



A CUT ABOVE

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America
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Dear Members,

Meetings will be held on the **first Thursday of each month** starting at 7 pm while the Executive meeting starts at 6:30 pm. The location of both meetings is #104-1628 Fosters Way, Delta (Annacis Island), B.C.

The next meeting is October 2, 2008.

SAFETY

We all know how important safety is on the jobsite. All of the job hazard analysis, safety meetings, and training courses in the world will not do us any good if we do not pay attention to absolutely every little detail on a jobsite. Maybe you didn't get enough sleep, had too much to drink the night before, or are dealing with personal problems at home. All of these factors can contribute to accidents on the job. You must strive to be thinking constantly because it only takes a second for something to go terribly wrong. With that said, I am pleased to report that we have not had a serious injury or accident since the last newsletter. We have had lots of cuts, bumps and bruises, but nothing of a serious nature. That is not to say that all of you are being as safe as you can. We have had a number of near misses. The union will go to bat for any of you that are being accused of being too safe.

We must do everything we can to keep safety a priority. Please make sure your crew has the De-Rails that are needed for the equipment you are using. If you don't have them, make sure you have chains and wedges. You can demand them. If at all possible, take your machine off the high rail. If it is a smaller cart take it off the rail and secure it so it doesn't fall over. We are the ones building this job and if we are good enough to build it then we are also good enough to make sure it is done safely. That way everyone goes home at the end of the day.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SKILLED TRADES and B.C. REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

Most of you are now aware of the fact that we are known as the British Columbia Regional Council of Carpenters. We are also still known as the Canadian Association of Skilled

Trades for any work that is being done in B.C. by SNC Lavalin and a few other companies. The important point to remember is no matter what, you are all members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Local 1907 and that will not change. As long as you are dispatched through Local 1907, you are in the right place.

PROJECT UPDATES

The Canada Line is nearing completion and we would take this opportunity to **thank all of you** for continuing to work hard on the Canada Line. There is still a few months to go and once it is complete you will be able to look back and feel proud that you were a big part in building this project.

We have all been waiting to hear which company will get the **Port Mann Bridge Project**. As of today, it looks like the prime contractor will be Peter Kiewit. The officers of our union are doing everything in their power to secure some of this work through every means possible. We have also signed a contractor who has bid on at least 19 of the over-passes to be replaced on this job.

The Evergreen Line will be the next portion of the Rapid Transit System to be built, and we are waiting to hear when that project will begin. As it looks now, we will be finishing the Canada Line project possibly a little ahead of schedule, but definitely on time. This may give SNC Lavalin the advantage as they bid on other work in the Lower Mainland.

There is still quite a bit of work to be done on many different venues for the **Olympics**. There will be lots of scaffolding that has to be erected for seating and for the building of stages and platforms. We will be pursuing this work for our members as well.

The Coast Meridian Bridge Project is ongoing. We have 7 members out there at this time and they are getting the job done. There has been a bit of a slowdown as they are having some difficulty with one set of piles, but once they get past that it will be full steam ahead. It is believed that there will be some new hires later this year or early next, and from what we're hearing the guys with the tickets will be the most valuable.

We do have some **out of town work** in progress right now and there are other jobs coming later this year, but they will be more trade specific—carpenters and scaffolders. We will also need Carpenter Lathers in the near future.

The **Kitimat Project** is getting under way. We will be supplying carpenters and scaffolders for this job too.

Those members who continue to keep their memberships up by paying \$20.00 per month dues will be the first ones called. Keep your dues up and keep in touch. Get active in your union by coming out to the meetings and help us organize companies you are presently working for.

EDUCATE, AGITATE AND ORGANIZE.

TRAINING CENTRE

We are actively pursuing prices from contractors to do the renovations that we need done before we can move in. As it's still very busy out there and we need three prices to make sure we are getting the best bang for our buck, this process takes time. Some work has been done on the outside of the building, but there is much more to do with four different trades moving into the one building. It is a very exciting time for us as we have been waiting a long time for the training centre to come about. We do not want to rush without first making sure everything is exactly as we need it to be. It is anticipated that we will be in the new building early in the New Year. We will know more by the December newsletter.

REPORT OF DEATHS

We wish to inform you that one of our members had passed away recently. Brother Robert Ward who worked for us at the Precast Plant for the Canada Line has died from cancer. His death occurred on the Labour Day long weekend. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Also one of our members lost his 20 year old son in August. It is never good to lose anyone, let alone someone so young. Our deepest sympathy to this member and his family.

ELECTIONS

By now most of you are aware that we have Federal, Provincial and Municipal elections coming over the next six months. The BC Federation of Labour will be needing volunteers to help out with many different jobs, i.e. phoning, booth building, canvassers, sign distribution, just to name a few. If you want to volunteer and have some time available, please contact:

Aaron Ekman at the BC Federation of Labour:
(604) 430-1421, extension 247

Remember the importance of voting N.D.P. They are the only party that listens to us at all - federally and provincially. Pat

Martin is a 29 year member and an N.D.P. Member of Parliament for Winnipeg. Educate yourselves and don't vote for a party because someone else said to. Vote for the party that will help the working people the most. We believe this party is N.D.P.

APPRENTICESHIPS AVAILABLE

Members wishing apprenticeships for themselves or for others thru the U.B.C.J.A. may contact the trades listed below:

Carpenters Local 1907
#105—1628 Fosters Way
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Phone: 604 524-6900

Pilddrivers Local 2404
#203—14625 108th Ave.
Surrey, BC V3R 1V9
Phone: 604 584-2404

Millwrights Local 2736
#202—14625 108th Ave.
Surrey, BC V3R 1V9
Phone: 604 585-2736

Floorlayers Local 1541
#105—1628 Fosters Way
Delta, BC V3M 6S6
Phone: 604 524-6900

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES

If you have changed your address or phone number, you should contact us right away at 604 524-6900. It could mean the difference of a job, your health & welfare coverage or your union membership.

REMAINING HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving Day (Oct 13)
Remembrance Day (Nov 11)
Christmas Day (Dec 25)
Boxing Day (Dec 26)

IN SOLIDARITY,

Brent Mayne,
President Local 1907 UBCJA