

MARINE WORKERS & BOILERMAKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION LOCAL 1

FEBRUARY 2020



PRESIDENT'S REPORT **FRED SIMMONS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Marine Workers Local 1 would like to welcome all our new members to the Union. We hope to see some of you at the monthly membership meetings.

The Vancouver Drydock continues to keep the facility busy with projects and creating opportunities for most trades, including a massive project on a cruise ship.

We are hoping to see Allied Shipbuilders and the Waterfront Shops in 2020 pick up as they continue to bid on new projects. Meridian Marine has moved into a new facility which has a large waterfront access for barge and vessel repairs. Meridian Marine has been quite busy with repair work in 2019.

Osborne Propellers have relocated to a new building in Aldergrove. The company has been customizing the new facility to suit their needs as well as conducting normal operations.

The scrapyards are currently seeing lower market prices and problems coming out of China, however no layoffs from this downturn have taken place. We have seen some growth at ABC Recycling in Nanaimo.

There have been many contract negotiations completed in 2019, Vancouver Drydock and EZ-Rect being the most challenging and lengthy ones.

Brother George MacPherson, President of the Shipyard General Workers' Federation assisted the poly party, during negotiations with the Vancouver Drydock. George's experience with the Vancouver Drydock was instrumental in maintaining items fought for long ago and reaching a good settlement. We have had several extensive arbitrations where we have relied on Brother George's participation, where his historical evidence resulted in successful decisions for the Poly Party of Unions.

This year will be another busy year, negotiating with Johnstone Boilers and Lochhead-Haggerty to commence shortly and Enermax Mountain MFG. Earls Industries, and Osborne Propellers soon afterwards.

The Maritime Labour Centre is still going through the permitting process for the kitchen to meet the city's criteria for rezoning and rental of the downstairs office and meeting space. It has been a long process, but we are very close to completion.

IMPORTANT

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

MARITIME LABOUR CENTRE 5:00 p.m.

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

September 3

October 1

November 5

December 3

Scholarship Applications Deadline - July 31, 2020

UNION OFFICE

**136-4299 Canada Way
Burnaby
604-254-8204**

HOURS

**8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed noon to 1:00 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

A reminder to all, if you become unemployed, please contact the Union as it is important that you are updated in the system and we are aware that you are available for work. Some of our employer's neglect to inform us of layoffs and if you are not registered you may be missing out on work.

Members should keep in mind that employers may have access to social media sites in which you may be part of, therefore discretion should be given when posting to those sites.

We would like to thank Brother Peter Borzillo for all the years of hard work and dedication he has given to the Marine Workers.

In Solidarity,

Fred Simmons

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT from DENYSE DEHLER:

PORT ALBERNI – CANADIAN MARITIME ENGINEERING



CANADIAN MARITIME ENGINEERING - PORT ALBERNI

We are happy to have resolved our issues at CME and look forward to working closely with our two new shop stewards, both eager to assist in representing the growing membership at the worksite and working closely with the Union.

The company has invested two million dollars in infrastructure in Port Alberni and a new management team was brought in to assist the current management and staff to promote growth at their West Coast shipyard. These changes have proven to be a success, with the shipyard now undertaking much larger projects and seeing a steady stream of work.

VANCOUVER DRYDOCK

It certainly has been a hectic year at Vancouver Drydock, keeping Lyall busy with ongoing last-minute dispatches. The current management has done a great job at securing contract after contract, and we are told that the facility has been very profitable for Seaspan. Our trades have had an abundance of working hours, for some, more than they want. In 2019, management and the Union faced each other at the Labour Board, debating key issues resulting in favourable outcomes for the Union. We are hoping that management will come to the realization that the Union's concerns brought forward are valid and that we will continue to protect the integrity of our Collective Agreement.

MAVERICK HYDRODEMOLITION SERVICES

In 2019, we welcomed our new employer Maverick Hydrodemolition Services to Local 1. Maverick's expertise will be used for ultra-high-water blasting.

WEBSITE - We are in the process of updating both the Marine Workers and the Shipyard General websites and hope to have the changes completed by the summer.

THANK YOU TO OUTGOING SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE UNION, PETER BORZILLO

The Executive Board of Local 1 and the President of the Shipyard General Workers' Federation, on behalf of all of its members, take this opportunity to share our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Peter, who dedicated 40 years of untiring service on behalf of our members through his contributions to both these organizations as we advise you of Peter Borzillo's decision to step aside in order to allow younger members an opportunity to step up,

Peter came to the Marine Workers in early 1979 and worked at several of the Marine Workers' plants before finding a home with Canron on False Creek. Peter remained with Canron until their closure in the early 1990's, where he served as a shop steward for the galvanizing department. Being a shop steward anywhere is not an easy task and this workplace ranked high in presenting daily challenges for a shop steward. It was also



an era where members of organizations understood the importance of fighting hard, in solidarity, in order to gain some of the rewards, currently mostly taken for granted. Peter has always been a strong force, dedicated to the big picture, he is exemplary in what unions are meant to be.

In 1989, Peter was elected to the Executive Board for a term, then he was elected at the next term as First Vice

President, a position he held until 2004. While serving as First VP, he also worked as an organizer with some success as he reached out to workers discontented with their employers and working conditions.

In the fall of 2005, Peter was acclaimed in the position of Secretary Treasurer, a position he held, except for one term, until his decision to step aside at the end of the term ending December 31, 2019. As Secretary Treasurer, Peter kept his eyes on the finances of the Union while fulfilling the duties of dispatcher, putting in many long days. He also was always willing to assist the President in some of the demands of bargaining and member representation. During his tenure, Peter's demeanor made him easy to work with, always willing to step up whenever he was needed to fill any void within the organization. It was an honour to work alongside Peter, as others' success was always at the forefront of his actions. Peter has been a tireless worker for the Union and the membership, and we certainly will miss him in the office and the plants. However, it's not a farewell as he remains close by and we regularly get him to share his wisdom, guidance and great sense of humour. Peter, your presence at the Union will be missed.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

2020 – 2023

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**THANK YOU
DAVE DOLAN
PAST EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEMBER
(term 2017-2019)**



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM DISPATCHER

IT HAS BEEN AN EXTREMELY BUSY YEAR FOR THE DISPATCHER IF THE DISPATCHER IS CALLING YOU FOR WORK, HE RELIES ON HEARING BACK FROM YOU IN A TIMELY MANNER, OTHERWISE HE MUST MOVE DOWN THE LIST. ALWAYS REPLY PROMPTLY, LET HIM KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE AVAILABLE.

604-254-8204 EXT 300 or dispatch@marineworkers.ca

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Marine Workers & Boilermakers Industrial Union Local No. 1 will be awarding scholarships to a maximum \$1,000.00 for FIRST YEAR applicants for University, College or Trade School to children or grand-children of the Marine Workers Local 1 members in good standing.

The criteria and applications are available on our website at www.marineworkers.ca Applications are to be submitted to the attention of the Marine Workers Union's Secretary-Treasurer and will be referred to the Scholarship Committee, which will determine the successful applicants and amounts to be awarded. The application must be received at the union office by July 31 of the current year.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF MWBIU MEMBERS IN 2019

William Greaves	BC Marine	Robert Webster	Burrard Drydock
Dave Huber	Allied Shipbuilders	Hank Pierce	Arjay Industries
Carl Campo	Burrard Drydock	Tony Eberhard	Allied Shipbuilders
Nick Florio	WA Thom	Glenn Carter	Burrard Drydock
Reima Sirvas	Canon	Raymond Johnson	Manley Marine
Chester Shoults	Burrard Drydock	Dinos Liaros	Key Marine
Naranjan Ball	Burrard Drydock	Manlio Mottes	Bel-Air Shipyard
Gordon Fleming	VDD	Scott Gilbert	Versatile Pacific
Richard Doolan	VDD	Thomas Conway	Burrard Drydock
Calvin Wilson	Allied Shipbuilders		