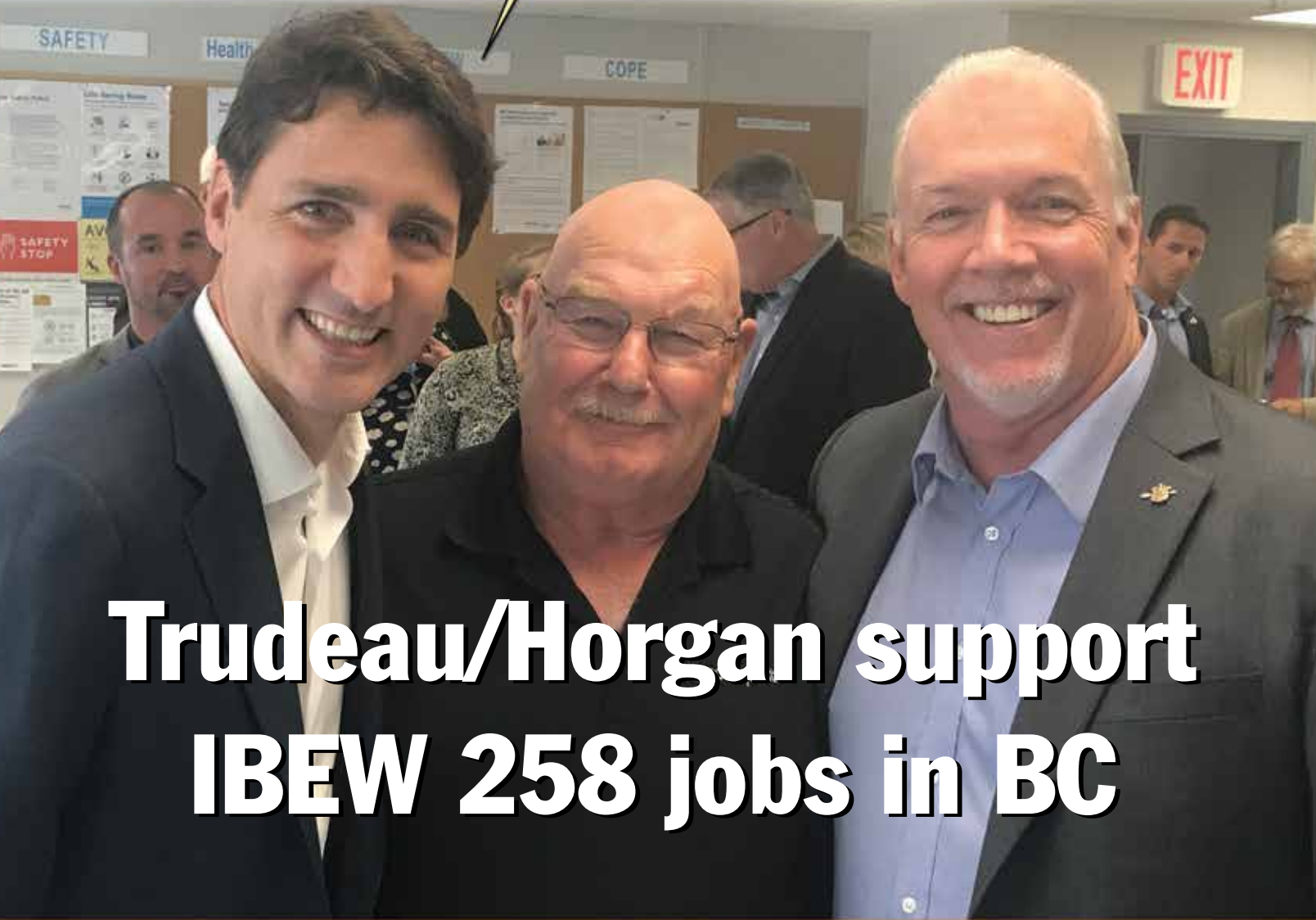




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Local 258 IBEW Business Manager Doug McKay with Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and BC's Premier John Horgan, August 2019. See article page 4. Photo credit: Brother Rob Munro.

VIEWPOINT from your Business Manager Doug McKay

From the procurement of materials produced by our members working in the electrical manufacturing industry, to contracted companies in the private power line, utility arborist and traffic control industries where our members work – what happens at BC Hydro affects us all, in one way or another.

For our members who work at our private power line signatory contractors, events over the past few months have certainly caused a lot of concerns about future work opportunities as it appears that BC Hydro's awarding of the Regionally Optimized Construction (ROC) contracts have transitioned from 10 providers down to four. This has left many scratching their heads, but the reality is, there's a certain amount of work that needs to get done "safely" by a certain number of workers. At the end of the day, nothing has changed other than this work will be handled by fewer companies and it looks like new hires and sub-contracting will be on the rise. If you find yourself with a lay-off notice, CALL OUR UNION DISPATCHER IMMEDIATELY so we can get your name "on the books" for job opportunities as they come to our attention. And, a reminder: **members are not allowed to accept jobs directly from employers hiring Local 258 members without first obtaining clearance from Dispatch.**

I'd like to say thank you to our members who work at BC Hydro as your patience with this current round of bargaining has been commendable. Our bargaining team has met with this employer three times since March, fully prepared to negotiate a new collective agreement. We have been very accommodating yet have been disappointed with the lack of progress made and unreasonable demands presented to date. We are returning to the table at the end of October for another round of contract talks, and I encourage all members to sign up to our website so you can receive up-to-date email news about the latest developments.

Local 258 was very pleased to be one of the BC Locals to host hundreds of IBEW members and leaders from across our country at the All Canada Progress Meeting that took place in Vancouver in August. This is our annual opportunity to take a few days to get together and review where we stand and plan our route to navigate the future, in the best interests of our membership. We heard from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and BC Premier John Horgan, who both sent video greetings. We welcomed our International President Lonnie Stephenson and International Secretary Treasurer Ken Cooper who reaffirmed our Union is in good shape here in Canada and noted we are very fortunate to have progressive, labour supporting governments at both the federal level and here in BC compared to what is happening in the United States under "45".

International VP Brother Tom Reid noted membership numbers in Canada are on the decline and organizing must be a top priority. We listened to the leader of the Federal NDP, Jagmeet Singh, and our Canadian Minister of Defense, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, and were brought up-to-date on our political action efforts by the First District's Director of Government Relations, Brother Matt Wayland. Hassan Yussuff, leader of the Canadian Labour Congress showed his support and we also had a very enlightening presentation from Sister Sandra Brynjolfson from the BC Centre for Women in the Trades.


Brother Laird Cronk, a 30-year member of the IBEW, a red-seal electrician and our former International Rep, who is currently serving as the president of the BC Federation of Labour, gave an impassioned and moving speech as he reported on the important advances achieved by organized labour under the BC NDP since he took office last November.

I'd like to thank the leadership from Locals 213, 230, 993 and 1003 who helped organize our contribution as hosts for ACPM 2019, and to Brother Dan Klassen who assisted 258.

The 2019 federal election is now underway. As you know, our Union is not in the business of telling our members who to vote for. From a labour perspective, in his actions over the past four years, Mr. Trudeau has certainly followed through on his commitments with one of the most important being the repeal of the harmful anti-union legislation brought in by the Harper Conservatives. Not much has changed in the Conservative world with their anti-union ideology and that much is clear.

The most important thing you can do is participate in this election and make sure you vote. Our password-protected website will feature a number of on-line resources where you can find helpful information about the issues, the platforms, the parties and the candidates, if you haven't already made your decision. There are lots of opportunities to vote if you're unable to cast a ballot on election day with advance voting opportunities and mail-in ballots. Just make sure you're on the voting list, especially if you've moved since the last election. Visit our Union website at www.ibew258.bc.ca.

I'd like to welcome Brother Rob Munro to our office staff as our Organizer and also to introduce Lori MacLean who will be taking on the dual roles of Executive Assistant to the Business Manager and Office Manager. I look forward to a more efficient and productive schedule in moving ahead with member-focused initiatives.

Remember to work and play with safety in mind. 

Local 258 IBEW welcomes the Trudeau/Horgan announcement in BC of “the electrification of our economy”

August 29, 2019 – Local 258 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers welcomes today’s joint announcement by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and BC Premier John Horgan that a Memorandum of Understanding has been reached between the federal government and the Province of BC that will see a \$680 million investment in “the electrification of our economy” and an affirmed commitment to power British Columbia’s natural gas production and liquefied natural gas (LNG) sectors with clean electricity.

At a news conference at BC Hydro’s Trades Training Centre in Surrey, Local 258 IBEW members provided the backdrop as the leaders made the announcement.

Business Manager Doug McKay had an opportunity to meet with both Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Horgan, and says, “This is a good announcement and is good for our members who work at BC Hydro and in the electric utility industries in our province. It looks like lots of new jobs are on the horizon here in BC, and we look forward to working hard to make sure IBEW is involved every step of the way.”

Electrification is the use of clean power to avoid emissions and will position Canada as a supplier of the world’s cleanest natural gas. BC’s natural gas industry produces about 18 per cent of the province’s greenhouse gas emissions.

“What’s good for the environment is good for the economy,” said Prime Minister Trudeau. “Canadians know that economic



Left to right: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau joins with Local 258 IBEW Business Manager Doug McKay and Premier John Horgan to show off their IBEW challenge coins at the media event at BC Hydro’s Trades Training Centre in Surrey announcing a \$680 million investment that will ultimately bring more work to Local 258 members in BC. Photo credit: Brother Rob Munro.

growth and environmental protection go hand-in-hand. Today, we are committing to work with British Columbia to help power the natural gas sector with clean electricity – reducing greenhouse gas emissions, creating good middle class jobs, and helping make the province a supplier of the cleanest natural gas in the world.” ⚡



Screen capture from Twitter @JustinTrudeau





We've Got Mail!

To the Executive Board, staff and members of Local 258 IBEW,
Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful gift basket of fresh fruits, tea, biscuits, jam and cheese that we received today. These will definitely help a lot on Manny's speedy recovery.

And also, thank you so much for all your thoughtfulness and generosity. It means a lot to our family.
Best Regards,
Manny (Bautista) and family

Dear Local 258 IBEW,
Thank You for supporting Camp Jubilee – we greatly appreciate it!

Sincerely,
Tracy Kiefer
Office Manager, Camp Jubilee

Editor's Note: The Local 258 IBEW Executive Board passed a motion at the April 2019 meeting to provide funds to "Send A Kid to Camp". For more information about this long-time Union supported camp for kids, and all it offers, please visit www.campjubilee.ca



Dear Local 258 IBEW,
I would like to thank the staff and members of Local #258 for the gift and "get well" card regarding my recent knee replacement surgeries. It's comforting to have the support from our Union and certainly helps with the rehabilitation process, until I can return to the work and activities that I truly enjoy.
Thank you,
Bruce Byrnell

Dear Brother McMinn,



Thank you for your Union's generous donation of \$500.00 to the BC Labour Heritage Centre and our "Labour History Matters" project. IBEW 258 has always been a

great supporter and it's truly appreciated. Please thank your executive on our behalf.

Joey Hartmann
Chairperson, BC Labour Heritage Centre

To Dave McMinn,
Please accept our family's heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude for such a generous gift that helps me continue my medical treatments. Your kindness will always be remembered.
Sincerely

Dan Karpinski & family

Editor's Note: This thoughtful thank you note was written earlier this year and Local 258 IBEW regrets to report that Brother Karpinski has since passed away, in August. On behalf of the membership, sincere condolences to the surviving family members, to Dan's co-workers and fellow Union brothers & sisters.

Hi Doug,
This is a pic of myself, wife Kare, son Mike and his wife Pat, crossing the finish line at the Giants Head Run in Summerland this year after a 5.7 kilometre walk. One way of keeping fit in my old age!



Hope all is well with you. Remember me to everyone.
Ken Brandson

Dear Local 258 IBEW,
On behalf of the Sullivan Community Association, I would like to thank you for your generous donation to our 24th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event was well attended, and your contribution, which provided family refreshments and children's candy and prizes, was acknowledged, with our appreciation, to those in attendance.

Our Association is a registered Society serving the Sullivan Community in Surrey and is celebrating our 91st anniversary this year. Your continued support lends to the spirit of community which is promoted by our Association, and serves as a positive reflection of your membership.
Thank You,
Yours truly,
Rob Stutt
President, Sullivan Community Association



We've Got More Mail!

Dear Cathy Tagseth and the Team at IBEW Local 258,
Thank you so much for your recent contribution of \$300 in support of the Backpack for Buddies fundraiser held at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Your generous donation will allow us to provide weekend meals to 30 of Metro Vancouver's most vulnerable children, and for that we are so grateful.

Your compassionate support truly makes a difference in the lives of the children we serve.

With much gratitude,
The Team at Backpack Buddies

The Local 258 IBEW Executive Board recently approved funds in response to a request from Brother John Bradley for a financial donation in the form of sponsorship advertising for the Kamloops U-18 College Prep Midget River Dogs Baseball Team in the amount of \$300. Many thanks to Brother Bradley for sending forward copies of the advertising that appeared in the team's Media Guide, including details of team member Nick Bradley, John's son, who also thanks the Union for the support.

Thank you for your donation that allowed me to attend Youth Bowl Canada Nationals in Oshawa, May 5-7, 2019.

I came home the National Champion and received the Triple Crown Honour. I have been the National Champion in all three divisions of YBC – bantam, junior and senior. I am the third Youth Bowler in the 55 year history of YBC to accomplish this honour!
Madison Richter
Smithers, BC



Editor's Note: Unit 1 Chair Brother Klaus Kraft reports Unit 1 made a \$200 donation from their social fund to help support Madison.

On behalf of the Dawson Creek Minor Ball Association I would like to thank the IBEW 258 Executive Board for the generous donation to cover the cost

of replacing our stolen bats and little league training equipment. The money was put to great use and the kids were overjoyed with the brand new equipment.

Bryce Von Bargaen



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Position(s): First Base, Pitcher
Bat: Right
Throw: Left
Height: 5 feet 11 inches
Weight: 165 lbs.
High School: Westsyde Secondary
Grad Year: 2021
Favourite ML Team: Toronto Blue Jays
Favourite ML Player: Rowdy Tellez
Baseball Experience: 10 years
Baseball Highlight: Competing in Westerns
Career Plans: Studying Business & Playing Baseball

Favourite TV Show: Sportsnet
Favourite Song: Flooded
Favourite Food: Big Mac
Hobbies: Long walks on the beach & chilling with the boys

Local 258 IBEW Bargaining News

Negotiations proceeding slowly

Dates set to resume bargaining for members working at BC Hydro

Negotiations for a new contract for Local 258 IBEW members working at **BC Hydro** are set to resume at the end of October when both sides will be meeting at the Sheraton Guildford Hotel in Surrey.

After the last round of bargaining that took place in June, Local 258 IBEW Business Manager Doug McKay reported, "Our negotiating committee continues to press for improvements to the collective agreement for our members who have been working without a new contract since the last one expired at the end of March. As expected, the employer is seeking various concessions and we have remained very firm in our position that we are focused on improvements in a new collective agreement."

In response to members' concerns about the slow pace of these negotiations McKay has advised the Union bargaining committee has confirmed any new wage increases will be retroactive to April 1.

Bargaining news updates will be posted on the password-protected website at www.ibew258.bc.ca as they are issued by the Bargaining Committee. Members working at BC Hydro are also encouraged to attend your next union meeting for further updates and if you have any questions.

Members of the 2019 Local 258 IBEW BC Hydro Bargaining Committee are: Brother Dave Herrington; Brother Jim Greenwell, Senior Assistant Business Manager; Brother Cody Gatzke; Brother Dave Rathlef; Garnet Zimmerman of GZ Mediation; Brother Doug McKay, Business Manager/Financial Secretary; Brother Dave McMinn, President; Brother Larry Byhre, Treasurer; and, Brother Rob Munro, Local 258 IBEW Organizer. 📧

Members ratify new contract at Cam Tran Pacific in Chilliwack

Negotiations for a new collective agreement for members working at **Cam Tran Pacific** in Chilliwack commenced in February of this year, prior to their contract expiring in March. Local 258 IBEW members working at this company manufacture, repair and renew all types of oil filled distribution transformers.

After numerous rounds of bargaining, members voted to ratify a new 3-year agreement in August featuring a 2% wage increase in the first year with wage re-openers in each of the following two years.

Sister Nicole Biernaczyk, Local 258 ABM would like to thank bargaining committee member Sister Arlene Runka. 📧

Members working in Electrical Manufacturing achieve results with new contracts



Many thanks to members working at Hobart Foods for travelling to the new Union Hall in Langley for a meeting to discuss negotiations for a new collective agreement. From left are, Jerry, Felix, Peter, Francis, Terri-Lee, Bryan, Tom and Shop Steward Robin.

Local 258 IBEW members working at **Hobart Food Equipment Group** located on Annacis Island in Delta, manufacturers of electrical equipment for the food service industry, ratified a new collective agreement by mail ballot vote in July.

With the previous contract having expired at the end of March this year, Sister Nicole Biernaczyk, ABM, reports members fought for and achieved a new 3-year agreement featuring wage increases in each year, improvements to the boot allowance, increases to employer contributions to the pension plan, and a signing bonus.

The new agreement will be posted on your Union website at www.ibew258.bc.ca as soon as it is available. Many thanks to Bargaining Committee member Robin Radomski.

In Port Coquitlam, members working at **Code Manufacturing** voted to ratify their new 4-year agreement in May. Members at this manufacturing facility had difficult negotiations since October of last year. After rejecting a tentative agreement in February, they returned to the table and were able to hammer out a deal.

Highlights of the new agreement include wage increases in each year and increases to life insurance and to the accidental death/dismemberment benefit. Thanks to Brother Jesse Layng for serving on the bargaining committee. 📧

Local 258 IBEW News

Lesli McBratney retires after 26 years at the Union office



You may not have known her name, but you recognized her voice when she answered the phone at the Local 258 IBEW Union office, and now, after 26 years of serving the membership in the important role of administrative support staff, Lesli McBratney retired in June.

On behalf of the membership, the Executive Board and co-workers, Business Manager Doug McKay thanked Lesli at a retirement lunch and gift presentation in Langley attended by Union staff, and past and present Union Executive members. Brother McKay acknowledged Lesli's valuable contributions, dedicated work ethic and dependable, friendly manner, and noted she will certainly be missed at the office. A member of MoveUp, Lesli was joined at the luncheon by her Union Rep who also presented her with a retirement gift.

Congratulations on your retirement Lesli!

Forkin Scholarships awarded

The Local 258 IBEW Executive Board is pleased to announce that, after a blind selection process, three Tom Forkin Memorial Scholarships have now been awarded.

Congratulations to Emily Organ, Isaiah Kotaras and Emily Duchak, who will each receive \$1,000.00 towards their post secondary education pursuits.

Emily Organ, who lives in Abbotsford, is the daughter of Local 258 IBEW member Brother Barry Organ. She recently graduated from secondary school and will be attending the University of the Fraser Valley to study Business Administration, with plans to become a Certified General Accountant.

Isaiah Kotaras from Castlegar, is the son of Brother Dean Kotaras. He plans to attend VCAD, the Visual College of Art & Design, to pursue a career path making video games.

Emily Duchak is the daughter of Local 258 IBEW mem-

ber Kevin Duchak and granddaughter of IBEW member Ken Duchak. Living in Maple Ridge, Emily is currently enrolled in the Nursing program at Kwantlen University and plans to further her post graduate education and become a Nurse Practitioner.

Applicants were asked to prepare a 500-word essay answering the question "What is the history of women in the labour movement?". The winning essays have been posted to your Union's password-protected website at ibew258.bc.ca for members to read.

The Tom Forkin Memorial Scholarship was created in 1991 in memory of our first Local President, Brother Tom Forkin, and is open to members, or dependants of members, of Local 258 IBEW. Up to three (3) individual Scholarships of \$1,000.00 are awarded annually. Thank you to everyone who applied this year.

New hires at the Local 258 IBEW Union Hall

Brother Rob Munro joins us as Organizer



Brother Rob Munro has been active in our Union for many years, serving on the Unit 6 Executive, as a Shop Steward and as the Local 258 IBEW campaign associate with the United Way. He has now been hired by Business Manager Doug McKay to serve the membership in a staff position as Organizer assigned to Membership Development.

Brother Munro previously worked as a Heavy Duty Mechanic at BC Hydro and lives in Langley with his wife and two young daughters.

Brother Rob Munro attended the "Black Press Media Extreme Education and Career Fair" at the Cloverdale Agriplex in the spring where two of Local 258 IBEW's signatory Traffic Control employers, Lanesafe and Traffic Pro Services, were highlighting the added advantage of Union membership at their displays.



Sister Lori MacLean fills newly created positions



Brother Doug McKay has hired Lori MacLean to work in the Union office to fill the newly created positions as Executive Assistant to the Business Manager and as Office Manager. Lori previously had a long career working in Human Resources at BC Hydro.

Sister MacLean has quickly become an integral part of the Union's operation.

Lori lives in Langley with her husband. Together, they raised three children, a daughter and two sons, who both work as PLTs.

Introducing Janet Clyne



Sister Janet Clyne, a member of MoveUp, was the successful applicant and has been hired to work as support staff in the Union office. She takes on the role of answering the phone and managing the front desk. Welcome Sister Clyne!

Golf Tournament cancelled

Brother Dan Klassen, Assistant Business Manager, reports this year's Local 258 IBEW Golf Tournament, scheduled to take place on Monday, September 16 at the Pitt Meadows Golf Club, was cancelled due to low advance registration.

"At registration deadline, we didn't have enough players sign up and were unable to proceed with our plans to play," said Brother Klassen. "It's very disappointing we won't be able to make our annual donation this year to support the MS Society."


Cheques will be returned to those players who have already paid. If you have any questions, please call Dan at the Union office at 604-520-3305 (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm).

Survey results are in

Members of Local 258 IBEW were invited to participate in an on-line survey in the spring and the responses have now been collected and delivered to Brother Dave McMinn, president.

The survey focused on union communications in reference to the Hotline magazine and the website, including e-mail news. The response rate was very, very low, at 2.8% of our entire membership (as of June, 2019). Obviously, this limits the accuracy of the overall results in reflecting the majority of our membership.

Nonetheless, the results showed a majority:

- 1) are in favour of continuing with a printed Hotline, with 60% of respondents expressing overall satisfaction with the magazine;
- 2) are likely to visit the website to read additional content from articles published in the Hotline magazine;
- 3) are not in favour of Local 258 IBEW establishing social media accounts such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. 



Business Manager Doug McKay met with Premier John Horgan in September to have a frank discussion about important issues affecting Local 258 IBEW members working in BC.



At the September 2019 Local 258 IBEW Executive Board meeting, regular business was suspended as the Board invited newly appointed executives from BC Hydro for introductions. From left: Brother Mike McMinn, Recording Secretary; Brother Dave McMinn, President; Sister Cathy Tagseth, Unit 5 Chair; Brother Klaus Kraft, Unit 1 Chair; Charlotte Mitha, Executive VP Operations, BC Hydro;Carolynn Ryan, Chief HR Officer, BC Hydro; Brother Zane Gauthier, Unit 4 Vice Chair; Sister Carolyn Furler, Unit 2 Vice Chair; Brother Jeremy O'Laney, Unit 3 Vice Chair; and, Brother Doug McKay, Local 258 IBEW Business Manager.



At the IBEW Broadcasting, Manufacturing & Telecommunications Conference in Las Vegas in June, Brother Doug McKay was invited to speak to delegates about his tenure as one of the longest serving Business Managers in the Union.

Making sure you are safe at work

Op Ed submitted by Raj Chouhan, MLA for Burnaby-Edmonds



Ensuring the safety of workers was one of the reasons I first became politically active, and it will always be an issue I care about. For decades, farm workers were left out of any legislated labour protections. Unfortunately, it was common for workers to be severely injured or even killed as a result of unsafe working conditions. That's why I started advocating for farm workers' rights and protections.

In the 1990s the BC NDP government brought farm workers under the scope of the Labour Standards Act and the related workplace health and safety regulations. Tragically, many of these protections were eliminated by the BC Liberal government during their 16 years in power starting in 2001, rolling back much of the progress that had been made.

Without careful, robust government protects, the safety of many workers can be jeopardized. That's why we're delivering on important and necessary updates to worker protection, compensation and employment standards. These changes are a significant step towards making sure BC's employment standards are applied and enforced evenly, and reflect the evolving needs of workers. We want to make sure everyone comes home safe from the job, and are paid fairly.

The previous BC Liberal government gutted many of the safeguards that were put in place for workers' rights. From allowing employers to negotiate work days longer than eight hours, to closing half of the Employment Standards Branch offices, the

BC Liberals were looking out for their friends at the top, and failed to protect everyday working people.

I'm proud our New Democrat government is doing things differently. From temporary foreign workers, to farm workers, to ending child labour, we are delivering modern legislation to keep people safe.

Most will agree that child labour is an unacceptable practice, so I was shocked when the previous BC Liberal government reduced the legal working age to 12 in 2003, which experts say, frequently put young children into risky workplace situations.

To address safety concerns, and mitigate the possibility of coerced child labour, we've raised the age a child may work from 12 to 16, while allowing 14 and 15-year old children to perform only light work that is safe for their health and development. We will also soon be setting restrictions on the type of hazardous work 16- to 18-year-olds may perform. These changes bring BC in line with international child employment standards, and will make sure our kids are safe at work.

It was appalling to hear members from the opposition defend child labour, and go as far as suggesting that if we don't allow young South Asian children to work, they will succumb to gang activity. This kind of rhetoric is offensive, and inexcusable.

Workers and employers rely on employment law to protect their rights — and to reflect their changing needs to ensure workplaces remain fair and efficient. Our legislation looks out for some of the most vulnerable people in the workforce, such as children and temporary foreign workers. The exploitation of anyone working in our province runs against the values of British Columbians. While the BC Liberals allowed employers to willfully ignore and abuse the rights of workers in this province, we are standing up for them so they can make a safe and fair living. *MLA Raj Chouhan, who serves as the Deputy Speaker in the Legislature, was a Guest Speaker at our Local 258 IBEW Shop Stewards Conference in 2017.*

Federal election called for Monday, October 21st: log-in to your Union website at www.ibew258.bc.ca for more information and resources

An important reminder: wherever you are and whatever you are doing on Monday, October 21st, remember to cast your ballot and vote in Canada's federal election.

The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Pacific time in most of BC. Voting will be from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm in communities that are in the Mountain time zone.

You must be registered to vote. If you aren't, you can register TODAY at Elections.ca, at local Elections Canada offices, or at your polling place just before you vote. You must prove your identity and home address.

If you can't vote on October 21, **advance polls** will be open from 9 am to 9 pm local time on Friday Oct. 11 to Monday Oct. 14; locations will be listed on your voter information card. Or, you can **vote by special ballot** in person at any of the local Elections Canada offices set up in every riding in Canada. Or, you can **vote by mail** with a completed registration form (deadline to apply is 6 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 15), available at Elections.ca, any local Elections Canada office, any Canadian embassy, high commission or consulate or by calling 1-800-463-6868.

In Canada's Election, a Call to Avoid 'All-Out War on Unions'

When the Liberal Party took power in Canada in 2015, the IBEW and working families gained access to halls of power on Parliament Hill that hadn't existed in the previous four years of Conservative rule and five years of coalition government before that.

The result has been a blizzard of legislation and initiatives that has benefited working families and union members across Canada. Put simply, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his government have followed through on most of the promises they made prior to taking office.

"It was an all-out war on unions and working people before [former Conservative Prime Minister Stephen] Harper left," said Winnipeg, Manitoba, Local 2085 Business Manager Russell Shewchuk. "Trudeau came in and he has been working hard for our members."

For former Hamilton, Ontario, Local 105 Business Manager John Grimshaw, now the executive secretary/treasurer of the IBEW Construction Council of Ontario, it's been refreshing to have open communication with the prime minister's staff when important issues arise.

"I would hate to lose that access," he said. "When the Conservatives were there, for us to get a meeting was next to impossible. To be able to work with government, they need to know what your issues are."

As the Hotline goes to press, CBC's Poll Tracker has the Liberals and Conservatives in a dead heat.

Recent provincial elections indicate the Conservative Party has momentum, with new majority governments in Ontario and Alberta and securing a minority government in New Brunswick, all in the last year. Harper has left Parliament, but Andrew Scheer's message is finding traction even though it's not much different from the Conservatives' anti-worker message in the past.

That's why IBEW members are encouraged to get involved in their local riding's campaign to send a worker-friendly Member of Parliament to the House of Commons and prevent a return to the days when the IBEW had no seat at the table of government.

One of those candidates who will find IBEW support is Daniel Blaikie, an electrician and member of Local 2085, who represents Winnipeg's Elmwood-Transcona Riding. The NDP member is part of a strategy that favours the best candidate in each riding to stop a Conservative takeover rather than support for a single party.

"The IBEW and all of Canadian labour have made tremendous gains under the Trudeau government, and he and members of his staff have called me personally for our input," First District Vice President Thomas Reid said. "That access is invaluable, but we lose it if there's a return to Conservative government. That's

why we need the help of our members at this crucial time. If we stand together with our friends and allies, I'm confident we'll win."

With Liberals in charge, the IBEW and the rest of the labour movement have secured a series of important victories, including:

In one of its first acts in office, Parliament reversed bills C-377 and C-525 — a pair of anti-union bills pushed by Conservatives that placed onerous reporting requirements on unions and made organizing new workers more burdensome.

The Trudeau government expanded the Canada Pension Plan and increased the Guaranteed Income Supplement for the country's poorest senior citizens.

Parliament prohibited the presence in construction materials of asbestos, a carcinogen known for decades to cause cancer. The previous Conservative government resisted efforts to do so.


Liberals ratified the International Labour Organization Convention's No. 98, which recognizes the right to organize and collectively bargain and also prohibits anti-union discrimination by the federal government.

Trudeau's government also reduced the employment insurance waiting period from two weeks to one; created a Just Transition Task Force to reduce the impacts of Canada's transition away from coal-fired power generation on those workers and their communities; and has also overseen significant increases in investments for union-based apprenticeship training.

Shewchuk noted that Local 2085 recently received a \$1 million federal grant for its training center. "We would have never been given a grant for training money by a conservative government," he said. Harper canceled a similar program in 2006 shortly after becoming PM.

"When you talk to Prime Minister Trudeau one-on-one, he's a genuine guy. He's been up here and spoke to our building trades annual conference. He connects with the working class," Shewchuk said. "The Conservatives could re-open our country's constitution. They could bring in right-to-work across the country. It's very important we do not get a Conservative prime minister."

Fredericton, New Brunswick, Local 37 Business Manager Ross Galbraith, who also serves on the International Executive Council, said he's maintained a good relationship with the Conservative-controlled provincial government that owns NB Power, where his local has jurisdiction. He said he's also learned not to tell his members how to vote.

That's why it's so important that IBEW members get involved now and help to remind friends and neighbours of the great work the current government has done for working families. 

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IBEW All Canada Progress Meeting 2019

IBEW leaders and members travelled from across the country to Vancouver in August to gather for the annual All Canada Progress Meeting (ACPM), hosted by the five IBEW Locals in BC – 258, 213, 230, 993 and 1003.

This year's meeting, had the theme "Honouring the Past and Shaping the Future", and featured International President Lonnie Stephenson and International Secretary Treasurer Ken Cooper who brought their reports and messages of support for members in Canada.

The 5 days of meetings included a day of youth training as the NextGen caucus recorded the largest contingent at an ACPM. Delegates heard from International Vice President First District (Canada) Tom Reid; BC Federation of Labour president Laird Cronk, an IBEW member; a smattering of politicians, including video greetings from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and BC Premier John Horgan, and special guests, featuring Matt Wilson, Executive Vice President, Operations, from BC Hydro.

One of the highlights was the delegate march through downtown Vancouver to the high rise offices of Ledcor in support of IBEW Local 213's fight for a first collective agreement.

Next year's meeting is scheduled to take place in Niagara Falls, Ontario. 🇺🇸



The Local 258 IBEW delegation at the 2019 ACPM, back row, from left: Klaus Kraft, Unit 1 Chair; Lori MacLean, Executive Assistant; Doug McKay, Business Manager; Cathy Tagseth, Unit 5 Chair; Greg Fanning, Assistant Business Manager (ABM); Lloyd Clark, Unit 4 Chair; Brother Dan Klassen, ABM; Brother Dean Kotaras, Unit 3 Chair; Dan Giesbrecht, ABM; Dave McMinn, President; Rob Munro, Organizer; Gerald Pope, Unit 2 Chair. Front row, from left: Don McNabb, ABM; Trevor Williams, Vice President; Jim Greenwell, Sr. ABM; and, Nicole Biernaczyk, ABM. Missing from the photo is Larry Byhre, Treasurer, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Alec Dan brought traditional greetings to the IBEW ACPM 2019 meeting in Vancouver, held on unceded territory of the Musqueam Nation.

IBEW International President Lonnie Stephenson and International Secretary Treasurer Ken Cooper at the ACPM in Vancouver.



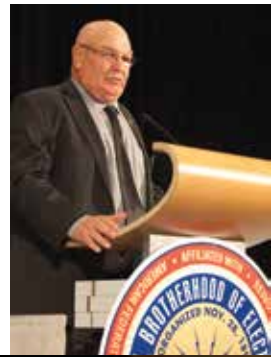
Laird Cronk, President of the BC Federation of Labour, former IBEW International Rep, member Local 230, said, "The IBEW, the Union of Hearts and Minds, with a Code of Excellence philosophy and organizing mentality, and a focus on action, pride and skill – these are the values that have played a role in preparing me for the journey I am on now. As I stand here today, representing more than 50 unions and 500,000 workers in BC, I want to say thank you for investing and believing in me."



Jagmeet Singh, leader of the Federal NDP, said, "I believe that public infrastructure should remain public – owned by us, built by us – to ensure we have access and affordability as our primary focus, not profits."



Brother Doug McKay, Local 258 Business Manager, introduces guest speaker Matt Wilson from BC Hydro, with special thanks for sponsoring the Tuesday morning delegate breakfast.



Hon. Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defense, Member of Parliament, Vancouver South: "Organized labour is critical to a strong economy."



Tom Reid, International Vice President, First District (Canada), said, "People want to join our union. I want you to help me to do that."



Nanaimo Line Campout

By Brother Brian Gueldenstern



The Line Crew from Nanaimo, along with their families, had a spectacular weekend of camping and fishing in June at 1st Lake. Bright sunny days and warm weather made for good swimming and boating conditions. Lots of families got out on the water this year but fishing was slower this year due to above average water temperatures. The fish were deep and required a little more persistence from our anglers to net a trophy fish.

The fishing derby was overseen by Brother Jason Slotte and anglers were divided into age groups;



- Youngest to catch a fish – Isobel Simpson (daughter of Brother Jim Simpson)
- Crazy Kids 1st – Eli Fisher (son of Brother TJ Fisher)
- Crazy Kids 2nd – Sarah Toop (daughter of Brother Scott Toop)

- Troublesome Teens 1st – Slater Gordon
- Troublesome Teens 2nd – Emma Gueldenstern (daughter of Brother Brian Gueldenstern)
- Awesome Adults 1st – Brother Larry Sandferd
- Awesome Adults 2nd – Brother Scott Toop

The big fish of the weekend was caught and successfully released by Brother Larry Sandferd (see photo page 22) along with the help of his son Brother Marty Sandferd who had a unique fishing vessel – a floating party barge with an electric motor. Larry and Marty have set the new standard for fishing in comfort, style and of course winning the derby.

Brother David Lussier was on the beach again armed with his Potato Cannon. The kids lined up for a shot and the crowd cheered as each blast sent a spud flying towards its target. 🚩



Local 258 IBEW Dispatch Services

Local 258 IBEW offers a Dispatch service for members who are unemployed and are eligible to work (via their trade qualifications) with BC Hydro or one of the union's signatory outside line contractors.

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To be eligible for Dispatch, please note the following:

It is up to each Local 258 IBEW member to register with Dispatch as soon as you are unemployed. Do not delay, as this will affect your standing on the list. Members are called out to work based on a combination of criteria, including trade qualification, union seniority and date of when you registered with Dispatch.

Procedure for placement on the Dispatch List:

1. Your membership in Local 258 IBEW must be current - you must be an Active Member with membership dues paid and up-to-date.
2. It is helpful if you submit a resume including your qualifications and work history, copies of trades qualifications and/or tickets you have. If you are a Journeyman, you must have an Interprovincial Red Seal (for applicable trades only).
3. We must have your current contact information, including phone number and full mailing address. Please update your contact information on a regular basis if there are changes, as this impacts our ability to provide you with work opportunities.
4. You must provide copies of your current regular and/or special drivers license.

Please send all of the above required documents - resume, current contact information, copies of trade certificates and drivers license(s) **PLUS A CHEQUE FOR \$68.50** (current 2019) - via regular mail to IBEW Local 258, ATTENTION: DISPATCH, Suite #140 - 8029 199 Street, Langley, BC V2Y 0E2. If you live in the lower mainland area, you can personally deliver these documents directly to the Dispatch office.

For Dispatch Inquiries, please contact Brother Jim McKay directly at 604-524-3547, toll free 1-877-520-3305 and ask for Dispatch, or email: dispatch@ibew258.bc.ca

The Dispatch office is open Monday to Friday (excluding holidays) from 7:00 am to 2:30 pm. After hours, please leave a voice mail with your name and phone number. 🚩

UNION NOTICE BOARD

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

WE NEED YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS

If you have recently moved (within the past six months), please make sure your union, Local 258 IBEW, has your new mailing address. **Please note: your employer is NOT responsible for forwarding your new mailing address**, so please let your union know where you are. Call the office at 604-520-3305, toll free at 1-877-520-3305, fax us at 604-522-3371, e-mail us at info@ibew258.bc.ca, or complete the Address Change Form on-line in the Member Resources section of the website (registration required) at www.ibew258.bc.ca.

Attention: Local 258 IBEW *A* members

This is a reminder to all *A* members to update your beneficiary information for your International Pension when there is a change in your personal status. Please contact the Union Hall in Langley for further information or if you have any questions: Phone: 604-520-3305 Toll Free: 1-877-520-3305.

Do you have photos, original artwork, cartoons or poems for The Hotline?

The Hotline knows many of you have an interest in photography and sometimes take photos at your workplaces. We also know there are some of you who are very creative. Please share your photos and creative works — and your stories too — with your union's member magazine, The Hotline! Send your items via e-mail to communications@ibew258.bc.ca, or mail to:

Local 258 IBEW

Attention: The Hotline

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AT WORK?

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WITH SOMEONE?

To arrange a completely confidential phone call with a trained union counsellor to talk with someone who can help, call Local 258 IBEW at 604-520-3305, or toll free at 1-877-520-3305, during regular business hours. Or call Dan at 604-312-5929 anytime.

Have you been laid off? Are you seeking employment?

As a current dues paying member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, you must contact the Local 258 IBEW DISPATCH OFFICE to get your name “on the books” if you have been laid off by your employer and are seeking employment. Your first step is to register AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with the Local 258 IBEW Dispatch office so we can help you gain employment.

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If you look for work with a Local 258 employer and are hired without getting clearance from Dispatch at Local 258 IBEW, you may be pulled from the job and fined by your union.

Are you seeking, or has your employer transferred you, to work outside of BC?

If you choose to seek work outside of the Local 258 IBEW jurisdiction, you will need to obtain a Travel Card that can

be issued through the Dispatch office. Travel Cards are valid for a period of three months and are required to be deposited with the IBEW Local in the jurisdiction of your new employment. For a complete list of IBEW Locals, visit <http://www.ibew.org/Tools/Local-Union-Directory>

If your employer has transferred you to work for an extended period of time outside of British Columbia, you may need a Travel Card.

Please contact the Local 258 IBEW Dispatch office to ensure you have the right paperwork in place to work in a jurisdiction outside of Local 258 IBEW. This is your responsibility as a member of Local 258 and will not be taken care of by your employer.



Vernon enjoys 2019 Safety Rodeo

This year's BC Hydro Safety Rodeo took place in Vernon with hundreds of visitors, including competitors, travelling from across the province to join with the local crowd to enjoy the events and exhibitions on a sunny Saturday in early June.

Local 258 IBEW set up shop at our exhibitor tent and handed out swag items to those who stopped by. It was good to see so many current and retired members and their families and have a chance to "catch up".

The Power Line Technician (PLT) Team and Apprentice judged competitions were the highlight events of the day, including the crowd favourite "kitty rescue".

The evening before the Rodeo, competitors and their spouses, along with invited guests, enjoyed a hospitality Welcome Reception sponsored by Local 258 IBEW at the Village Green Hotel in Vernon. And, Saturday night saw everyone at the Vernon Lodge for the Awards Banquet.

Many thanks to Brother Barry Organ, Brother Kevin Duchak and Brother Colin Petersen who organized the PLT Teams, Apprentices, Events and Judges for the competitions.

The 1st and 2nd Place Apprentices and PLT teams will be travelling to compete in the International Lineman's Rodeo in Kansas in October.



Third place winners competed in the Calgary Enmax Rodeo in early September and the PLT team, with Brother Reese van Vliet subbing in for Brother Kelly Hambleton who couldn't join the event due to previous commitments, took third place overall. Congratulations to PLTs Brother Ben Receveur and Brother Dan McDonald, and to Apprentice Pete Slotte. 🇨🇦

The 2019 Rodeo winners are:

Apprentice Results

Egg Climb

- 1st: Brennan Smith
- 2nd: Jonas Burke
- 3rd: Pete Slotte

Pole Top Rescue

- 1st: Jackson Smith
- 2nd: Jason Kilmartin
- 3rd: Pete Slotte

Mystery Event #1

- 1st: Brennan Smith
- 2nd: Jason Kilmartin
- 3rd: Jackson Smith

Mystery Event #2

- 1st: Jason Kilmartin
- 2nd: Brennan Smith
- 3rd: Colby Braaten

Written Exam

- 1st: Brandon Atherton
- 2nd: Trey Turko
- 3rd: Jason Kilmartin

Overall Winners

- 1st: Brennan Smith**
- 2nd: Jackson Smith**
- 3rd: Pete Slotte**

PLT Team Results

Overall Egg Climb

- 1st: Colin Cadger, William Nichols, Reese Van Vliet
- 2nd: TJ Fisher, Steven Fyfe, Iain Roby
- 3rd: Wes Nustad, Mark Blaxland, Doug Swoboda

Pole Top Rescue

- 1st: Ephriam Nelson, Chad Hampton, Will Bueschken
- 2nd: Colin Cadger, William Nichols, Reese Van Vliet
- 3rd: Ben Receveur, Daniel McDonald, Kelly Hambleton

Mystery Event #1

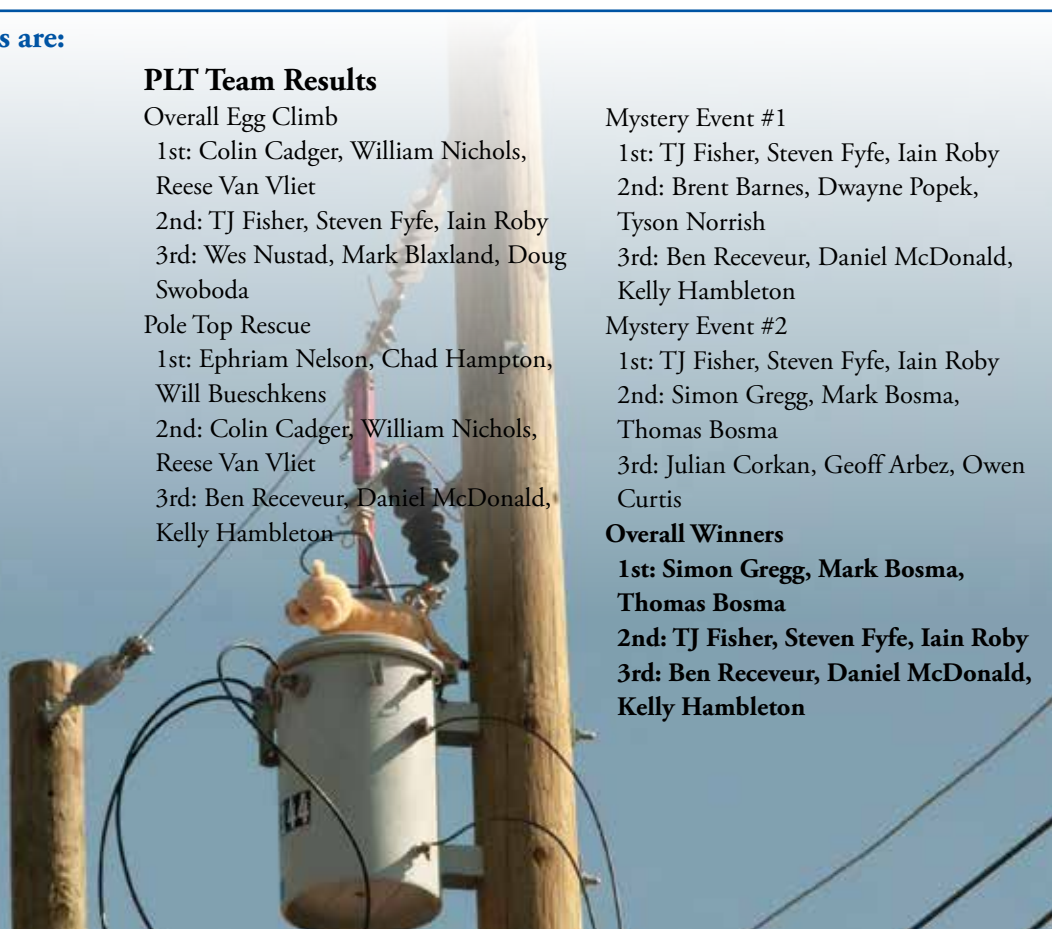
- 1st: TJ Fisher, Steven Fyfe, Iain Roby
- 2nd: Brent Barnes, Dwayne Popek, Tyson Norrish
- 3rd: Ben Receveur, Daniel McDonald, Kelly Hambleton

Mystery Event #2

- 1st: TJ Fisher, Steven Fyfe, Iain Roby
- 2nd: Simon Gregg, Mark Bosma, Thomas Bosma
- 3rd: Julian Corkan, Geoff Arbez, Owen Curtis

Overall Winners

- 1st: Simon Gregg, Mark Bosma, Thomas Bosma**
- 2nd: TJ Fisher, Steven Fyfe, Iain Roby**
- 3rd: Ben Receveur, Daniel McDonald, Kelly Hambleton**





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Congratulations to Brother Jim Romas on his retirement from BC Hydro. A long-time Union supporter, Brother Romas was joined by Brother Dan Klassen, Local 258 IBEW Assistant Business Manager, left, and Sister Cathy Tagseth, Unit 5 Chair, who presented him with a 50-year member service pin award, and the 'IBEW retirement watch' at his retirement lunch in June. Brother Romas is a founding member of the IBEW's Canadian Utility Safety Program and also served as a Shop Steward. He will be missed as a "regular" at the Unit 5 meetings!



Brother Dan Klassen, Local 258 IBEW ABM congratulates Brother Cole Lawrence, right, on completion of his Heavy Duty Mechanic apprenticeship in Nanaimo with BC Hydro. Photo credit to Brother Allan Steidle.



Welcome to Sister Jamie Manahan, left, and Sister Lexxy Rach with Unit 6 Chair Brother Rob Munro at the June 2019 meeting in Chilliwack.



Brother Dan Giesbrecht, left, Local 258 IBEW ABM, congratulates Brother Bal Grewal on his recent retirement from BC Hydro. Brother Grewal worked as a Winder and has 29 years of membership with the IBEW. Congratulations Bal!



Welcome aboard to Brother Kaleb Slamang, right, who was sworn into the IBEW at the May Unit 2 meeting in Hudson's Hope by Unit 2 Chair Brother Gerald Pope.



Unit 5 Vice Chair Brother Jesse Adams initiates Brother Damen Norris into the IBEW at the Sechelt meeting in May, 2019. Welcome aboard Brother Norris!



Welcome to membership in the IBEW to Brother Rob Schreiber shown above with Unit 6 Chair Brother Rob Munro after initiation at the March meeting in Langley.



Unit 1 Chair Brother Klaus Kraft, “in the field”, awards Brother Declan McDermott, who works at Allteck in Terrace, his 5-year IBEW membership service pin. Congratulations Brother McDermott!



Congratulations to Brother Rod McMynn, who works at Allteck in Terrace, on being awarded his 10-year IBEW membership service pin by Unit 1 Chair Brother Klaus Kraft.



Welcome aboard! New members Sister Katie Gerbrandt and Brother Sidbu Brair were sworn into Union membership by Unit 5 Chair Sister Cathy Tagseth at the September meeting in North Vancouver.



Stopping by to visit the new Union Hall in Langley in July were Brother Lance McGraw and his mom, Mrs. John McGraw. Brother McGraw is the son of the late John McGraw who served as a Business Manager and President of Local 258 IBEW. Brother Dan Giesbrecht, Local 258 IBEW ABM, awarded Brother Lance McGraw with his 30-year member service pin.



On a lunch break while attending the “Supporting Women In The Trades” Conference in Vancouver in June were, left to right: Sister Darryl Deacon; Sister Karen Porter; Sister Nicole Biernaczyk, Local 258 IBEW ABM and International Rep for Canada on the IBEW Women’s Committee; Sister Dayna Gill, Unit 6 Chair; and, Brother Ben Berkelaar, Trades Trainer.



Receiving their long term service pin awards are Brother Marlowe Goodale-Hart and Brother Josh Graham with Unit 5 Chair Sister Cathy Tagseth at the September meeting in North Vancouver.



Brother Trevor Stack receives his 15-year membership service award pin from Unit 5 Chair Sister Cathy Tagseth at the September meeting in North Vancouver.



Brother Graham Black was awarded his 10-year membership service pin by Unit 5 Chair Sister Cathy Tagseth at the September meeting in North Vancouver.



Brother Jeff Gosse was awarded his 25-year membership service pin by Unit 5 Chair Sister Cathy Tagseth at the September meeting in North Vancouver.



Congratulations to Brother Thomas Dithurbide, shown above on the left, at his well attended retirement party at the Squamish Legion in May, 2019. He was presented with his 40(+)-year member service pin award and IBEW retirement watch by Brother Jesse Adams, Unit 5 Vice Chair. Brother Dithurbide worked at BC Hydro. Photo submitted by Brother Jesse Adams.



Brother Jesse McClean, right, being awarded his 15-year member service pin by Brother Jesse Adams, Unit 5 Vice Chair, at the Sechelt meeting in May. Congratulations Jesse!



Congratulations to Brother Trent Turner, left, receiving his 20-year member service award from Brother Jesse Adams, Unit 5 Vice Chair, at the Sechelt meeting in May.



Brother Blake Keddy, right, being awarded his 5-year member service pin by Brother Jesse Adams, Unit 5 Vice Chair, at the Sechelt meeting in May. Congratulations Blake!



Local 258 IBEW welcomes new members Brother Zac McKee and Brother Cody Angus, initiated into the Union by Brother Adams at the Unit 5 meeting in Sechelt in May.



Congratulations to Brother Mike Kammerle, awarded the 'IBEW retirement watch' and 30-year member service pin from Brother Jesse Adams, Unit 5 Vice Chair, at the Sechelt meeting in May.



Congratulations to Brother Dustin Seabrook, right, receiving his 15-year member service award from Brother Jesse Adams, Unit 5 Vice Chair, at the Sechelt meeting in May.



Brother Sheldon Robinson takes the oath of membership and is sworn in by Unit 5 Vice Chair Brother Jesse Adams at the May Powell River meeting.



Congratulations to Brother Jason Lombardo, left, receiving his 25-year member service award from Brother Jesse Adams, Unit 5 Vice Chair, at the Sechelt meeting in May.



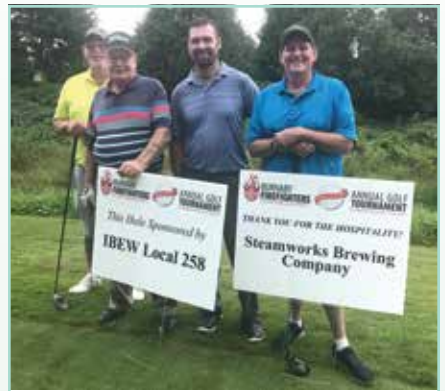
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Congratulations to Brother Kyle Bester on his graduation from the Gen Mechanic program shown above with Unit 3 Chair, Brother Dean Kotaras on the right and Dave Mengerig, BC Hydro management on the left.



Back in September of 2018 at the Unit 3 meeting at Mica Creek, Vice Chair Brother Jeremy O'Laney welcomed Brother Tomas Jensen and Brother Ryan Hathaway, both apprentice Gen Mechanics, as they were both initiated into the IBEW. Welcome aboard!



Local 258 IBEW was well represented at the Burnaby Firefighters Charitable Society annual fundraising golf tournament this year. From left are Brother Dan Giesbrecht, ABM; Brother Doug McKay, Business Manager; Brother Rob Munro, Organizer; and, Brother Dan Klassen, ABM. This tournament raises funds to help dozens of community supporting non-profits and to feed hungry kids through the Firefighters' Nutritional Snack Program.



Congratulations to Brother Bruce Baker, left, who was awarded a 10-year membership service pin by Unit 3 Chair Brother Dean Kotaras at the November 2018 meeting in Mica Creek.



Unit 3 Chair Brother Dean Kotaras, right, awards Brother Jon Bevan-Pritchard with his 25-year IBEW member service pin at the November 2018 meeting in Mica Creek. Congratulations Brother Bevan-Pritchard!



Brother Jim Greenwell, Sr. ABM, ran into Bruce Ralston, MLA Surrey-Whalley and Peter Julian, MP New Westminster-Burnaby, at this year's New Westminster & District Labour Council Labour Day picnic at Holland Park in Surrey.



Brother Richard Cross, Mechanic, was awarded his 25-year IBEW membership service pin at the March meeting in Mica Creek. He is shown above, on the left, being congratulated by Unit 3 Chair Brother Dean Kotaras.



Unit 2 Vice Chair Sister Carolyn Furler toured the Fort Nelson control room with Local 258 IBEW Shop Steward Noel Kenny in September.



Brother Mark Davison staffs the United Way booth at this year's New Westminster & District Labour Council Labour Day picnic at Holland Park in Surrey.



PLT apprentices from BC Hydro met at the new Union Hall in June, 2019. Photo credit: Jim Greenwell.



Back in the spring, two trucks carrying carnival equipment went off the road at 4 a.m. on a Monday morning on Hwy. 17 near Clinton, BC. Nobody was hurt, but the damage from the first vehicle caused a 3 phase pole to snap in two, leaving the second truck to catch the low wire, causing even more damage. BC Hydro crews worked to replace the damaged pole with minimum disruption to the public.

Thanks to Brother Will Van Den Born for submitting the photo.



Caught on camera, a pretty big cow moose appeared to stop and pose for a photo as she traverses the woods behind Brother Dave McMinn's property in Prince George.



Brother Larry Sandferd was the big winner at the Nanaimo Line Fishing Derby. Larry recently retired from Nanaimo Transmission.



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You pay union dues. You get a say in what goes on with your union. Come and find out what your union is doing. Have a voice. Join us at your upcoming union meetings:



Unit 1 - North Coast

Masset: Oct. 10 @ 4:30 pm, BCH Line Room/Plant

Prince Rupert: Oct. 9 @ 4:30 pm, BCH Line Room

Smithers: Oct. 7 @ 5 pm, Curling Centre

Terrace: Oct. 8, Dec. 10 @ 7 pm, Best Western Inn

Unit 2 - Central Interior

100 Mile House: Oct. 15 @ 4:30 pm, BCH Line Room

Bella Coola: Oct. 3 @ 4:30 pm, Diesel Plant

Dawson Creek: Dec. 12 @ 7 pm, George Dawson Inn

Fort St. John: Nov. 13 @ 4:30 pm, BCH Line Room

Hudson's Hope: Oct. 17 @ 4:30 pm, Pearkes Centre

Prince George: Nov. 12 @ 7 pm, Coast Inn

Quesnel: Oct. 16 @ 4:30 pm, BCH Line Room

Unit 3 - Southern Interior

Castlegar: Oct. 8, Dec. 10 @ 5:30 pm, Super 8

Cranbrook: Oct. 9 @ 4:30 pm, Labour Temple

Invermere: Oct. 10 @ 4 pm, BCH Line Room

Kamloops: Nov. 13 @ 5:30 pm, IBEW 993 Hall

Vernon: Nov. 14 @ 4:30 pm, Army & Navy Club

Unit 4 - Vancouver Island

Campbell River: Nov. 13 @ 7 pm,

Maritime Labour Heritage Centre

Courtenay: Nov. 13 @ 4 pm, BCH Line Room

Duncan: Nov. 12 @ 4:15 pm, VIT

Ganges: Oct. 9 @ 4:15 pm, RC Legion #92

Nanaimo: Dec. 10 @ 4:30 pm, RC Legion #256

Victoria: Dec. 11 @ 4 pm, BCH Line Room

Unit 5 - Lower Mainland

Please note, meetings locations: now taking place in Burnaby at the MoveUp Union office, located at #301 - 4501 Kingsway (corner of Willingdon), starting at 5 pm.

Burnaby: Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 @ 5 pm

Unit 6 - Fraser Valley

Please note, Langley meetings now take place at the new Local 258 IBEW Union Hall, located at 140 - 8029 199 Street, starting at 7 pm.

Langley: Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10 @ L258 Union Hall, 140 - 8029 199 St.

Chilliwack: Oct. 9, Dec. 11 @ 7 pm, Best Western Rainbow Country Inn

Sign up to the Local 258 IBEW website to get reminders and important news about your union meetings!

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Making a Difference in Your Community

**LABOUR &
UNITED WAY
PARTNERSHIP**



The Canadian Labour movement and the United Way have enjoyed a lasting partnership that spans more than 40 years. And this year, Local 258 IBEW member Brother Mark Davison has returned as a Campaign Associate to help raise funds to continue our support of the United Way across BC.

As the annual fall fundraising campaign season gets underway, please consider making your donation to the United Way – and remember, all donations stay in your local community (assigned by your postal code).

You can make your donation online at:
<https://www.uwlm.ca/donate>

For Local 258 IBEW members working at BC Hydro, giving is easy through payroll deductions:

- Your gift can be divided up over up to 24 pay periods (i.e. \$240 = \$10/chq)
- You can donate from your overtime and annual vacation bank
- You can make your gift online or by hardcopy pledge form
- You can designate your donation to any Canadian charity and the \$16 United Way designation fee will be covered by BC Hydro

THE OUTSIDE OFFICE

by Local 258 IBEW President Dave McMinn

THE HOTLINE NEWS MAGAZINE, SEPTEMBER 2019



It seems I receive most calls while I'm outside - with my assistants.

It's been a year since I was elected as your President so I thought it was time for me to write my first column for the Hotline. So far it's been a busy and interesting year.

As soon as I took over from our outgoing President Tony Brand in July of 2018, I was immersed in the sale of our Union Hall property on 6th Street in Burnaby, and the development of our new building that was under construction near 200th Street at 80th Avenue in Langley.

Local 258 IBEW had purchased the entire 14,000 square foot first floor of this strata commercial building and, since the move in April, are now occupying 10,000 square feet and leasing out the remainder. As the Hotline goes to press, we will have signed a lease for half of that remaining space to a long-term tenant who has signed a 5-year lease with an option for another 5 years. Talks are continuing with a second party interested in the remaining space.

In the last year I have attended three conferences with Business Manager Doug McKay. The most recent one was the IBEW All Canada Progress Meeting that took place

in Vancouver during the second week of August. IBEW Locals from across Canada get together once a year to discuss the issues that effect the Labour Movement and us as individual members.

Last year in October, I accompanied the BC Hydro Rodeo Team to the International Lineman's Rodeo in Kansas City. I spent the day judging apprentices from across the United States and Canada. It was truly great to see the pride these young men and women bring to the competition and the trade.

This Spring I asked to have a survey invitation sent to members who have registered on our Local's website to see what the membership wanted to see in the Hotline magazine going forward. Although the response to the survey was low, I would like to say thank you to those of you who took the time to take the survey. I've read all the comments and they will help us to make some changes going forward.

As most of you are aware the IBEW Local 258 Executive Board considers donation requests from our membership to support various charities, sports teams and fundraisers. I am currently working on implementing a standardized Donation Request form to streamline the request process. The form will be similar to the Training Assistance Form.

In closing, I would like to say that this October we will be having a Federal Election. I hope you will all take the time to assess the parties and their candidates and vote for the one you support. Remember – your vote does count!

I hope everyone had a great summer with family and friends and enjoyed the things you like to do. 'Til next time, stay safe. 🇨🇦

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