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Brian Cochrane Business Manager



Operating Engineers thrive in record year for Local 115

As we head into this holiday season and reflect on 2022 I am hopeful that you and your families will get a chance to have a Christmas season much closer

to normal than previous years.

In 2022 IUOE Local 115 brought more than \$10 billion worth of construction projects under Collective Agreements for current and future work opportunities. These projects will provide quality paying union jobs for our membership and new training opportunities for the next generation. I would like to recognize the members and staff whose efforts have put us in a very good position to take advantage of all the opportunities before us.

"In recapping some of the highlights of this year, Local 115 closes 2022 with its strongest position ever in its 91-year history. We recently passed the 13,000-member mark, which is a new record."

Through our engagement with government we have also made significant changes to labour legislation. IUOE Local 115's efforts have helped to give workers greater rights to unionize under Bill 10 Single-Step Certification. We continue to be champions of improving workplace health and safety as it relates to mine safety, proper fitting PPE, crane safety and more. All of our efforts are working to prevent future workplace tragedies such as the Kelowna crane collapse where five crane workers and one member of the public, sadly lost their lives.

In recapping some of the highlights of this year, Local 115 closes 2022 with its strongest position ever in its 91-year history. We recently passed the 13,000-member mark, which is a new record. Local 115 also negotiated more than 50 agreements and certified seven new employers representing over 250 new members. All these achievements have helped to strengthen our economy and expand the membership.

The IUOE Training Association maintained its reputation as the primary destination for training Operating Engineers in BC, having trained more than 1,612 members in 2022 with an average of 162 enrollments each month. Despite all of our efforts, British Columbia and the country is still facing skilled-worker shortages in several classifications, especially crane operators and heavy duty mechanics.

Industry bargaining with Construction Labour Relations (CLR) continues to be painfully slow as we try to negotiate an agreement. Trying to find mutual agreement amongst all BC Building Trades member unions makes this a challenging process. With an expiry date of March 31, 2023 only a couple months away pressure is starting to build towards finding a fair settlement that is acceptable for all stakeholders.

The current rise in inflation rates is being felt by all of our members throughout the province. From the cost of fuel to food prices, there is an erosion of our paycheques this country has not seen since the Great Depression. While the cost of borrowing has gone up, it has also taken the wind out of skyrocketing housing prices. Rising rents and basic living costs are creating demand for increases to maintain current

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IUOE Local 115 team with NDP Premier John Horgan at his farewell luncheon.

living standards. I expect that all bargaining next year will become tougher as a result.

However, the high volume of pipeline work in BC this year has created some great opportunities for Operating Engineers right across the country. We have also helped to employ experienced pipeline members from every IUOE Local union in Canada and put them to work in Local 115.

"Our Pension Plan has also had a record year.
As of April 30, 2022 the Plan had paid out
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and their beneficiaries."

Even though times are tough for all of us, Local 115's excellent work picture this year has made it possible for the Board of Trustees to offer some relief to members in the form of benefit improvements.

A new \$500 Health Spending Account, along with improvements to eyeglass coverage and orthodontia, are all effective January 1, 2023. The Board of Trustees, Administrator, and our advisors have done an excellent job of managing the Plan on behalf of our membership. These increases will no doubt be well received by our members during these challenging times.

Our Pension Plan has also had a record year. As of April 30, 2022 the Plan had paid out \$62.63 million to 5,572 retired members and their beneficiaries. The recent changes to legislation that governs the Plan will put our Plan in the strongest financial position it has been in for decades. Complemented by a solid return on investments, the current value of the Plan has grown to more than \$1.53 billion in assets. All of this puts the Plan in a strong position and the Board of Trustees will be working with the Plan actuaries with the goal of improving future benefits.

All indications are that 2023 is going to continue to be strong in all sectors.

Vice-President Wayne Kemp has assumed the role of President of Local 115, filling the vacancy created from the retirement of President Don Swerdan. Brother Kemp brings great experience and dedication to the position and has the unanimous support from Local 115's Executive Board. I look forward to working with Wayne on all the current issues affecting our members and planning the future.

During the past year a number of events were either postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19. We'll try our best to get back to business as usual in 2023.

In closing out this year, I could not be more proud of the work that Local 115 has accomplished on behalf of our membership. The commitment of our members is second to none.

On behalf of the Officers, Executive Board and staff of Local 115, I want to thank you for your continued support and wish you and your families all the best this Christmas season. Here's to an even better year in 2023.

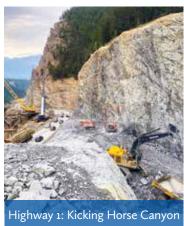
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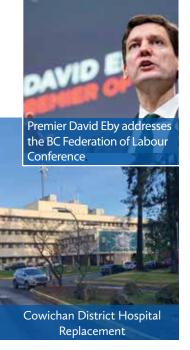


British Columbia Infrastructure Benefits Projects members are working on









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Wayne Kemp President



Honoured to be President of Local 115

I want to start by saying that I am most honoured and humbled to have been appointed to the position of President by the International Union of

Operating Engineers Local 115 Executive Board.

This appointment comes as a result of the retirement of Brother and President Don Swerdan. Brother Swerdan leaves behind a wonderful legacy full of history, and indeed leaves large shoes to fill. I am committed to continuing and building upon our outgoing President's legacy. I look forward to serving our membership, increasing our institutional knowledge, and strengthening the influence of this incredible 91-year-old institution.

"Despite dealing daily with many external pressures, from the never-quite-ending Covid-19 pandemic to increasing inflation, our membership has truly overcome obstacles to rise above."

I am extremely proud of the great work that the Executive Board and all of the Business Representatives throughout the districts have done over the last year. The province has been busy with a windfall of large projects that commenced construction this past year. Supplying the workers for these large infrastructure projects is a great undertaking. The dispatchers have done a fantastic job sending Local 115 members out to many jobsites throughout the province. Local 115 Business Representatives have worked closely with other locals across Canada and have been very successful in filling the voids.

In all regions of the province, members of Local 115 have done us very proud as usual. Despite dealing daily with many external pressures, from the never-quite-ending Covid-19 pandemic to increasing inflation, our membership has truly overcome obstacles to rise above.

In closing, I want to thank all the Stewards, Safety Representatives and Bargaining Committee members for the hard work they have done to improve conditions on behalf of our members. I want to wish every member happy holidays.

May the New Year bring peace and prosperity to you, your family and friends.

In gratitude,

Wayne Kemp 🍁



Vice President of the BC Federation of Labour, Brian Cochrane opening the 60th annual convention.

IUOE Local 115
delegates
at the 60th
BCFED
Convention



Director of Organizing Bryan Railton and Business Representatives Leanne Hughf and Kyla McCormick attend the 60th annual BC Federation of Labour convention as delegates.

Josh Towsley Assistant Business Manager



Fighting inflation with Community Benefits Agreements for 2023

At the time of writing, inflation is sitting at 7.7% and continues to put pressure on all of us. This is a result of government programs designed to

encourage economic activity during Covid-19 lockdowns, when our supply chains shrank along with our economy. Today we're feeling the effects, especially when we buy gas or groceries, or clothes and sports gear for our kids—inflation stings.

This has led to bargaining discussions in almost every sector related to the costs of commuting to work and how proposed wage increases will help maintain members' standard of living. Across the province Business Representatives are advocating for increases and winning them in record numbers, not seen since the run-up to the 2010 Olympic Games. But not all employers are ready to hand over such increases. This has slowed some rounds of bargaining and led to our members rejecting employer offers and standing together to demand fair wages in a challenging environment. The important thing is that we stick together, we work together and we ensure that we earn what we need.

There are projects like Highway 1 – Kamloops to Alberta Four Laning, Coquihalla Highway reconstruction, Surrey/ Langley SkyTrain Extension, the Cowichan District Hospital Replacement Project, the Broadway Subway Expansion Project, and the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project that Local 115 can point to as signs of success and stability. All of these projects are a direct result of our efforts to persuade government to build critical infrastructure with Local 115 labour. And there is more to come, including projects at BCIT and Vancouver Community College. It is crucial to recognize that the success of these projects is founded on either a Special Project Needs Agreement (tied to an Industry Standard Agreement) or a Community Benefits Agreement.

Outgoing Premier John Horgan was a champion of working people and celebrated when projects were awarded to Local 115. As David Eby transitions to the premier's office, it will be important to ensure that he builds on the foundation left behind by Premier Horgan—increasing the government's commitment to union members. Incoming Premier Eby has said the right things with regard to these types of projects during his leadership campaign. Now that he is in the position of leading our province we will ensure that he maintains that focused commitment to the working class.

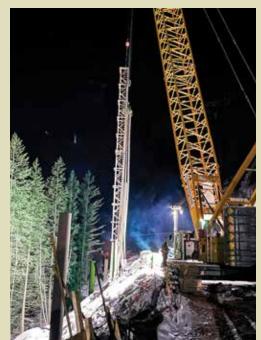
Projects like the ones listed above have ripple effects that extend far beyond just the project site. They extend to mines that deliver the aggregate for road base, concrete, and asphalt; they extend to the equipment rental shops that deliver and maintain the equipment, and impact the truck shops that maintain and repair the trucks that are used on these projects. These projects extend out into the communities, in the form of local hiring and supply of local materials.

These projects also provide opportunities for new members to access apprenticeship. Sometimes the best way to improve our standard of living is to learn a trade, to run a new piece of heavy equipment, to run a plant, to learn skills that allow us to raise our working standards and provide for our families.

While we can't predict what inflation will be like in six months or one year, we can predict where the work opportunities will come from. And we can predict that our bargaining committees, Executive Board, Business Representatives and staff will remain focused on meeting the needs of our members and making their lives better.

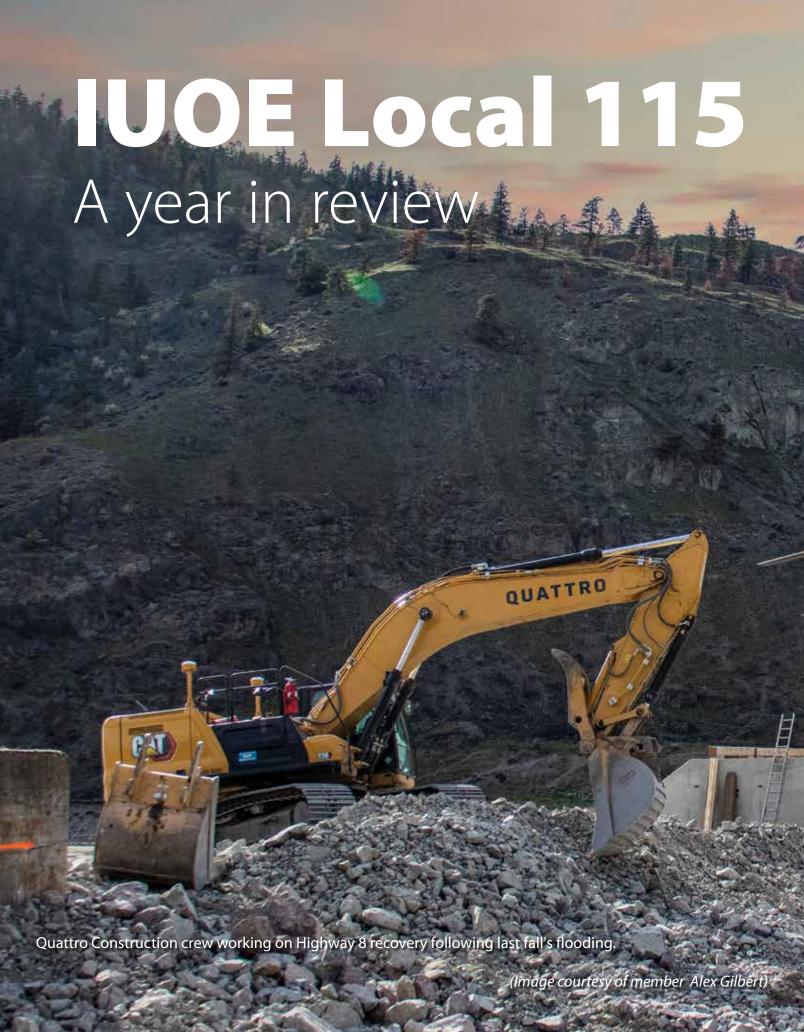
"Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work at hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus."

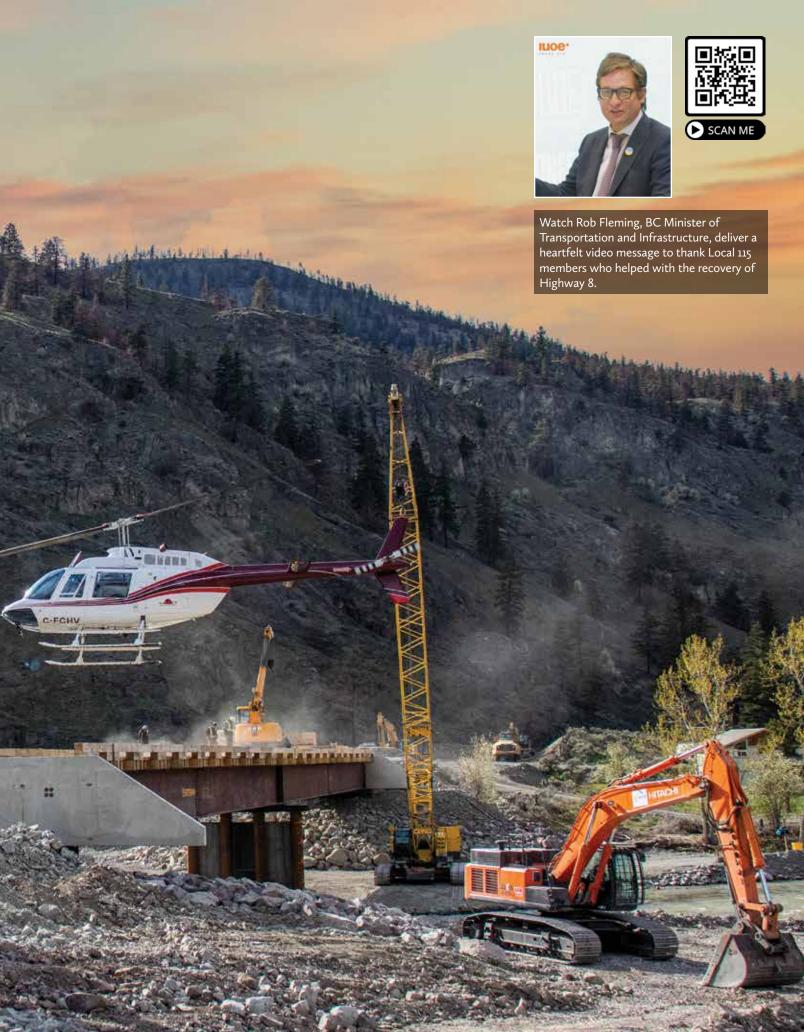
– Alexander Graham Bell



The BCIB
Kicking Horse
Canyon Project
is being built
under the
Community
Benefits
Agreement.
Seen here from
earlier in the
year is work
installing piles
at night on the
Grizzly Viaduct.

(Image courtesy of BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure)





2022 Year in review

2022 was a year of many challenges, but Local 115 members faced them head on. In a year that brought fires, floods, and some labour unrest, the membership showed resiliency and drive. We have much to celebrate as a result of the past twelve months and we look forward to the opportunities coming in 2023.

B.C.'s economic recovery hinges upon massive, sustained infrastructure investment

Long-term investment in dependable infrastructure and its workforce delivery model, is vital to B.C.'s economic prosperity.



Operating Engineers Local 115 reaches agreement to end concrete strike in BC

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Deal is struck to end Metro

Vancouver's weeks-long concrete

o <u>strike</u>

Members will begin returning to work Saturday morning, said Mike Mayo, IUOE Local 115 business representative

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Disaster Relief Fund contribution



Local 115's initial \$50,000 donation to the Canadian Red Cross BC Flood Relief, was matched with donations from the sister locals for a total of \$121,500. When matched by the provincial and federal governments, the total was \$364,500.

Local 115 members on the Highway 8 Recovery





IUOE Local 115 employer signs first Collective Agreement that provides inclusive **PPE language for all**



Louis Seidel celebrates 70 years of membership



Line Creek celebrates 40th **Anniversary**



IUOE member Kyle Laboucane carries his daughter at the Line Creek 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Thank you Don Swerdan



New roads ahead.

2022 IUOE Local 115 General Membership Meeting



Local 115 takes home medals at **Skills Canada National Competition**



Top medalists from 2022 Mobile Crane Competition: Gold - Jesse Mota, GWIL Crane Service, Silver - Jack Wilson, GWIL Crane Service, Bronze - Zachary Hogan, Kansen Crane Service.

Members at GFL added to bargaining unit



Labour Relations Board rules in favour of GFL Squamish workers' union

is vote-count for a proposal to add Abbotsford and Chilliwack GFL workers to Squamish's bargaining unit.

By Steven Chua, Squamish Chief | July 22, 2022, 11:53am



New opportunities for the pile driving industry



2022 Year in review

Training Association and Indigenous partnerships



HEO Training with the Squamish Nations Training and Trades Centre in the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation under the Lions Gate Bridge in West Vancouver.



Training Graduation Day at the Squamish Nation L-R: Garry Jabs, Jeff Gorham, Mauri Mantta, Devin Paul, John Williams, Marcell Genaille, Derek Baker, Vivian Joseph, Eric Wilson, Brookelyn Antone, Milissa Lewis, Vanessa Lewis, and Paul Wick.

Retired member competes in Operator Challenge



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OE Local 115 Pension Plan sells off 40-year-old asset for massive gain





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Administrator Lee Riggs, consultant Anna Lilly and Chairman of the Pension Plan Brian Cochrane hold a plaque representing the buildings that were sold.

IUOE Local 115 Canadian Conference delegation with General President James T. Callahan



Local 115 member finalist in photo competition



Dispatch Kyle Egan



Stay in touch to be ready for busy 2023

We need to fill so many different positions, from crane operators and heavy duty mechanics to excavator operators and side boom operators.

The work is coming and it's steady. It looks like this winter is going to stay the course and be busy like last winter.

In the Lower Mainland we have lots of work continuing into the New Year with many major projects yet to commence.

"Just remember: when you don't answer your phone it's just like declining an order through Section 7(c) of the dispatch rules."

Please remember to book in and keep your status up to date by checking in at least once a month. We need to keep the dispatch lists up to date. We are having trouble getting hold of some members who are booked in but not answering their phones when called by dispatch. Just remember: when you don't answer your phone it's just like declining an order through Section 7(c) of the dispatch rules.

Dispatch rules section 7(c)

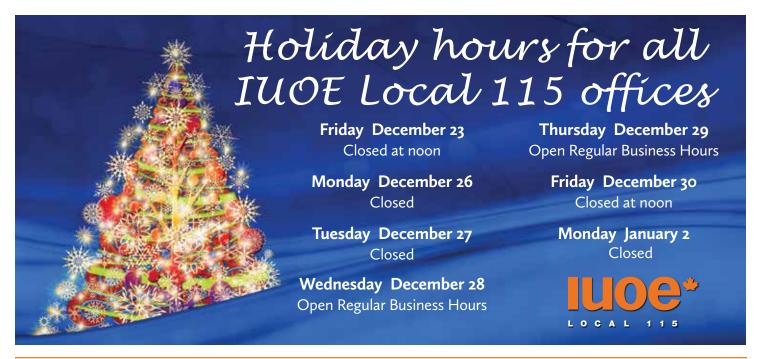
"Any member refusing three (3) consecutive jobs deemed to be compatible with his classification or, any member who is not available when called for jobs three (3) consecutive times shall

be suspended from the out-of-work list unless just cause is shown or stipulations are given by the member when booking in. In the event of a dispute, the member shall appeal his case to the District Dispatch Committee to determine whether or not extenuating circumstances prevail. Further appeal may be made to the Local Union's Executive Board."

We as a dispatch group hope everyone has a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year. *



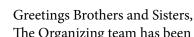
Badger Infrastructure, iust one of many signatory contractors looking for experienced operators to join the work being done on the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project.

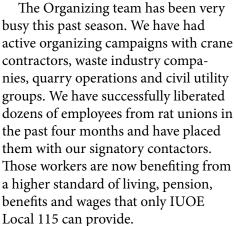


Organizing Bryan Railton, Frank Baratto, and Gavin Cross



Growing the base by fighting for more workers' rights, a roadmap for 2023







Assistant Business Manager Josh Towsley, Director of Organizing Bryan Railton and Business Representative Will Suelzle recently certified a new quarry for Local 115 in Maple Ridge. Thanks to our strong reputation in helping organize and secure more for our workers at quarries, we are also making inroads with other quarries

and some new drill/blast contractors as well.

Although the raid period for 2022 is behind us, we continue to get interest from CLAC/CWCU workers, and we are already making preparations for the 2023 season. Thanks to the BC NDP and their changes to the Labour Code earlier this year, we now have the opportunity to liberate these workers annually. If you know of anyone working for a rat union, do not hesitate to send them our way, and if you are ever in doubt of who needs our help, contact an Organizer!

As you may be aware, we certified GFL Environmental Chilliwack/Abbotsford earlier this summer, and as a result we are continuing to garner interest from other units across the province. Organizer Gavin Cross has been pursuing these workers with fervor and has been working closely with our Senior Marketing & Communications Manager Jared Fisk to assist in communicating with hard-to-reach members.

Organizer Frank Baratto has been using his wisdom and knowledge gained from years of working in the construction industry to connect with workers who fell victim to a recently crippled rat pipeline contractor in the valley. He has been diligently and confidently filling outstanding boomhand orders with our pipeline contractors. Organizer Baratto continues to assist our needs on the dispatch side working with Dispatcher Kyle Egan, and prides himself on finding workers and bringing them into the fold.

Organizers Cross and Baratto have also been assisting with our Business Representatives' needs out in the field, so don't be surprised if you see them out on the claim, especially on the roadbuilding and crane side. They look forward to learning from the Business Representatives and the opportunities provided.

As we enter this holiday season, Brothers and Sisters, we hope you get a moment to reflect on the accomplishments we have all enjoyed as members of IUOE Local 115 this past year, and equally important, the struggles that we have overcome together.

From Brothers Railton, Cross and Baratto: we want to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Stay safe out there! *

Our members at work





Crew at Hub City Paving on Vancouver Island working on expansions to Highway 14.

District 1 Frank Carr



Restoring fairness for working people in 2023

This is the time of year to reflect on our accomplishments and look back on the busy construction year that was. Both our bargaining and work being

completed have helped us leave 2022 with many successes that will carry over into 2023.

A major highlight for me this year is our union's ability to influence and lobby government. The BC NDP government recently awarded major infrastructure projects to Local 115 and the Building Trades unions, and has made the changes to the Labour Code we have been advocating for, such as Bill 10 Single-Step Certification.

These changes are a result of many efforts. Business Manager Brian Cochrane and Business Representatives joined the efforts of BC's labour movement to educate the NDP government about the difficulties of organizing workers under the old two-step system. Bill 10 Single-Step certification is of historic importance, given the impact the bill should have in restoring fairness for working people who want to join a union in this province. These are achievements that Local 115 members should really celebrate this year!

It's exciting to list some of the more recent BCIB projects that Local 115 is presently working on and will be contributing to in the New Year—some we can't name yet! From the tunneling on the Broadway Subway Expansion Project, to the Highway 1, 3 & 5 Reinstatement Program, to the Cowichan Valley District Hospital Replacement Project, to the Surrey/Langley SkyTrain Extension, 2022 demonstrated how hard our organization lobbied for publicly funded union projects and how successful we were in achieving that for our members.

With regard to negotiations and the work picture a couple of other milestones need mentioning. Earlier in the year we were involved in negotiating the Bargaining Council of British Columbia Building Trades Unions (BCBCBTU) Construction Labour Relations Protocol Agreement.



The Protocol Agreement sets out the process for negotiating the

Work began on the **Broadway Subway** Project earlier this year.

building trades' Collective Agreements, which include our Heavy Construction ICI, Crane Rental and Steel Erection Agreements. This has resulted in hard bargaining in a number of main table meetings, with many more meetings scheduled that include trade-level discussions. If the parties are unsuccessful in finding an agreement as of February 2023 they will be involved in non-binding arbitration.

A significant amount of time and effort went into negotiating Project Labour Agreements (PLAs) for the following projects:

- Highway Reinstatement Program for Highways 1,
- Annacis Island Water Tunnel with Traylor/Aecon
- Broadway Subway Partners, who have started building the two tunnels for the Broadway Subway Line in Vancouver;
- Eagle Mountain/Woodfibre gas tunnel in Squamish with Frontier Kemper/Michels JV.

The end result is we have steady employment for the next few years.

The Woodfibre Tunnel tentative start date is February 2023 with completion estimated for September 2025. There will be two tunnel boring machines (TBMs) on this project. One will be starting from the Squamish side (BC Rail Site); the diameter of this section of tunnel is 4.1 metres with an approximate total distance of 3.8 kilometres. The second TBM will be a 15-minute boat ride from Squamish to the Woodfibre site; the diameter of the tunnel will be 4.5 metres with a tunneling distance of 5 kilometres. Lodging will be provided by Fortis within the district of Squamish and the camp is expected to open in September 2023.

With respect to the pile driving industry agreements as reported earlier this year, it has been a major achievement that we stood united with the Pile Drivers Union to negotiate massive increases and updated terms and conditions that haven't been seen in the industry before.

We achieved a more than 12% increase over two years! Currently we are negotiating the final few pile driving agreements and have tentative agreements with PPM Civil Constructors and Formula Contractors, subject to ratification. The agreements include many of the changes we successfully negotiated with the pile driving industry. As well, we are in the midst of Hydraulic Dredge Agreement negotiations and I anticipate we should have a tentative offer to vote on shortly.

Happy Holidays to you and your family. *

District 1 John Munro



This past year was an exercise in solidarity

Greetings Brothers and Sisters. I hope everyone is safe and sound, as we finally make our way into winter.

As we wrap up another busy year for

the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 115, I would like to thank all of the members in this great organization for all of the hard work you put in every day on the job. You keep this wonderful province we live in, growing and moving forward into the future - and by all accounts this province is leading Canada into the future.

"I feel fortunate to have been able to deliver some gains and ratify new agreements that deliver some peace of mind to many of our members..."

On the bargaining side, I have just sent notice to bargain with Oxford Builders Supplies, MWL Demolition and Western Pacific Crane and Equipment. Green Infrastructure Partners ratified their Collective Agreement, with improved language and lifts to their pension and wages. Discussions remain ongoing with Convertus Canada with members seeking improvements to wages and language before a proposal can be submitted.

As the slow season is upon us in the construction industry, I would like to remind you to book in to dispatch if you are not working. Contact the Training Association to make sure all of your tickets are up to date and inquire about any training that you would like to take.

Fraser River Pile & Dredge working in Richmond.

2022 has been a busy year for the members of Local 115. Many major projects broke ground while others carried over from years past, with many more yet to be announced. The future for Local 115 looks prosperous and very busy.

Reflecting on the past year, the bargaining process has really stood out for me. This has been an unusually busy time for me in bargaining. Everything from wages to gas prices, overtime pay and even mortgage rates and interest has been discussed. I feel fortunate to have been able to deliver some gains and ratify new agreements that deliver some peace of mind to many of our members, especially within the Roadbuilding Utility, HydroTel, CLRA Piledriving, Mainland Shoring and Deep Foundations, Green Infrastructure Partners and Coquitlam Concrete Agreements.

Another highlight that comes to my mind is the massive show of strength and support that I witnessed from our members who came out to support the Brothers and Sisters who were on strike at Rempel Brothers Concrete. You helped to comfort members on the picket line by reminding them about the large family of Brothers and Sisters (over 13,000 of them) who have their backs in a fight for better working conditions. This year has been an excellent show of solidarity at its finest and makes me proud to be a member of this great Local and Union. I look forward to 2023 and all the great work that is in store for Local 115.

I wish all of you happy holidays and a happy New Year. Enjoy time with family and friends! ❖



Member Steve Gray at his workplace for the day.

District 1 Leanne Hughf



BCIB Project honours outstanding Canadian women's achievements

This year has been a busy one for all workers with all the major infrastructure projects that are on the go. All of the major critical infrastructure proj-

ects have been awarded to Local 115, due in large part to the great relationships our organization has built and maintained with all levels of government. All of our work throughout the province, whether it be through a Community Benefits Agreement, Project Labour Agreement, or Master Pipeline Agreement, will receive the same professional quality work our Local 115 is known for. Our organization continues to work diligently to acquire, retain and supply projects that support our members and the communities they live in.

The Broadway Subway Expansion Project's first tunnel boring machine (TBM) was launched the second week of October. The TBM is named Elsie. Elsie weighs about 900 tonnes or the equivalent of 333 elephants. Elsie is named in honour of Elizabeth Muriel Gregory MacGill, a British Columbian who was the first woman to earn a master's degree in aeronautical engineering. Elsie the TBM will be running 24/7 with three shifts of 12 workers for approximately 14 months. The second TBM on the project is being assembled currently. Elsie's sister Phyllis is named after Phyllis Mundy, the great Canadian mountaineer, explorer, and naturalist. Known for her humanitarian work, Mundy is famously recognized as the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Robson. Mundy also founded the Girl Guides movement in BC and established the first St. John Ambulance brigade in North Vancouver.

These are two very powerful machines named after historic and significant women. The work of these TBMs will help establish a more accessible public transit network for the Lower Mainland and reduce our region's carbon footprint.

Bargaining Updates

Bargaining this year with Clean Harbors Canada, Safety Kleen and Lonestar Vacuum has been lengthy. The members of Clean Harbors Canada and Safety Kleen have voted to strike and we are now in mediation, with a Labour Relations Board-issued strike vote set for later in the fall. The crew remains united and we hope that we don't end up on the picket

Quattro Constructors with IDL Projects have been working around the clock year-round to get Highway 8 and Spence's Bridge back in service. This vital section of our transportation corridor in BC was washed out during last fall's atmospheric rivers and flooding. Presently there are more than 50 workers on site daily.

In late October members at Cooks Ferry Alliance were treated to a BBQ to celebrate their hard work and contributions to reconnecting Highway 8, with special acknowledgement being given to the workers and the company by local and indigenous communities who were grateful to be reconnected to the highway. A section of the highway opened on November 8, 2022 and more work will continue. A very special thanks goes out to Quattro for hiring locals from this community and for being part of this monumental project. *







The first of two tunnel boring machines has arrived at the Broadway Subway Expansion Project.

(Images courtesy of BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure)



Reflecting on 2022, and the road ahead

Hard to believe that another year has gone by. The unity that has persevered through these last 12 months is remarkable. New relationships were

built and accomplishments made through collaboration and shared experiences. It continues to be one of the greatest pleasures to meet and work with dedicated members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 115.

As 2022 began and I commenced planning for the future, it was very apparent that the year ahead would be busy with negotiations and come with its own set of unique challenges.

Negotiations with Harbour International Trucks began early last fall and quickly became a hot topic. The members strongly communicated to Local 115 the importance of a 40-hour work week or at minimum a work day guarantee. As Local 115 navigated its way through negotiations with a stubborn employer, it was clear that getting the employer to move from their position and acknowledge the importance of certainty and a guaranteed income was of utmost importance to striking a new deal. The members remained strong through the negotiations and united behind a final strike mandate. Like many of our members, they were not going to be pushed around.

With the assistance of Mediator Grant McArthur and then-President Don Swerdan, Local 115 was able to convince Harbour International Trucks that it was in their best interest to provide a work day guarantee in order to avoid a work stoppage. I am happy and proud to say that we were able to achieve a work day guarantee.

During the same time, First Truck Centre Vancouver (Langley and Abbotsford) began negotiations. Thanks to the participation of seasoned Shop Steward Ed Riddall, Brother Dave Clarke and newly appointed Shop Steward Shawn Hughes, Local 115 was able to ratify a Collective Agreement. In large part the success of this bargaining was brought about by compelling evidence and statements made by the bargaining committee. They were successful in making the employer see the importance of providing increases to premiums, sick-time and wages.

H.M. Trimble & Sons (1983) (Trimac) Shop Stewards and the bargaining committee all rolled up their sleeves this past year to get the increases they deserved. This group was comprised of company drivers, Columbia River Reload and mechanics. They all made enormous efforts to set aside their personal lives and sacrificed time to contribute to the collective bargaining process. Having the opportunity to work with all of them and gain understanding of their locations, working conditions and daily hurdles as a committee proved invaluable. The members provided testimony and assisted in outlining a path to agreement, which was a memorable experience for me and ultimately established their strength of bargaining for future negotiations.

These were a few of the experiences I was privileged to lead and share with hard working members that contribute to Local 115.

As I look ahead to next year there are more challenges that will demand that we rise above together.

Honouring Curtis Wright

IUOE Local 115 members and Waste Management colleagues in Coquitlam, BC blast their horns at 6:00AM in the morning. This gesture honours the late Local 115 Brother Curtis Wright who passed away on November 10, 2017. Every year this salute follows the presentation of the Curtis Wright Top Dog Award to the IUOE Local 115 member who best embodies passion and dedication to safety, customer service, and their coworkers.



Pat Schulek, Steve Slattery, and Gord Mitt.

Members of Curtis Wright's family attend his memorial to celebrate his legacy and dedication to his craft and IUOE Local 115.



Shop Steward Walter Barbosa is presented with the Curtis Wright Top Dog Award for 2022.



Watch this year's 60-second horn blaring salute to Curtis.

District 1 Brian Haugen



The new green economy

The new green economy, net-zero, green jobs, decarbonizing, just transition, global warming, and climate change... these are but a few of the

terms we are hearing about these days. If you add in automation, augmented reality, and artificial intelligence we have a lot to think about as a labour organization.

Where do we stand in all of this?

We are not the only ones thinking about our future role in a new green economy. In corporate boardrooms and the corridors of political power here and around the world, business and political leaders have committed to converting 90% of the world's economy to meet net-zero emissions targets by 2050, according to Net Zero Tracker. This commitment is backstopped by the nearly 500 global financial services firms that have agreed to align \$130 trillion USD (roughly 40% of the world's financial assets) to meet with the Paris Agreement's goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C as established by UN members in 2015.

Operating Engineers are already on the front lines, repairing and building infrastructure destroyed by powerful storms, floods, and landslides. We fight the ever-increasing forest fires. We repair the on- and off-highway equipment used to keep our communities fed, clean, and prosperous.

As we look to the future, electrification is top of mind for many in combating future climate change. What will that look like for us? Not surprisingly, we are seen by some as the 'problem.' This is because we operate and repair equipment, we manufacture, and we build projects that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions.

Consider this....I was at a local university event a while back where students were at the mic. One after another they spoke, several crying in despair and lamenting that the people in my industry (you) are destroying the planet. They urged the university to focus on retraining construction workers. miners, and others into green jobs.

But I ask you, who is best suited to meet the challenges of the future call it a green economy or any other term you like? Operating Engineers will be needed more than ever in building a net-zero economy.



Business Representatives Brian Haugen and Steve Barnicke with BC Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Rob Fleming at the BC Trucking Association Low and Zero Emissions Commercial Vehicle Summit.

As an example, rather than subjugating impoverished children in third-world countries to crawl barefooted into mines to retrieve minerals for us, we can do that work here. We need expanded mining operations here in British Columbia and Canada to compete against low-cost risky unethical mining practices in third world countries.

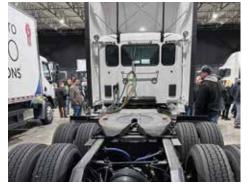
Who will hold unscrupulous multinationals accountable for human rights violations and cutting corners on emissions standards? Will it be a worker backed by the IUOE, or a non-union worker hanging out alone in the cold with no backing?

Private sector unions like Operating Engineers are critical in building ethical operations that support net-zero, carboncapture mining and resource extraction.

Right now there are more questions than clear-cut answers. But one thing is clear, the Operating Engineers will be important players in building what needs to be built to support the future. *







Vehicles at the BC Trucking Association Low and Zero Emissions Commercial Vehicle Summit.

District 1 Simon Thomsen



Waste management organizing continues into 2023

Good Day Brothers and Sisters. As always things are busy here in District 1 with lots of bargaining and organizing work going on.

As mentioned in my last article, our organizing team has been hard at work in the waste industry with several successful organizing drives over the last six months or so. This work continues as Organizers Gavin Cross and Dave Desousa have started a new organizing drive with the GFL Environmental crew on Vancouver Island. On short notice







Organizer Cross pulled together a meeting with the GFL crew. The meeting was well received by the members of the crew who attended, and we will continue to work with our supporters to bring another GFL unit into our organization. It is still early in the organizing drive but things are looking very good at this stage.

As many of you have noticed, GFL Environmental has been growing over the last several years in both liquid and solid waste divisions through their acquisition of smaller companies. This has made GFL one of the biggest non-union companies in British Columbia in the waste

industry and has reduced our market share, which is why we continue to try our best to organize as many GFL units as we can. By increasing our market share in the waste industry, we will not only increase the standard of living for the non-union employees at GFL but also for our current members working in the industry. This will allow our hard-working Brothers and Sisters to provide better lives for themselves and their families.

As the year comes to a close and I look back on what has happened, several things come to mind. The first is the negotiations with Waste Management in Coquitlam. I participated in these negotiations for the first time as a Business Representative. This bargaining unit was where I worked prior to joining the team at Local 115. It was a great experience to negotiate this Collective Agreement with then-President Don Swerdan and our bargaining committee. It was a long set of negotiations that took just over a year to complete - but in the end the members received their biggest wage increase in over a decade.

The second thing that comes to mind is the organizing drive at Waste Control Services Inc., which all started on New Year's Eve in Brother Frank Carr's front yard. Within the first week of 2022 our inside organizer had been terminated and we had filed our first Unfair Labour Practice (ULP) complaint, which resulted in our inside organizer getting his job back. This was followed by a second ULP complaint that involved the "doughnut incident" from my previous article. This second ULP gave Local 115 their first remedial certification.

I can't wait to see what next year brings. *



District 1 Will Suelzle



Expanding into more quarries and growing membership through pipeline work

Brothers and Sisters, as 2022 ends I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

As I reflect on the year that has passed, I look at the many accomplishments that we have all worked together on.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Shop Stewards for their commitment throughout the year to understanding their respective Collective Agreements and in representing the needs of the members who work beside you."

The ratification of a series of contracts with sizeable gains to pensions and wages are some of the many highlights that stand out for me. Notable are the District 1 Paving and Utility Agreements, Fraser Valley Aggregates, Clearbrook Grain and Milling Co., Rempel Brothers Concrete and most recently Lafarge Earle Creek. Hundreds of members worked together to better their lives in a time of hyperinflation.

Michels Canada Pipeline Co., our signatory pipeline contractor on the Trans Mountain Pipeline, is well under way after many delays in the Fraser Valley. I hope that this

winter will bring stable weather patterns unlike last year's snow and floods, and I can only hope the momentum for the project remains stable as it has been throughout the summer.

A quick reminder to hand in your completed application packages to access your benefits and capitalize on the opportunities that all members enjoy.

I would like to welcome Landrock Aggregates, a new Lafarge quarry that Director of Organizing Bryan Railton, Assistant Business Manager Josh Towsley and I had the privilege of signing up with a wall-to-wall encompassing agreement. Bargaining is now under way and we are looking forward to landing a fair agreement for the crew.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Shop Stewards for their commitment throughout the year to understanding their respective Collective Agreements and in representing the needs of the members who work beside you. For those whom I have not met yet, I look forward to further engagement in the New Year as I try to engage in more face-to-face dialogue. With the area of the Sunshine Coast added to my portfolio I have a large area to cover, but with the help of Organizers Gavin Cross in the valley and Frank Baratto in the city, we will be out there.

Be safe and we will see you in the New Year. 🍁



District 1 Michelle Dey



Empowering female Operating Engineers and building on previous success

I am a new Business Representative for IUOE Local 115 and I joined towards the end of September. I would like to thank Business Manager Brian

Cochrane for the opportunity to represent the members of Local 115.

I came from an affiliate union and my work for the past few decades has been in telecommunications. I have held many roles, Shop Steward, Senior Steward, Vice President and President of my local unit.

Over the years I chaired many committees, including the health and safety committee where I sat as the first woman chair of that committee (the first woman in over 75 years), as well as co-chairing joint labour-management health and safety committee meetings.

I have been a union Business Representative since 2015. I am a certified CLC Facilitator/Instructor and have taught many classes, including Shop Steward, Occupational Health & Safety Level 1 and Women of Steel. As a Women of Steel committee member I was able to help empower women within the union and assist them in gaining skills and knowledge necessary to advocate, become leaders and promote equality in workplaces and throughout the union. This was one of my proudest moments as a union representative.

I have been involved in Building Action and Communication Teams as well as other projects for united membership to keep members informed and involved.

Prior to joining the organization I familiarized myself with the work Local 115 does. As an ordinary citizen and member of the public, I was shocked to learn that at



Construction on the main bridge tower at the Pattullo Bridge Replacement site.

(Image courtesy of BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure)

the time when the 2021 atmospheric rivers and floods washed out highways and major transportation routes, it was inconceivable that the highways would be open again anytime soon - let alone reopen in 35 days! But thanks to Local 115 members that was the case.

That was just the first exposure I had to Local 115.

Highlights since joining Local 115

Since arriving at Local 115 in late September, I have been busy educating myself on IUOE structure, policies and procedures.

I recently returned from tours of the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project and the Broadway Subway Expansion Project to see the tunnel boring machines up close and in person. It was a great opportunity to meet some members, and also learn the importance of swag stickers. (And a reminder to have lots wherever I go!)

I also attended several district staff meetings and a professional development day in which I joined other Local 115 staff at our magnificent training site in Maple Ridge. This is such an incredible facility and I am so impressed by the comprehensive training programs and skills that are provided to members.

In early fall I was honoured to attend the asbestosis memorial at Canada Place.

Magic and Lethal: The Asbestos Memorial is the first public monument in North America to commemorate this tragedy, honouring the victims of asbestos exposure – the leading cause of workplace deaths in North America. We listened to very personal and emotional stories of people and their families affected by asbestos exposure. The memorial will honor the thousands who have died, and spark public awareness of the ongoing danger that surrounds all of us.

I also attended bargaining sessions as an observer for the Bargaining Council of British Columbia Building Trade Unions (BCBCBTU) bargaining. BCBCBTU is made up of 15 constituent international unions which are governed by the BCBCBTU Collective Agreement, Constitution and Bylaws. Many voices and interests sit at this table and it is very important to understand how they work together to establish higher working standards for all building trades in British Columbia and beyond.

I look forward to helping to advance our organization to improve the livelihoods of our members and the work that we do to build up this province.

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L-R: Lili Calderon (IUBAC), Mari Cruz (Insulators), Liz Shuler (President, AFL-CIO), Kyla McCormick, Erica Stewart (National Coordinator of Women in the Trades Initiatives—Boilermakers).



Shop Steward Anna-Marie Knezevic sits in the Pink-Belt, a 145x4 excavator in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month at TWBN.



Operating Engineers representatives pose for a photo with the entire IUOE Caucus in attendance at Las Vegas.



Opening Night Reception of the TWBN.



Anna-Marie Knezevic at the banner parade.



Business Representative Kyla McCormick from District 2.



Business Representatives Michelle Dey, Kyla McCormick, Leanne Hughf and Shop Steward Anna-Marie Knezevic (not pictured) march in the TWBN parade in Las Vegas.

District 2 James Knowles & Kyla McCormick



Strengthening our team for 2023

Greetings Brothers and Sisters! I'm going to keep my portion of the article short and efficient to allow my new teammate to properly introduce herself! In her short time on the team Kyla has hit the ground running and brought with her a fresh perspective and renewed vigor—ultimately strengthening the team!

We are not short of work on Vancouver Island, with construction and paving seeing some of the highest hours in many years. All industrial shops are at capacity along with the shipyards struggling to compete for a

labour force, and we have even more work to look forward

At the time of writing this article we have already started receiving dispatch requests at the Cowichan District Hospital Replacement - the first vertical construction project under the Community Benefits Agreement model. Following that, we have been updated by the Allied Hydro Council that the seismic upgrades to the John Hart Dam are expected to get underway in early 2023. This is the start of a string of projects going from John Hart, then Ladore, and finishing at Strathcona in 2028.

As we come to the end of the year we will be heading back into bargaining with our signatory paving companies. Now is the time that I personally want to remind you to reach out

Consider some of the information we need to support you in bargaining:

- Do we have your contact information?
- Do we have your email address?
- Do we have your cell phone number on file?

If the answer is no or you are not sure, please contact the District 2 or Burnaby office and make sure we have that information!

Proposal documents will be sent digitally in the most user-friendly fillable format possible. The traditional paper forms will also make their way to your shops and lunch rooms, but we all know that many of you never go to your shops and lunchrooms but rather go directly to site. We want your voice to be heard and we need your participation to make that happen. Look out for those emails and don't be shocked if you get a text from the Union. We'll look forward to hearing from you. Stay safe, stay proud!

About Kyla

Thank you so much for the warm welcome, support and mentorship in my new role! I am excited to be a part of the District 2 team!

I was born and raised on Vancouver Island in the small village of Port McNeill, and now reside in beautiful Victoria and have for the last 15 years. I have never lived off of the Island and never will, and I couldn't be prouder to have the chance to represent all IUOE Local 115 members on the Island that I know and love so well.

My trade is Metal Fabrication and for the past four years I was the fabrication shop supervisor at the downtown location of United Engineering Ltd., which is a part of the larger Ralmax Group. Working in an industrial shop setting for so many years and specifically with that company has given me a very good understanding of what our members' concerns and needs are, and I will work towards that to the best of my abilities.

Working for the members

The first month on the job has been a whirlwind. In my first week we attended the dedication ceremony of Magic and Lethal: the Asbestos Memorial, and witnessed the emotional accounts from those who have lost loved ones to the diseases caused by exposure to asbestos. The following week we attended the BC Building Trades Convention, where I was inspired by the dedication and work of everyone involved to continue to strengthen policing around asbestos abatement. At the close of the Convention we joined the other building trades unions at the legislature in lobbying our government for continued change to policies to benefit all workers in BC.

In the short time I have been working directly for the membership, I have witnessed the team of people, both inside the organization and working alongside it, working tirelessly towards this end. The spirit of the labour movement is evident in everyone at IUOE Local 115 and I feel privileged to be a part of such an accepting, inspiring and supportive group of people.

Moving forward, we will be doing as much member outreach as we can in District 2 so you can put a face to a name. I am extremely approachable, so even if you haven't met me yet, feel free to give me a call if you have any questions, concerns or just want to know who your new rep is. *

District 3 Brian Lefebvre & Curtis Laverty



Roadbuilding, recovery, and pipelines: staples of PLAs for 2023



In 2022 we had an increase in dispatch orders for all types of construction. Roadbuilding, pipeline and crane rental/heavy construction led the way. Contractors have been very busy this year.

On the roadbuilding side we have five BCIB Projects on Highway 1 at Chase West, Chase East, Salmon Arm West, Quartz Creek and Kicking Horse which have been moving ahead at full steam. We are anticipating upcoming projects at Tappen and Sicamous which

may be out to tender early in 2023.

Emil Anderson and Kiewit (KEA-5) have created a Joint Venture to take on the rebuilding of the Coquihalla under the Highway Reinstatement Program Project Labour Agreement (PLA). As with every other job out there, it has been difficult to find operators.

Our local contractors have had a busy 2022 with work that is going to spill over into 2023.

Roadbuilding bargaining is ongoing and we are hopeful to have something for the membership to vote on later this year.

Banister Pipelines is still working on Spread 4B of the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion. It sounds like there will be some work continuation into 2023.

Our crane rental and heavy construction contractors are still very busy. Some are still looking for operators but unfortunately, none are available.

For the industrial shops in District 3, bargaining new contracts has ruled the day for the last few months. We are currently into negotiations with Dawson International Truck Centres and RJames Management Group and will be starting negotiations shortly with SNC-Lavalin regarding the WRB Bridge work in Kelowna.

We represent three branches of Dawson Truck Centres within District 3. They include Vernon, Kamloops and Penticton. Penticton and Kamloops were organized by IUOE Local 115 in the fall of 2021. They were signed to short contracts so their agreements would expire around the same time as the Vernon Branch, so we could bargain them all together. The company and Local 115 are working together to combine the Collective Agreements into one document for ease of bargaining in the future. Good progress has been

made during our first round of negotiations. Our second round will begin in early November.

We've completed multiple proposal meetings for the Kelowna and Kamloops RJames Management groups and have initiated bargaining with the owner. RJames Management operates the Western Star truck dealerships in Kelowna and Kamloops. They also operate the truck body shop in Kamloops. We currently represent all the technicians and bodypersons employed within the three shops. The Kelowna shop has a standalone agreement, and the Kamloops truck and body shops are covered by a Collective Agreement separate from Kelowna. First we will bargain the Kamloops Collective Agreement, then follow swiftly with bargaining the Kelowna Collective Agreement.

Currently our shops are looking for qualified mechanics. They are in very high demand and can be placed easily. If you know of any mechanics looking for work, please have them contact dispatch in District 3.

On the organizing front, if you know anyone working in a non-union shop or industrial setting who could use Local 115's help with organizing, please have them call the District 3 office and we would be more than happy to help them.

Lastly, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday, from all of us in District 3. *



Emil Anderson Construction, Nakusp, BC. (Image courtesy of member Colton Taphorn)

District 4 and 5 Wayne Kemp, Matt Baker & Konrad Tarry



Northern work steady

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

All Operating Engineers should be extremely proud of the work that has been done building our province and the professional work that has been completed throughout the year.

LNG Canada has almost completed the civil work and will be moving into material handling and installation. Fluor Constructors Canada, Mammoet Canada Western, Lorneville Mechanical, BFI Constructors, Bird Construction, BESIX-Vancouver Pile Driving JV, PPM Civil Constructors, M & J Total Transport & Rigging, as well as Soletanche Bachy Canada have been keeping up to 500 Operating Engineers working at the LNG Canada facility in Kitimat. This project is now being billed as the largest private-sector construction project in the nation's history at \$40 billion. Local 115 is still waiting on an announcement whether we are



going to start building Trains 3 and 4.

The Site C Project has had another busy year! Priority Action JV has poured an average of 1,000m³ a day of concrete and Voith Hydro continues to successfully and safely build the turbines in the powerhouse with the help of our skilled crane operators. AFDE is no exception to the success



Heavy duty mechanic Brad Cameron at PPM.

of this year, with civil work on the approach channel and the safe, efficient transportation of the workforce on site. With these and many other vital jobs, this project continues to get closer to completion.

OJ Pipelines have been busy with CGL Spread 7 and employing members of Local 115 in a big push to get more production before the snow flies.



Site C worksite during fall, before the snow and cold temperatures arrive.

Michels Canada Pipeline Co. has been busy taking over CGL Spread 6 from PAPC and along with it a mess to deal with. But the members of Local 115 have stepped up to the challenge and have done an exceptional job.

SA Energy CGL Spreads 3 & 4 are still working away, and the company is looking for experienced clean-up and grade operators.

A reminder that if you accept a dispatch, you are removed from the job board, and if contacted by another signatory company for employment you should let them know you are not available. We cannot poach from one signatory company for you to go to another. Also please make sure

that your tickets are up to date and have not expired. If you need to update your certificates you should contact the IUOETA.

From everyone in the Prince George office: we would like to thank all the Stewards out in the field and in the shops for the work they do in keeping all companies accountable to their Collective Agreements.



Crane operator Steve Leil at a jobsite for M&J Total Transport.



Reflecting on welcomed wins this past year



This past year has brought us out of the worst of the pandemic and provided us signs that we are now returning to normal, if there is such a thing.

At the time of writing, many of our paving crews are buttoning up the last of their projects before the snow flurries arrive. The members and companies had a very busy season and should celebrate the great work they have accomplished this year.

In reviewing this past year's bargaining, the one constant from all the bargaining units was asking for gains

to reflect the increased cost of living. We were pleased to see that the increases negotiated with the companies addressed the inflated economy.

The companies that supported our increases include:

- SMS Equipment which ratified their agreement in late August with increases to benefits and wages, along with significant language changes to their agreement;
- Grand Forks Concrete and Gravel ratified their agreement with significant wage increases, and gains to their benefits and vacation;
- GFL Terrapure ratified their agreement and came away with some great language changes and wage increases to top it off;

All three of these units had members attend bargaining who had never been involved before. These members gained some great experience and improved their knowledge of the process. Thanks to all who participated - it was much welcomed assistance.

Bargaining the Interior Addendum to the Road Building Agreement continues with Business Representatives Brian Lefebvre and Curtis Laverty joining us in working hard to capture some additional gains there as well.

The Mining Code Review Committee made significant recommendations including some much needed clarity around Dangerous Occurrences and the process to manage them properly.

The Line Creek Mine Council is excited to be hosting their annual "Children's Christmas Party" for Line Creek members' children. This is the first party to take place since the beginning of the pandemic. Given the immense amount of work involved in planning this event, we want to thank the council members for their tireless work on their days off to making this an event the children will remember.

Line Creek Membership Meetings will be occurring again and announcements for the meetings will be posted at the mine site.

From our families to yours, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! ❖



Training Association Jeff Gorham



UTIP Funding supports growth of Local 115 for this year and next

Training Equipment

Over the past five years we have been able to access funding through the Federal Government to either

upgrade or add equipment to our training fleet. The Union Training and Innovation Program (UTIP) supports the Government of Canada's commitment to strengthen union-based apprenticeship training, innovation and enhanced partnerships.

UTIP's objective is to improve the quality of training in the trades to better support a skilled, inclusive, certified and productive trades-workforce. It also aims to address barriers that can prevent key groups, such as women and Indigenous Peoples, from succeeding in the trades.

Thanks to this fund, we have been able to upgrade a number of pieces of equipment for the crane, paving and earth moving industries. Our most recent additions have been a SPX 532 Jekko Mini Crane, five full motion heavy equipment operator simulators and a vibratory hammer with power unit.

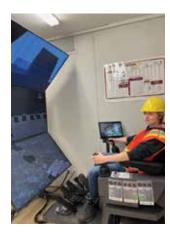
These additional pieces of equipment will give our membership access to equipment with the latest technology to upgrade their skills and to become a safer and more efficient operator.

Youth Programs

Today we are all feeling the effects of the shortage of people needed to fill the multiple job vacancies across all industries. To address this shortage, we need to expose youth and the next generation to the opportunities that are found only in the trades. That is why over the past few years we have started to hold one-day workshops at our training campus for high school students from various school districts.

20 high school students from G.W. Graham Secondary in Chilliwack toured the Maple Ridge campus on October 13, 2022. Students had the opportunity to operate several pieces of training equipment, including the new spider crane, combination roller, and excavator. In addition to the heavy equipment, the students experienced the mechanical shop and mobile crane simulators.

When it comes time to select their career path I am sure many will remember the positive experiences they had at our training site and consider future Local 115 apprenticeships.



G.W. Graham Secondary student operating the mobile crane simulator at the IUOETA.

Training equipment upgrades



Added to the training site is an American Piledriving Equipment vibratory hammer with power unit.



Five HEO simulators with excavator, backhoe, loader, dozer, grader and rock truck.



New additions to the IUOETA include this Jekko SPX 532 Mini Crane.



Chris Doyle being presented his BC Mobile Crane Certificate with Red Seal by Training Coordinator Steve Ervin. Chris served his entire apprenticeship while working with RKM Crane Services.



Mobile Crane Level 2/3 class. L-R: Instructor Mike Wiens, Dale Henry, Ryan Hawley, Irene Elliott, Brian Giesbrecht.



HEO class. L-R: Instructor Don Davidson, Christopher Betker, Juan Yepes, Victoria Hillson, Dawson Brunet, Joshua Bradshaw, Whitney Knudson, Instructor Sam Bradshaw, and Grant Murray.



Mobile Crane Level 1 class. L-R: Instructor Mike Wiens, Evan Dodds, Dion Johnston, Andrew Ricard, Ivan Petersen, Evan Stoelwinder, Doug Murdy (bottom), and Kyle Buchanan.



The Operating Engineers Tool Allowance provides reimbursements for tool expenditures for Heavy Duty Mechanics, Servicepersons, Millwrights and Welders.

To qualify, you must be a member in good standing, dispatched in the trade in which you are applying for and have worked a minimum of 250 hours between Sept. 1, 2021 and Aug. 31, 2022 for an employer who contributed to this fund.

Applications were sent out to qualifying members in the second week of October and the deadline for submissions is December 31, 2022. If you qualify for this allowance but have not received your application, or have any questions, please contact the Training Association at: 604.291.8831.



Celebrating our members



District 4 Business Representative Matt Baker presents Zack Peever with the Mike Parr Award.



Cody Allan from Duncan Paving, Red Seal Heavy Duty Mechanic.



Pat Tyson proudly holds his 10year pin.



District 2 Business Representative James Knowles presents Paul Haight with his 30-year pin.



District 6 Business Representative Kent MacPherson presents Frank Tebbe with his 30 year-pin.



District 2 Business Representative James Knowles presents retired member Aristides Franco with his 30-year pin.



District 6 Business Representative Rob Foskett presents Robert French with his 40-year pin.



Former President (retired) Don Swerdan presents Earle Leslie with his 40-year pin.



Business Manager Brian Cochrane presents John Harrison with his 40-year pin.



District 6 Business Representative Rob Foskett presents Cecil Jmio with his 50-year watch.



District 2 Business Representative James Knowles presents 50-year watch to Glenn Willing.



George Millikin proudly holds his 50-year watch with his daughter.

Benefits and Pension Lee Riggs



Additional benefits highlight Local 115's 2023 commitments

It has been another stellar season as work continues at high volume. In the first five months of the fiscal year there

were 6.3 million hours worked, for a total of \$33.1 million in contributions. This is up 14% and 21% respectively over the same period last year. The average contribution rate is \$5.21 per hour. We may see an adjustment as we move into late fall but that remains to be seen. The rains have thankfully started and are much needed after 100 days of no precipitation and a Level 5 drought being declared for the Lower Mainland and other parts of British Columbia. The rain has slowed down a couple of worksites but we anticipate that will be temporary.

For those of you who were at the Annual General Meeting in September, Chairman and Business Manager Brian Cochrane announced that we were looking at improvements to the Operating Engineers' Benefits Plan. At the most recent Benefits Plan meeting in October the Trustees passed a motion to make a number of improvements to the Benefits Plan as well as introduce a Health Spending Account (HSA). This HSA will be an additional benefit on top of current coverage and will apply to active and retired members of the Benefits Plan. I will be reporting on this further in the Operating Engineers' Annual Pension and Benefits Magazine that will be coming out in December. These improved benefits will all start on January 1, 2023.

The Trustees, after careful consideration, have approved a one-year pause on the increase to the members who are

on the Limited Plan (both retired and active members), Retirees Plan 2020 and the Retiree's Plan. This is a direct result of the prudent work that has been done by Chairman Cochrane and the Trustees. If you are a member of one of those plans, there is nothing you need to do and you do not need to notify us. We will make the adjustment on your behalf and will not withdraw the additional amounts or make the additional deduction from your pension. For those of you who have already sent in payments, our benefits department will be in contact with you. The investments in the Plan under the watchful eye of our investment advisors, as well as the increased volume of work, have allowed the Trustees to make these improvements. I am sure that you will be very happy with the result when we make the official announcement in December after working out all the logistics. We are working hard with Pacific Blue Cross to make sure that the implementation date of January 1, 2023 becomes a reality. I am confident it will be!

This is great news for the members and would not have been possible without all of your hard work.

The introduction of the HSA and the other improvement to the Benefits Plan is an example of the Union's deep commitment to looking out for the best interests of our members

Work safe, play safe, be safe. 🌞



Welcome to our 333 new Members July 1 to September 30 2022

Ionathan Affleck Clifford Agpad Dario Aldighieri Ashif Ali Sumit Ali Michael Anderson Ryan Anderson Travis Andrews Justin Angus Daiki Aoki Dion Archie Steven Arnouse Mani Aulakh Matthew Bacica Manjit Bahia Ryan Baines Karandeep Bajwa Gary Baker Richard Balaban Colton Balan Bryce Bandola Brad Bardal Andrew Barder Shaune Barens Wayne Bassler Shane Beacham Mike Beckner Dylan Bell Gilles Benoit Aaron Blackburn Devon Blackmore Holly Boileau Nicholas Bourne Jesse Bowick Brody-James C. Braaten Stephen Braden Sean Brawley Samuel Brewis Jeffery Briggs Gurman Bring Ronald Brodie Shayne Brotherston William Brulotte Joey Burkart Phillip Buskey Travis Butz Patrick Cain Tim Caine Cheyenne Cameron Reid Carlson Dominic Carow Jason Carr

William Carson Steven Casson Wayne Chamberlain Cameron Chance Jason Chernoff Satwan Chima Daihyun Cho Kierin Christopher Frederick Chrunyk Christine Church Steven Cochran Joseph Colley David Collier John Colyer Trevor Condrotte Ion Corbett David Cottier Rhys Cottingham Dennis Cramer John Crandlemire William Credicott Elden Crommer Christopher Cumming Ionathan D' Andrea Keenan Dabels Jason Dandenault Dylan Danis Richard Darby Neil De Jager Nicholas De Jong Kendra Dennis Mathew Derfler Brodie Dinwoodie James Dollimount Stanley Douglas Patrick Drader Siyad Duale Madison Dueck Joanne Durham Lance Ealey Colin Edwards Tyler Egan Zachary Elwood Gerald Erickson Raymond Euper JoAnn Featherling Conner Ferg Sheldon Fleming Tristan Flint William Fortowsky Nazarath Foster Rachid Foufa

Spencer Frise Kelsey Fuller Chris Gale Courtney Golden Phoenix Graham Bradley Grant Bernard Gravel Peter Gray-Owen Ryan Green Karlene Grunau Frank Guo Shaun Guraliuk Norman Hache Kristopher Hall Nikolaus Hamma Cole Hansen Aiden Hanson Ryan Harbar Richard Harris David Harry Ryan Hayes Allen Head Devin Heesterman Travis Heinrich Weston Herbert Dawson Heriot Nicholas Hewitt Alec Hildebrand Steven Hillman Kevin Holenchuk Steven Holmes Gemma Hopcraft Trevor Houston Frank Huneck Brittany Hurley Amanda Hutchinson Daryl Ingram Larry Jack Patrick Jackson Mike Jacobsen Duncan Jacoby Nabjeet Jaswal Rhiannon Jeffrey Connor Jenaway Owain Jewell Chad Johnson Dion Johnston Ty Karsten Lukasz Karulik Adrian Kerkhoven Collin Kilford Wesley Kilpatrick

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Nickolus Tanner Curtis Thiele John Thiessen Damian Thomas Michael Thompson Anders Thomson Declin Thomson Malcolm Tomm Randy Tournour Robert Tozer Kevin Tremblay Mateo Urbano lames Vautour Danielle Visentin Caitlin Wald Leszek Walus Gurmeet Waraich Angela Watson Tanner Wehage

Scott Welch Henslyn Whittle Wyatt Wilder Lindsay Williams Stephen Williams David Wilson Kerri Wilson Owen Wilson Jonathan Woestenburg Marin Woestenburg Ryan Woods James Worcester Tyler Yates David Yellowley Warren Young Ryley Yuill

Pensions Awarded July 1 to September 30 2022

July

Alan Baker Steven Beckett Gordon Callaghan Barry Cappellani Mark Gilbert Calum Gilchrist William Girodat Bryan Hampson Hugh Harris Dwayne Hickey Charles Hinman

Michael Homen Brian McDonald Daniel McMorris Michael Neubert Steven Parfiniuk Leslie Schellenberg Robert Toth Joseph Vincent Michael Wood August

James Tait

Donna Armstrong Glen Bloudell

Peter Bocskey Stanley Carson William George Douglas Harding David Hartwig Daniel Henderson Darcell Hooge Darryl Kokoska Gregory Linn lames McEachern Gordon Mitt Danny Noren

Michael Overli Richard Pare Roy Pruden Aaron Reed Dean Rempel Dean Rusinek Gregory Smith Shui Yung Tse September Steven Christensen

Francois Defouw Stephen Doebert Russel Dowdeswell Ray Dueck Bruce Edwards Mark Fisher Randall Hermanus Brian Hinman Brian McCarthy Karl Nahm Mark O'Callaghan lean-Claude Rivard Donald Romeike Joseph St. Louis





Oe* Service Awards July 1 to September 30 2022

10 years Trevor Adams Kenneth Anderson Matthew Armstrong Darren Babcock Dan Banville Mike Basar Roger Boon Paul Bruder Brandon Cain Kevin Cardinal John Chandler Jimmy Chen Travis Chin Radcliffe Churches Joseph Cleave Amanda Cochrane Michael Cole lay Cottle Alex Daigneau Brendan De Vries Alfred Deglan Jackson Downing Bradley Duncan Richard Egan Jay Emary Dean Empson Gabriel Fayad Andrew Ferreira Allan Fessenden Terry Finlayson Tom Fraser Kyle Furness Dale Gallagher John Gallo Chris Gallo Scott Garneau Bert Goss Ronald Griffiths Susan Gunderson Lloyd Guzzo Michael Habans Nigel Hamacher

LOCAL 115

Bryan Kedziora Chad Kirby Scott Klapp Mike Klatt Dayton Klein Mark Klippenstein lames Knowles Paul Koekkoek Ronald Lancour Pierre Lanoue Brian Lees Paul Leverman Clayton MacFarlane Loukas Makris Trevor Mclaren Rvan McLean Michael McMillan loe Melinchuk Rhys Middleton Darren Milligan Ronald Milton Evan Moffett Brian Moldowan Steven Monk Steven Murphy Kurt Nelson Dallas Newton Randall Olexyn Andrea Peckford Brine Pelletier Jeremy Rhodes Leonard Rooney Corry Sayenchuk Reginald (Reggie) Schroeder Branimir Shibilev Corey Shupe John Sigouin Kevin Smith Kevin Spagnol Donna Steffen Scott Swinburne Sam Tang

Jerome Thomas

Scott Thomsen

Lonny Thornton

Wayne Van Geel

Shawn Watmough

Terry Wishnowski

Kyle Turcotte

Scott Titterington

Wayne Strome

Timothy (Tim) Woods Kyle Wright

20 years

Russell Adams Santo Amante Byron Baptiste Kirk Battryn David Bloomfield Dimo Bulukov Anthony Byrne Donald Dunn Tyler Ellery Christopher Gilburg Daniel Henderson William John Laura Johnson Richard Johnson Grant Latta Rob Osachoff Jamie Palmer Cory Pisarczyk Darrell Rance Guy Ridler David Ryan Douglas Salmon Harding Smith

Mario Tomac Wilhelmus (Bill) Van Geemen Mark Voykin Lee Walker Roy Walker Andrew Wiebe

30 years

Emilio Aviani Dennis Beaton Frederick Belway Steve Bezak loe Duruisseau Bruce Eggen Kenneth Gatzke lan Hawes Keith Holloway Son Kim Le Dale Litke Allan Mandruk Gary Mckoryk Dale Poch

Cody Pritchett Augustin Rehak Donald Sedrovic Chester Seles Timothy Simpson Michael Strelaeff William Tennant Shane Tobin

40 years

David Bjarnason Nick Boolinoff Stephen Bucchiotti Garnet Campbell Roger Caouette Frederic Clark Kevin Hodgins Doyle Johnson Ernie Johnston Max Kohen Robert Krahn Larry Kramer Steve Kut David Luey

50 years

Arthur Allard James Ayotte Norman Cameron Ronald Croteau Arne Lauridsen Norman Penner Lloyd Perkins Godfrey Watson

60 years

Gordon Crawford David Quaife

70 years

Iohn Hirschmann Victor Menini Edward Thiessen



Rhett Humphreys

Edward Hartley

Kyle Hawkins

Court Hiebert

George Hockl

Daniel Howell

Wayne Johnson



Education is important to our members and their children, which is why a number of scholarships and bursaries are available to union members and their families. Some of the awards that are available:

IUOE Canadian Conference Bursary

Awarded annually to a dependent of a member of a Canadian local of the Operating Engineers.

Bursary Amount: Ten bursaries of \$750 each. Two of these are allotted to British Columbia.

Criteria: The bursary recipient must be entering their first or subsequent year of a full-time course of study (at least 2 years in length) leading to a diploma, certificate or degree from any recognized public Canadian college or university.

Applications Deadline: August 1.

BC Building Trades Fred Randall Bursary

The British Columbia Building Trades established two bursaries in memory of the late Fred Randall, who was an MLA and Business Manager of Operating Engineers Local

Bursary Amount: \$500 each to two successful candidates. Criteria: Applicants must be a member of a Building Trades union in good standing, be enrolled in a union recognized trades training program, and submit a 250word essay on the topic of "Commitment to Trade Union Principles."

Applications Deadline: June 30.

M.L. Parr Award

Awarded annually to a son, daughter or legal ward of a member of the IUOE Local 115 entering first-year studies at a recognized Canadian college, university or vocational school as a full-time student.

Bursary Amount: Total \$2000. May be divided between

more than one applicant.

Applications Deadline: September 30.

Donald Smith Scholarship

Awarded in memory of the late Donald Smith, a longtime member of IUOE Local 115.

Bursary Amount: Up to \$1000

Criteria: Awarded annually to member of an IUOE Local 115 member family (son, daughter or legal ward, member or 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.

Applications Deadline: September 30.

CSCU-OECU Pioneers Memorial Bursary

Established in 1989 by the Operating Engineers Credit Union, which merged with Community Savings Credit Union in 2009. Provides assistance to students in academic, vocational or technological programs at B.C. educational facilities.

Bursary Amount: Varies with financial need. Criteria: These awards are designed to help disadvantaged youth pursue higher education. Applicants should therefore demonstrate a strong and justified financial need for assistance.

Applications Deadline: Applications for students starting school in the spring/summer semester are accepted between May 1 and June 15. Applications for students starting school in the fall are accepted between September 1 and October 15.

For details on where to apply, visit: iuoe115.ca/membership/scholarships



In memoriam

Years of membership

Name

Donald Scotney

Members who have passed away July 1 to September 30 2022

46

Edward Gould

71

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JULY 2022		Michael Sims	10	Donald Perrier	41
Robert Anderson	49	Anthony Smits	56	Barry Roberts	18
Victor Bronson	32	AUGUST 2022		Charles Salisbury	62
Ivor Buchi	55	Joe Aschenmeier	33	Ronald Sharp	32
Anthony Buck	62	Josef Cesek	19	Jerry Spooner	50
Donald Dadey	48	Henry Champagne	38	Colin Stone Andrew Watson	44 6
Gar England	69	Raymond Daniels	52	Andrew Watson	0
Allen Giesbrecht	15	David Filewich	33	SEPTEMBER 2022	
Phillip Hausermann	35	John French	10	Leonard Barisoff	19
Emil Johnson	68	Mark Guenther 21	months	John Bean	7
Donald Mckenna	66	P. Doug Hampson	19	Milan Beg	56
Wayne Morgan	10	Lloyd Harding	49	Allan Cunningham	62
Harry Penner	51	Edward Janak	66	Neil Dronsfield	9
Allan Rebalkin	35	Leo Patchett	50	David Forde	33

Wayne Perfitt

į	John Ignas	62
	Sydney Jackson	29
	Ole Jensen	56
	George Lanaras	50
	James Mabley	65
	Doug Martin	17
	Craig McQuitty	48
	Tino Michalak	47
	Donald Michalsky	52
	Kjeld Nicolaisen	35
	Klaus Ortwein	58
	Robert Robinson	7
	Richard Welch	48



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Meeting Notices

District 1

BURNABY: 1st Thursday of every month, except March and

September due to General Membership Meeting

7:30pm at 4333 Ledger Avenue

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 Coast Capri Hotel, 1171 Harvey Avenue

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:

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,

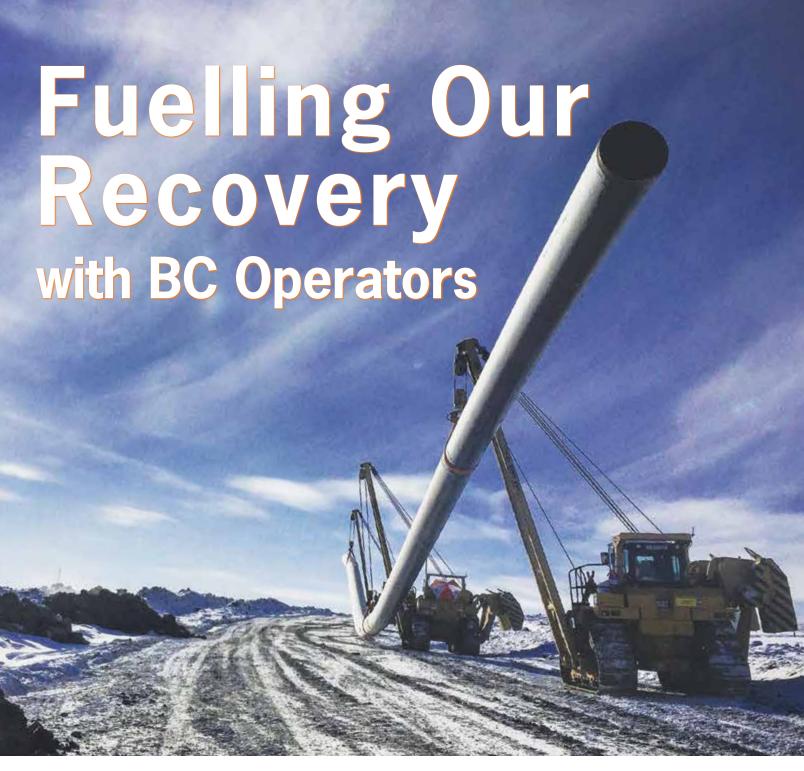
105 9th Avenue South

TECK'S LINE CREEK OPERATION: Members will be advised of

meeting date, time and place

Please contact your District Office to register for the next meeting in your location. Any meetings that do proceed will be held in accordance with Provincial Health Authority guidelines.

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