, Neil Strain, Will Terpstra, John Baloc, and Mark Pokoyski.



L-R: Brothers James Simpson (LiUNA Local 1611), Sister Natasha Hermary, Wayne Jackson, Sister Rebecca Jackson, Darren Suehsschlaf (Training Coordinator), Fred Shippit, Brad Hoey, Ritchie Sharpe, and Jeevan Sangha. Front Row, L-R: Brothers Martin Urchyshyn, Ben Graham (LiUNA Local 1611), Jason Holyoak, and Mike Babineau (LiUNA Local 1611).



Brother Rafael Guia receives his Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal Endorsement for Mobile Crane Operator from Brother Darren Suehsschlaf (Training Coordinator). Rafael completed his apprenticeship while working for Sterling Crane.



Brother Sheldon Blomly receives his Certificate of Qualification for Heavy Equipment Operator with the Endorsement for Excavator and Loader from Brother Darren Suehsschlaf (Training Coordinator).



Level 2 Crane Class—L-R: Brothers Alex Twynstra Rick Gallant, Instructor Wes Bauder, Lorne McLean, Ryan Feilden, Pierce Vinje, and Kale Pietz.



## Relief Fund to assist Members

It's mid-summer as I write this and forest fires are raging throughout the province. Your Local has created a Disaster Relief Fund to help those Operating Engineers who have been affected by the BC wildfires. We're providing financial support to Members who have been evacuated from their homes. Just another way Local 115 rises above.

For those of us not affected it's a good idea to perform an inventory of those things we seldom use. For an example do you know where your insurance policy is? Do you know if it's up-to-date? When you last renewed did you check your coverage? If you've moved in the last year your coverage may need to change.

Do you have an emergency kit? Having an emergency kit can help prepare and protect you and your loved ones for unforeseen events. Keep it in a handy place and make sure everyone in the household knows its whereabouts.

It's important to be ready. Natural hazards can be swift and unpredictable. The impact can be devastating. Whole communities can be affected. Disasters pay no attention to schedules.

With the hot weather behind us many of you are planning to head south to warmer weather. Have you considered trav-

el insurance? Government health plans may not cover your medical expenses once you're outside your home province or territory. If you're a Member of the Operating Engineers' Benefits Plan you can purchase additional coverage through Pacific Blue Cross (PBC), at a discount.

In addition to the discount if you have a PBC travel plan and are a Member of the OEBP, your PBC travel plan will pay first. This protects your OEBP lifetime maximum.

Most travel plans do not cover pre-existing health conditions, always double-check what you're covered for.

As an OEBP Member you're entitled to additional savings with Blue Advantage. The program provides savings at point of sale on the total cost of products and services from participating providers across Canada, regardless if the item is covered under your benefit plan. Simply present your Blue Cross identification card to the participating provider and mention the Blue Advantage program. Savings are available on Dental, Fitness/Wellness, Hearing, Medical Equipment and Supplies, Nursing Services, Pharmacy and Vision Care products and services. Visit [www.blueadvantage.ca](http://www.blueadvantage.ca) for more information.

Whether you live in an area prone to natural disasters or are traveling on vacation, preparation is key. Knowing where your insurance policy is, that it's up-to-date, or purchasing a travel policy will give you peace of mind and prepare you for the unexpected. 🍁

## Pensions Awarded May 2017 to July 2017

### May

Bryan ALBERS  
James ASELTINE  
Garry BJARNASON  
Brian BRONS  
Michael BRUNE  
Glen COLLING  
Dave COLOMBO  
Jack DEGRAAF  
Frank GRANDE  
Brian HACHEY  
Philip HAIN  
Richard HOLOWINKO  
Douglas HOWARD  
Keith JULIUS  
Stephen LUTTERS  
Malcolm MCNAY  
Douglas MONTEITH  
Edward PIERRE

Gaetan POZSGAY  
Richard ROBBINS  
Larry SEMINOFF  
Raymond SUTHERLAND  
Robert TIMMERMAN  
Perry TRACE  
Frank VIDAL  
Trevor WATTS  
Bruce WHITEHOUSE  
Joseph WILLIAMS

### June

Randall DUNN  
Richard GREEN  
Dennis HETH  
Ralph HOGG  
Edward JONES  
Jerome LEAN  
J. Travis LIGHTFOOT  
Ben MCCORMICK

John MONTROY  
Leonard PHELAN  
Melvin RICKETTS  
Warren SCHULER  
David SMYTHIES  
Richard SPAIDAL  
Blaine TASA  
Kevin TAYLOR  
Victor TOUGAS  
Dennis TRENT  
Michael TURANCHIK  
Barry VANDERBERG  
Brian WAYCHESHEN  
David WEBSTER

### July

David BLACKWELL  
Jim BROOKS  
Ted CARLSON  
Allan COPELAND

Bernie DEVEREAUX  
David DIXON  
Gary DROUIN  
James FLYNN  
David HALL  
Donald HOSSFELD  
Roderick KELLER  
Martin LINDQUIST  
Robert MAIN  
Penny MCCULLOUGH  
Dwayne MORTON  
Colin ORR  
Lawrence OVIATT  
Donald REED  
Ronald SHORE  
William SOUKOROFF  
Dennis TINGSTAD  
Eddy WANG



# Celebrating our Members



Business Representative Brother James Knowles, with 20 year Member Charles Wes Ough.



Business Representative Brother James Knowles with 10 year Member Lynn Reimer.



Brother Lloyd Strong, 50 year Member.



Business Representative Brother Bryan Railton with 60 year Member Brother Leonard Kurta.



L- R: 50 year Members Brothers Weikko Taulu and Charles Poaps.

Prince Rupert Membership Meeting on June 22nd.

L-R: Brothers Scott Duffus, Keith Brown, Leonard Uchman, Garret Duffus, Bob Hrehirchek, Paul Brar, John New, Chad Schinder, Tommaso Ponzini, Jerret Beal and Jake Komadina. Sitting L-R: Brothers Darrell Lowes, Aaron Sims, Sister Candice Arimare, Stephane Plante, Vince Arimare, and Business Representative Matt Baker.





# IUOE bursaries and scholarships

## Mike Parr Bursary

Awarded annually to a son, daughter or legal ward of a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 115 entering first-year studies.

### Bursary Amount:

Total \$2000. May be divided between more than one applicant.

### Criteria:

Applicants must be a son, daughter or legal ward of a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 115 entering first-year studies in any discipline at a recognized Canadian college, university or vocational school as a full-time student. High school transcripts may be requested. Awards are based upon secondary school academic standing.

### Information & Applications:

September 30. Awards are presented in November.

### Information & Applications:

Sandie Bird – Operating Engineers' Benefits Plan Office

Phone: (604) 299-8341, ext. 407

Apply via email: [sbird@iuoe115.ca](mailto:sbird@iuoe115.ca)

## Donald Smith Scholarship

Scholarship awarded in the name of Donald Smith.

### Bursary Amount:

Up to \$1000

**Criteria:** Awarded annually to a son, daughter or legal ward, a member or a member's spouse who is in full-time attendance at UBC, SFU, University of Victoria, University of Northern British Columbia or BCIT pursuing studies in engineering, industrial relations or law at either the graduate or undergraduate level. Awards are based upon academic standing.

### Applications Deadline:

September 30. Awards are presented in November.

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## C.S.C.U.-O.E.C.U. Pioneers Memorial Bursary

Originally established in 1989 by Operating Engineers Credit Union, which merged with Community Savings Credit Union in 2009, the memorial provides an annual donation to honour the pioneers of the Operating Engineers Credit Union. Bursaries from the Operating Engineers Credit Union Pioneers Memorial as well as other trust funds are offered through the Credit Union Foundation of BC. These bursaries provide supplemental assistance to students in academic, vocational or technological programs at BC educational facilities.

### Bursary Amount:

Based on financial need.

### Criteria:

This trust incorporates the original memorial established for Harry and Doris Berger. Harry was a founding charter member, President and Director of Operating Engineers Credit Union. Doris was a dedicated volunteer serving as Secretary to the Credit Union's Board, the Credit Union Foundation of BC and other associated organizations. Much of Doris and Harry's volunteer work reflected their keen interest in less privileged children. Awards from the Community Savings Credit Union OECU Pioneers Memorial bursary are designed to help disadvantaged youth pursue higher education. Applicants should therefore demonstrate a strong and justified financial need for assistance, along with supplementary documentation and your proposed requirements.

### Applications Deadline:

Applications for students starting school in the fall are accepted between September 1 and October 15.

### Information & Applications:

For an application, visit [www.cufoundation.org](http://www.cufoundation.org) or stop by the Operating Engineers branch of Community Savings Credit Union at 4590 Hastings Street in Burnaby, BC. You can also visit Community Savings Credit Union or reach us at [info@cufoundation.org](mailto:info@cufoundation.org).



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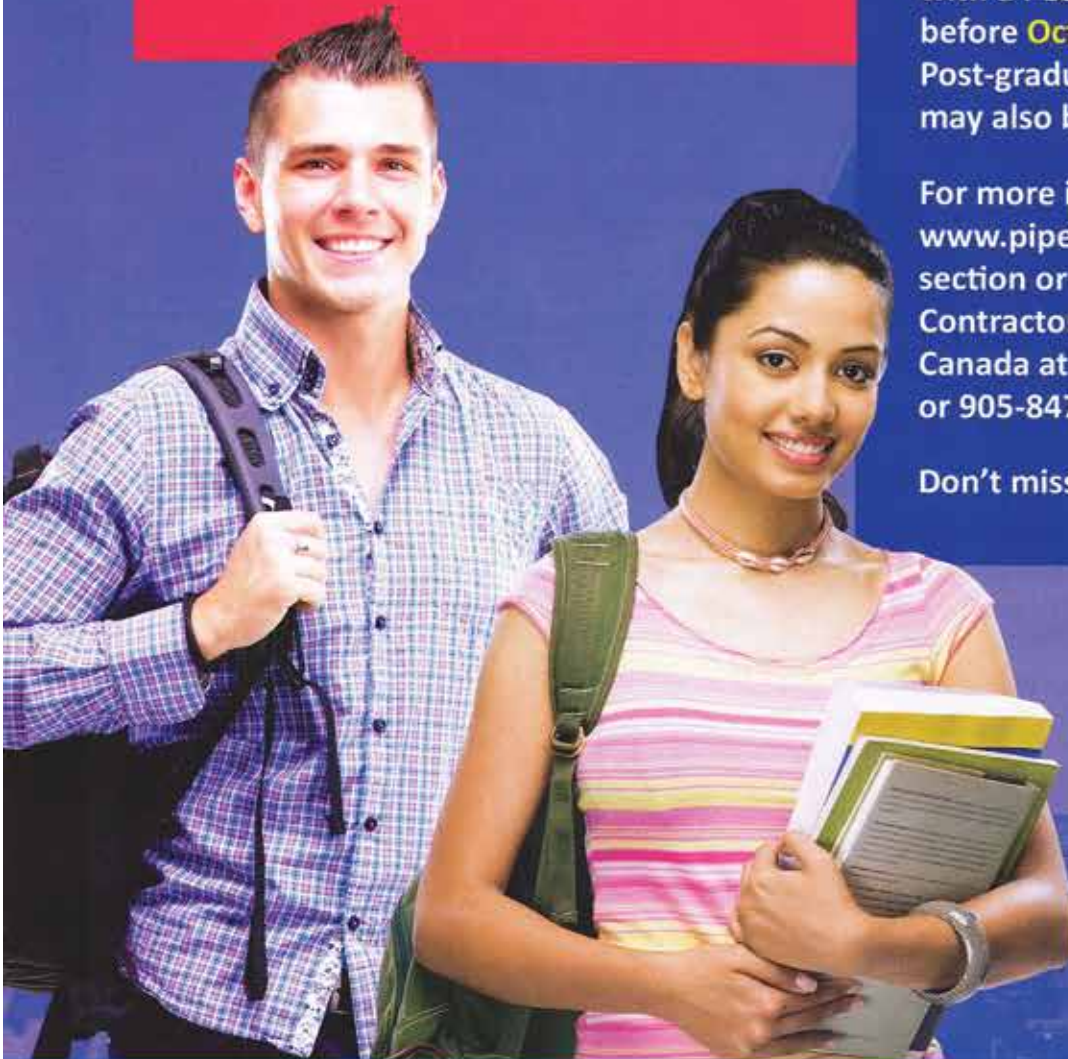
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# Honouring our Members

## Member Service Awards

May 2017 to July 2017

### 10 years

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Kyle	August
Joseph	Barr
Jason	Basaraba
John	Biwer
Craig	Blackwell
Bert	Broeckx
Justin	Brooks
Gordon	Callaghan
Vern	Campbell
Cameron	Campbell
Roland	Carson
Simon	Charlton
Marvin	Church
Reid	Church
Steve	Colaco
Carlo	Corra
Sylvain	Cote
Dmitry	Danshin
Glenn	Davis
James	Davis
Jonathan	Decker
Lloyd	Dempster
Candace	Dunn
William	Erskine
Nicholas	Eyford
Thomas	Fentie
Brad	Ferguson
Robert	Forde
Eric	Friesen
Don	Fritz
Dallas	Fuhrer
Dan	Gheorghe
Calum	Gilchrist
Ken	Glassford
Steele	Gorosh
Terry	Grant
Darren	Haarstad
Jamie	Hamilton
Jeremy	Harder
Paul	Harvey
Mike	Honeyman
Drew	Hudson
Allan	Hurley
Mark	Jackson
Adam	Johnston
Gordon	Klassen
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Richard  
Frank  
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Randy  
Mike  
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Travis  
Jim  
Paul  
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Reusch  
Ross  
Sacco  
Sainsbury  
Schuster  
Sedawie  
Smith  
Sneddon  
Stancic  
Stanley  
Starbuck  
Ulmer  
Van De Vosse  
Vorley  
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Paul  
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Marty  
John  
Dustin

Watts  
Webster  
Wilson  
Wood  
Wormald  
Ypma

### 20 years

John	Allen
Mike	Alves
Sandy	Berkeley
Ian	Black
Bill	Bochenko
Peter	Bocskey
Edward	Bricker
Anthony	Byrne
Wayne	Chapin
Darrell	Chase
Jose	Conceicao
Shannon	Danahy
Blake	Decraene
Gary	Dickinson
Rene	Doucette
Wayne	Dunaway
Dennis	Eby
Doug	Fisher
Raymond	Garneau
Russell	Gaucher
Anthony	Gillis
Orval	Gladue
Loy	Haase
Darren	Hassell
Wade	Henrickson
Keith	Holmes
Skye	Hubley
Wayne	Jalava
Michael	Johnson
Denny	Johnson
Lee	Kimball
Kelly	Lott
Bill	Maier
Corey	Malcolm
Brian	Matthews
Wayne	McBrearty
Ben	McTaggart
Clinton	Middleton
Emmanuel	Moldowin
Jeffrey	Munro
Paul	Nolin
Richard	Ouelette
Erik	Pedersen



Allen  
Dan  
Inderjit  
Robert  
Rick  
Clifford  
Roxann  
Douglas  
Dwayne  
James  
Stephen  
Ivan  
Trevor  
Robert

Price  
Rompre  
Sandhu  
Sandini  
Sankey  
Smith  
Smith  
Spent  
Steen  
Sullivan  
Taylor  
Thomas  
Vollet  
Wiebe

Lenard  
William  
Terry  
Douglas  
Alden  
Robert  
Leo  
Jay  
Gerald  
Larry  
John  
Sidney  
Gordon  
Bryan  
Ronald  
Emery  
Bruno  
Art  
Dean  
Gordon  
Raymond  
Melvin  
Wojciech  
Edward  
Claude  
Randy  
William  
Glenn  
Kevin  
Steven

Bolton  
Chursky  
Dean  
Dixon  
Dyment  
Eberts  
Felix  
Gallagher  
Garant  
Gawne  
Goodfellow  
Hildebrandt  
Hildebrandt  
Johnston  
Klatt  
Langley  
Litz  
Lovett  
Lowry  
McLelan  
Morris  
Nicholson  
Ostrowski  
Ramsey  
Robertson  
Ryan  
Shypitka  
Sorensen  
Taylor  
Zanatta

### 50 years

William  
Marcel  
Gerry  
Kenneth  
Robert  
Neil  
David  
Sandro  
Hans  
Edgar  
Harry

Armstrong  
Arsenault  
Babiy  
Catterall  
Erskine  
Laughlin  
McCoy  
Morlacci  
Novel  
Shiels  
Sullivan

### 30 years

Wayne  
Allan  
William  
Michael  
Don  
Ken  
Rodney  
Frank

Card  
Copeland  
Drahoff  
Lindsay  
MacKenzie  
Madsen  
Palmieri  
Smith

### 40 years

David  
Arlo  
Vince  
David  
Jerry

Aeichele  
Alexander  
Arimare  
Bannister  
Blake

### 60 years

Chester  
Jens  
James  
Elton  
James  
Meno  
Ivan  
Domenico  
Clarence  
Irvin  
James  
Adriaan

Alexander  
Andersen  
Calder  
Carlson  
Denomey  
Heinrichs  
Lambert  
Moretto  
Pigeon  
Radtke  
Thomson  
Van Breugel

### 70 years

Mervyn MacDonald.  
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Sadly he passed on July 3rd, 2017.

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Ian	Abadam	Mathew	Collins	Robin	Helmle
Edmundo	Abijero	Robert	Collins	Michael	Hermanson
Jayser	Acupan	Cameron	Cooke	Richard	Herrmann
Christopher	Adams	Darren	Cooper	Terrance	Hickey
Vernon	Alexcee	Ty	Cooper	William	Hickey
Dustin	Anderson	Stephanie	Corbin	Katelyn	Higham
Sterling	Anderson	Curtis	Cowl	Adam	Hildebrand
Peter	Antonishka	John	Crosby	Ryan	Hoffman
James	Ash	Jeremy	Cupples	Jesse	Hopwood
Brady	Atwood	Joseph	DaSilva	Jamie	Houston
Robert	Baillie	Mohammed	Dean	Brody	Hughes
David	Barron	Andrew	Dean	Brian	Hynes
Royce	Bear	Andrew	Delorme	Daryl	Ingram
Alexander	Bencharski	Sammy	Dhillon	Churchill	Jackson
Karamjit	Bhatti	Nicholas	Dickson	Barrett	Jeffery
Cayden	Birch	Jonathan	Dinsdale	Izaac	Joachim
Scott	Bisset	Christopher	Dodds	Mike	Johnson
Cody	Blumhagen	Drew	Dougan	Johnathan	Joinson
Darcy	Bolger	Brian	Downey	Adam	Jones
Curtis	Boomer	Joshua	Dubuc	Dillan	Josland
Adolfo	Borge	Claire	Dykstra	Milo	Kaiser
Ryan	Bornmann	Denise	Eagles	Amy	Karasz
Graham	Borzel	Shawn	Elder	Chad	Kennedy
Darcy	Boscoe	Daniel	Elhelou	Lise	Kennedy
Byron	Boucher	Grant	Ellertson	Darin	Keraiff
Sean	Boughen	Victor	Engstrom	Gareth	Kerr
Stephen	Boutilier	Bill	Fairbairn	Daniel	King
Richard	Brady	Brian	Fantuz	Shawna	Kirby
Parvinder	Brar	Travis	Farrant	Benjamin	Knapp
Christopher	Brin	Pamela	Fasolino	Mike	Kooznetsoff
Davis	Brooke	Nicholas	Felske	Dakota	Kroetsch
Randal	Browning	Kim	Fink	Korben	Kubik
Sarah	Bryant	Anton	Fix	Nadia	Lago
Jolene	Bryant	Blaine	Francoeur	Jacob	Lapinski
Nicholas	Bryanton	Justin	Frechette	Kevin	Larocque
Tyler	Buchanan	Edward	Gardner	William	Lawson
Frank	Burleigh	Kenneth	Gaunia	Mark	Leach
Stewart	Campbell	James	Gavin	Robert	Leach
Jason	Carnegie	Balwinder	Gill	Douglas	Leach
Jhonatan	Castro	Alfred	Glawe	Ryan	Lee
Robert	Cellona	Adam	Gorry	Jamie	Leibel
Chad	Chahley	John	Grech	Erik	Letham
Sidney	Charman	Samson	Habteselasse	Cody	Lidstone
Michael	Chartier	Benjamin	Harding	Arnold	Litke
Stanley	Christie	Danny	Harris	Shaun	Little
Gavin	Cline	Cameron	Hazel	Vince	Lorrain
Reighanna	Collins	Ryan	Heinrick	Brent	Lucas



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Kyle	Lundquist	Dawn	Pollard	Esau	Sherry
Donald	Maas	Durim	Polovina	Jayson	Shulman
John	MacKeigan	Michael	Ponic	Micheal	Smith
Kevin	MacKenzie	Ryan	Porter	Kenneth	Smith
Jayden	Maida	Neal	Prasad	Trevor	Smith
Troy	Maitland	Jordan	Price	Adam S	Smolcic
Tammy	Makokis	Edward	Prince	Donald	Snook
Carl	Marchtaler	Kristina	Pritchard	Wayne	Sperberg
Phillip A	Markell	Raymond	Proulx	Dejan	Stefanovic
Richard	Marshall	Corey	Pryce	Thomas	Stephanson
Trevor	Martin	Braya	Quilty	Carter	Stevens
Joshua	McArthur	David	Rector	Evan	Stockwell
Nick	McGeachie	Darrell	Reece	Bradley	Strasser
Jamey	McIntyre	Gregory	Reid	Eric	Stroll
Ian	McKelvey	Pardeep	Reihal	Erika	Szabadics
Kyle	Mebs	Roger	Reikki	Jared	Tetz
Eric	Metivier	Michael	Rice	Gary	Thiessen
Robert	Miller	Gerald	Rice-Wyse	Farrah	Thomas
Jared	Miller	Russell	Richards	Warren	Torris
Janet	Milne	Martin	Robbins	Phong	Tran
Tyler	Mockford	Ken	Robertson	Trevor	Van Amerongen
Robin	Moran	Jared	Robethze	William	Van Unen
Russell	Morgan	Chris	Robinson	Zachary	Van Veen
Norman	Morgan	Jeffrey	Ross	Ken	Vance
Patrick	Murphy	Colin	Roth	Brian	Vandenbosch
Richard	Myers	James	Round	Christopher	Wagner
Evan	Negreiff	Thongchai	Rueger	Stephen	Wallace
Terry	Niemi	Evan	Russell	Jaden	Waterhouse
Matthew	Norman	Cameron	Russell	Benjamin	Watson
Jordan	Oakley	Mark	Ryan	Michael	Weaver
Jesse	O'Donnell	Nathan	Saarela	Aaron	Weinbender
Danielle	Ollenberg	Lesley	Sampson	Alina	Wesley
Craig	Olshanoski	Marvin	Sampson	Shannon	Wesley
Sean	Olson	Todd	Sande	Grant	Wesley
Andrew	Osl	Gary	Sankey	Michael	Wesley
Marc	Ostrensky	Bryan	Santos	Darrell	West
Andrew	Otte	Ricardo	Santos Rego	Joseph	Wheeler
Sean	Pahl	Shirley	Saunders	Christopher	Whidden
Jayson	Palencia	Braden	Sayers	Garry	Whyte
Brandon	Parrish	Robert	Schad	Edward	Wilkie
Daniel	Pasaluko	Trent	Scheiner	Scott	Winterlik
Michael	Patry	Vince	Schiavone	William	Wishart
Jean-Francois	Pelletier	Kevin	Schoenleber	Riley	Woods
Chris	Penney	Kurtis	Schwindt	Dylan	Worden-Stibbs
William	Peters	Kyle	Scott	Zane	Wright
Matthew	Petovello	Jordan	Scott	Elijah	Zimmerman
Gary	Phillips	Brent	Shalla		

# In memoriam

## Members who have passed away

### Name Years of membership

<b>May</b>		Robert POLLON	51	Please note: these Members were not included in the last newsletter as we were notified of their death after publication.
Peter AYLES	3	Charles REAR	47	
Richard CONWAY	9	Valther SORENSEN	54	
Thomas DENNIE	47	Frank WALMSLEY	38	
Ken GRAF	33	Floyd WERNING	52	
Cody GRESIUK	2	<b>July</b>		<b>April 2017</b> James CURTIS 44 Donald HILL 47
Joseph HUSEREAU	49	Bert BROECKX	10	
Daniel LEDO	1	Vincent DAVIS	49	
John MADDIGAN	43	John DAVISON	43	
Jeff MANSOUR	35	Richard DUREKSEN	57	
Roland UMERKI	12	Robert FRENCH	62	
<b>June</b>		Mervyn MACDONALD	70	
Donald BAKER	43	Richard MARTINDALE	35	
Luc CHARBONNEAU	17	Michael MCCONNELL	10	
Peter CHERNOFF	51	Nick MORRIE	49	
Byron CRAGHTTEN	36	Walter PARFENIUK	61	
Dave CRAIG	60	Francis SUEK	42	
Patrick FITZGERALD	51	John WORMALD	10	
David MARRIOTT	36	Scott WORSLEY	29	



## Dispatch

## Al Cooper Dispatcher



## Paving and Pipelines show the way

I hope everyone has enjoyed the warm weather after our less than fantastic spring. To all the Members affected by the wildfires we are thinking of you and hope all is well.

The year started off slowly and has had its ups and downs, but we have been busy in the paving, earthmoving and pipeline lately. I am still looking for safety certificates so please send us a copy as it makes you more employable. If you have gained experience on any new equipment let us know. There are some new pieces of equipment showing up on sites such as Spider Cranes and Morooka's so if you are certified to run

a Spider Crane let us know and send a copy of the certificate or have experience on a Morooka let us know. The most common safety certificates needed are: Ground Disturbance and H2S Alive. For Pipeline: Ground Disturbance, Pipeline Construction Safety, and H2S Alive. For Crane: Fall Arrest, Construction Site Safety Training, and H2S Alive.

We are hoping our new government gets some of the much needed projects up and running soon so we can keep busy through the rest of the year. 🍁



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# Meeting Notices

## District 1

BURNABY: 1st Thursday of every month  
7:30pm at 4333 Ledger Avenue  
(Except March and September due to General Membership Meeting)

## District 2

NANAIMO: 2nd Monday of odd months  
6:00pm at the Coast Bastion Inn, 11 Bastion Street  
VICTORIA: 2nd Wednesday of even months  
6:00pm at the Pro Pat Legion Branch 31,  
#292 - 411 Gorge Road E.  
CAMPBELL RIVER/COURTENAY:  
Members will be advised of meeting date, time and place

## District 3

Monthly meeting locations alternate:  
KAMLOOPS: 2nd Thursday of even months  
7:30pm at the Union Hall, 785 Tranquille Road  
KELOWNA: 2nd Tuesday of odd months  
7:00pm at the Teamsters Hall, 185 Froelich Road

## District 4

PRINCE GEORGE: 2nd Wednesday of every month  
8:00pm at Coast Inn of the North, 770 Brunswick Street  
PRINCE RUPERT, TERRACE, KITIMAT, SMITHERS:  
Members will be advised of meeting date, time and place

## District 5

Monthly meeting locations alternate:  
FORT ST. JOHN: 2nd Tuesday of odd months  
7:30pm at the Masonic Hall, 10441 100th Avenue  
DAWSON CREEK: 2nd Tuesday of even months  
7:30pm at the George Dawson Inn, 11705 8th Street  
TUMBLER RIDGE/PEACE RIVER COAL:  
Members will be advised of meeting date, time and place  
WHITEHORSE: Teamsters Hall, 407 Black Street  
Members will be advised of meeting date and time

## District 6

Monthly meeting locations alternate:  
CASTLEGAR: 1st Wednesday of odd months  
7:00pm at the Super 8 Inn, 651 18th Street  
CRANBROOK: 1st Tuesday of even months  
7:00pm at the Labour Centre Boardroom,  
105 9th Avenue South  
TECK'S LINE CREEK OPERATION:  
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