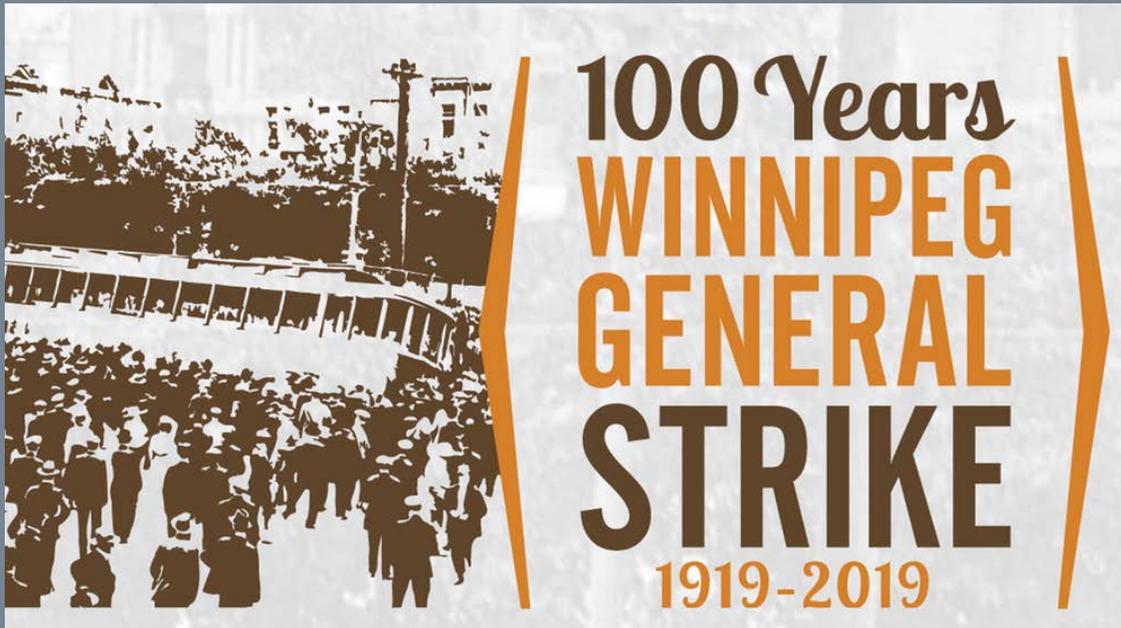


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May 2019



Winnipeg General Strike
100th Anniversary



Post World War I in Canada was a difficult time. Unemployment rose and cost of living increased. Workers were tired of the poor wages and terrible working conditions. They also wanted to have a voice in their workplace. On May 15, 1919, approximately 30,000 people walked off the job in Winnipeg, MB. This would become the largest labour strike in Canadian history. Union and non-union workers came together in an act of solidarity. Of the 30,000 workers only 12,000 were unionized. What started as a peaceful strike came to a violent end. On June 21, 1919, a brawl ensued which left 2 workers dead and 35-45 people injured (police and workers). This day would become known as Bloody Saturday. The strike ended 4 days later on June 25. Despite not being seen as a great success at the time, the strike sparked unionism and activism within the working people. Since the strike we have seen radical changes for working people. The government has instituted labour laws covering minimum wage, working conditions, health and safety and collective bargaining. On the 100th

anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike, we remember all of those that fought for the employment standards we enjoy today. In honour of the 100th anniversary, the IBEW, along with many other unions supported the production of the movie "Stand". To view the trailer, click [here](#). Stand will be in theatres this fall.

In Solidarity,

Cheryl Paron, International Representative

Local Union Reports

Local 213 - Port Coquitlam, BC

On May 11th, 2019 Local 213 held our second annual NextGen conference! We couldn't have asked for a better day. The sun was shining and the weather outside was amazing. Since Local 213 covers a relatively vast geographical area in southern BC, we had many members attend from all over. More importantly though we had members attend from a few different bargaining units outside of inside wire. This led us to top last year's attendance with a total of 39 members which was a big win!

This year's conference had Laird Cronk (former IBEW IO Rep) who is now the president of the BC federation of labour, as our keynote speaker. He really got the room going during his speech on how changes were being made to favor members and working-class families. With the room all ready to go we transitioned into a panel discussion relating to issues that were important to our membership. It was one of the most engaging panel discussions I have seen in a long time. It went so long that we ended up cutting into Taco Time (there was a taco truck for lunch).

Having been duly satisfied with all the tacos and churros that the members could desire, we then took part in a leadership seminar. Brother Jim Watson's high energy style didn't lead to any post taco slump. He got the membership even more engaged than brother Laird was able to during his keynote speech. Lastly I would like to thank everyone who was involved in planning and making this conference happen. Without those active members the rest of the NextGen 213 wouldn't have the ability to partake in such events.

In solidarity,

Manny Randhawa
IBEW Local 213 NextGen Chair



News and Events

National Day of Mourning - April 28

The National Day of Mourning held each year on April 28th, honours workers who have been injured or killed in the workplace. The history of the National Day of Mourning dates back to the early 1980s but it first became a national observance in Canada in 1991. In 2001, the International Labour Organization jumped on board with the World Day for Safety and Health at Work. April 28th holds significance as the Worker's Compensation Act received its third reading

on that day in 1914. The National Day of Mourning is a time to remember all of those we have lost and to remind us of the importance of maintaining good safety culture at work. Events are held all across Canada with a moment of silence occurring at 11am. The Canadian Building Trades Union (CBTU) held their memorial at Major Hill's Park in Ottawa at the Building Trades Monument.





IBEW IVP Tom Reid presenting a wreath in memory of all those who have fallen to death or injury at work

**BUILD
TOGETHER**
WOMEN OF THE BUILDING TRADES

On Monday, April 29, 2019, the Women of Build Together met in Ottawa before the start of Canada's Building Trades Unions (CBTU) Legislative Conference. The meeting was chaired by the CBTU's Lindsay Amundsen, Director of Workforce Development. Updates were provided by current chapters in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland & Labrador. Jill Timushka, National Manager of Youth, Diversity and Indigenous Relations at UA Canada spoke about their new Parental Wellness Program. It is the first of its kind for union trade workers in Canada. Lyle Daniels, Build Together Saskatchewan Inclusion Manager gave a presentation on Indigenous Awareness which was extremely educational. [Click here](#) for more information on Build Together and how to get involved.



The women of Build Together with the Canadian Executive Board of CBTU

Canada's Building Trades Unions Conference

The 2019 Canada's Building Trades Unions Legislative Conference took place April 29 - May 1. Tradespeople from all across Canada along with members of the North American Building Trades Unions (NABTU) in the United States, gathered in Ottawa, Ontario. Arlene Dunn, newly appointed Director of CBTU greeted delegates along with NABTU President Sean McGarvey. The conference had a strong political focus given that it is an election year. The IBEW's own Matt Wayland spoke on Government Relations panels about the upcoming Federal election. He reminded delegates of all the work the Liberal government has done for working people and unions including repealing bills C-377 and C-525 immediately after taking office in 2015. The Liberals also expanded the Canada Pension Plan, to give future generations a little more money when they retire.



IBEW's Matt Wayland (left) with Steve Schumman (IUOE), Don Arseneault (CBTU), Anthony Primerano (LIUNA) and Ross Templeton (Iron Workers)

The Hon. Patty Hadju, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour and the Hon. Francois-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities spoke about the important role that tradespeople play in building a stronger Canada. Keynote Speaker, National Affairs Columnist, Chantal Hébert was captivating as usual as she addressed the crowd with her outlook on the 2019 Federal election.



Minister Champagne (left) addresses the delegates while Minister Hadju (right) meets with IBEW IVP Tom Reid and Canadian Director of Government Relations, Matt Wayland

The highlight of the conference came Tuesday, April 30 when delegates got to hear from the Federal leaders of the NDP, Conservative and Liberal parties. Federal NDP Leader, Jagmeet Singh spoke first after a warm introduction by NDP MP, Daniel Blaikie, who is also an IBEW electrician from local 2085. The tone in the room drastically changed when Federal Conservative Leader, Andrew Scheer took the stage. Once again Scheer avoided using the word "union". If his choice of words is any indication of his feelings towards organized labour, we should be very cautious of the Conservatives in this upcoming election. In 2015 they attacked union workers and Sheer himself voted down the repeal of anti-union bills C-377 and C-525. The day ended off on a positive note when the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, sat down with CBTU Director, Arlene Dunn for a fireside chat. Trudeau expressed his respect for not just tradespeople but unions as well. At the end of the end of the day it

became very clear what we must do in this upcoming election - vote for candidates who support us.



NDP MP, Daniel Blaikie (left) and NDP Federal Leader Jagmeet Singh (right)



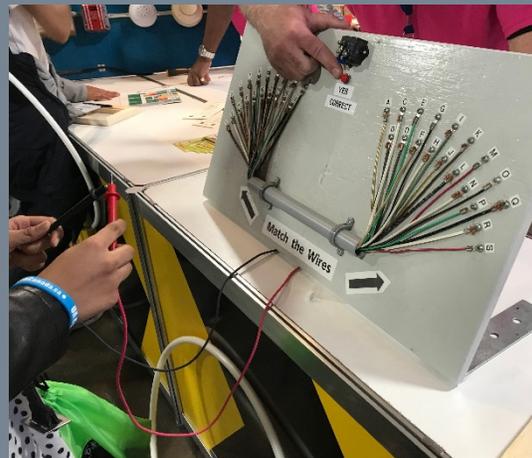
Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sits down with Arlene Dunn, Director CBTU



The Skills Ontario Competition took place May 8-10 in Toronto, ON. It is the largest skilled trade and technology competition in Canada. Winners from this competition proceed to the National Skills Canada competition May 28-29 in Halifax, NS. The Electrical Installation competition offers Secondary School students and Post Secondary Apprentices under 30 years of age the opportunity to showcase their skills. This competition is sponsored by the Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario (ECAO) in partnership with the IBEW along with the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA). Jodi Hill, IBEW Local 353 member, is the chair of the competition. IBEW members belonging to the 11 locals that comprise the IBEW Construction Council of Ontario volunteered their time to plan, setup, oversee and judge the competition. They also set up demonstrations and "try a trade" activities for elementary and high school students.

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IBEW volunteers (above) and the "try a trade" activities they provided to students

The Electrical Installation competition took place May 9 and of the 20 post-secondary competitors, 8 were IBEW apprentices. It is a full day event that tests both skill and endurance. While some competitors said it felt like a typical day at work, others were a little rattled with having an audience while they worked. All of our apprentices handled themselves extremely well and we are very proud of the work that they did.





IBEW Apprentices: Haider Zahid, Local 353 (top left);

Mitchel Weynerowski - Local 586 (PS 7); Jesse Swayze - Local 105 (PS 6);

Zachery Desjardins - Local 1687 (PS 8); Erik Robertson - Local 804 (PS 11);

Jacob McDonald - Local 120 (PS 10); Matthew Golbourne - Local 353 (PS 13)

and Brianna Cloutier - Local 115 (PS 15)

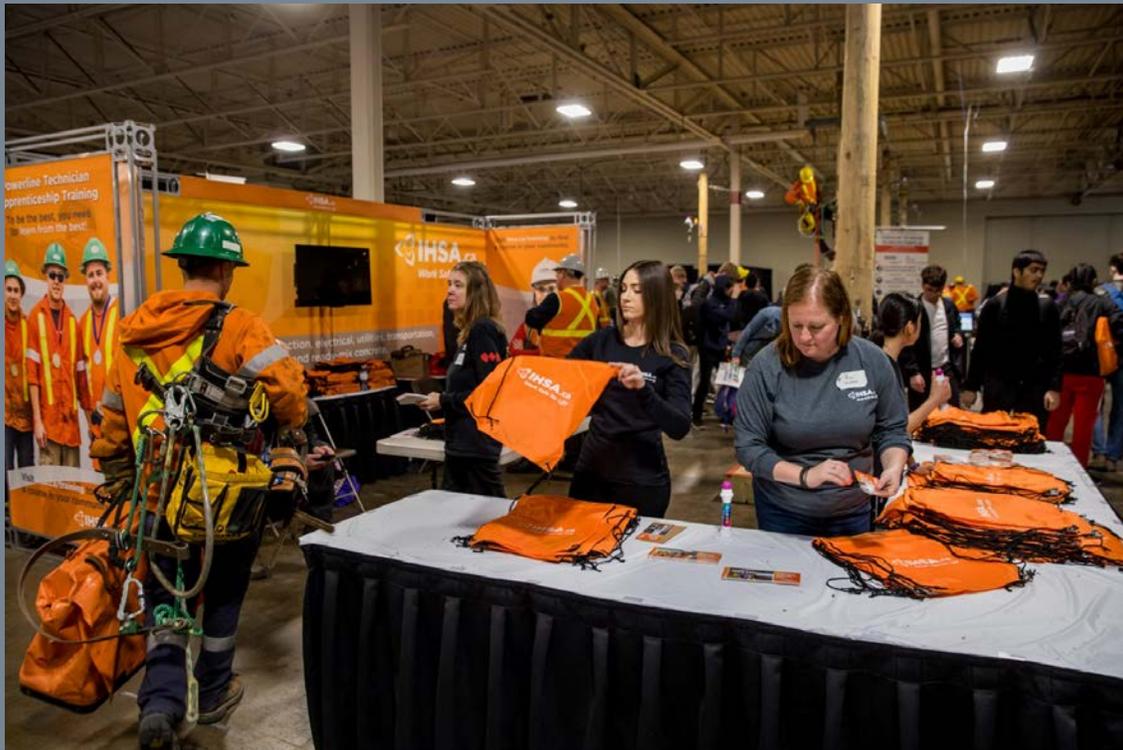
At the end of the day we had 5 of the 8 apprentices finish in the top 10! As usual we have a strong presence on the podium with Gold and Silver medals. Jacob McDonald of Local 120 (London, ON) took the Silver and Erik Robertson of Local 804 (Kitchener, ON) took Gold. Erik will be moving on to the National Skills Canada competition at the end of the month. Thank you to all of our members who volunteered in making this competition a great success.



IBEW Apprentices (above)

Electrical Installation Winners: Gold - Erik Robertson (Local 804),
Silver - Jacob McDonald (Local 120), Bronze - Daniel Backx (George Brown)

The IBEW was also well represented in the Post Secondary Powerline Technician Competition. PLT competitors compete in pairs showcasing their skills in troubleshooting, maintaining and improving an electrical distribution system in a safe and efficient manner. IBEW 636 members Noah Glos and Eric Symes (Enwin Utilities) and Chloe Penno and Scott Thomson (Oakville Hydro) were among the nine teams competing. Both teams represented the IBEW well. Congratulations to Chloe and Scott on their second place finish!





IBEW 636 Members Scott Thomson and Chloe Penno receiving their silver medal

Utility Conference

The IBEW 2019 Utility Conference was held May 8-10 in Detroit, MI. Delegates from Canada and the United States gathered to discuss issues affecting the Utility sector. The conference this year was much more inclusive as the General Session featured a fair amount of Canadian content. There was also the Canadian Caucus where First District IVP, Tom Reid, addressed the delegates. The highlight of the conference was Canadian speaker Beth Hardy, VP, Strategy & Stakeholder Affairs, International CCS Knowledge

Centre. The International CCS Knowledge Centre, based out of Regina, SK is a non-profit company that looks to deploy Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technology as a means of reducing greenhouse gas emission on a global scale. Beth spoke about the successful CCS at Boundary Dam Power Station near Estevan, SK. Completed in 2014, this CCS has transformed this SaskPower Coal Fire Generating Station into a reliable long-term and green energy producer. It can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to one million tonnes of carbon dioxide each year, which is equivalent to removing more than 250,000 cars off Saskatchewan roads annually. The station also employs IBEW Local 2067 workers. It was great to see Canada shine among its American peers.



Beth Hardy address the Utility delegates on the topic of Developing Technology Surrounding Carbon Capture & Sequestration

MLA Jon Carson Re-elected

During the most recent Alberta Provincial election, the IBEW's own Jon Carson was re-elected into the Edmonton-West Henday riding with 44% of the vote. Jon has been a member of IBEW Local 424 since 2015 where he was a second-year electrical apprentice. He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in 2015 when he won 57% of the vote in the Edmonton-Meadowlark riding. Congratulations Jon on another successful election.

Congratulations to
**Jon
Carson**

Service Alberta Critic

Alberta's
NDP Caucus



We support the introduction of a
Federal Fair Wages Policy



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Federal Fair Wages Policy

Canada's Federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and

Labour, Patty Hajdu, conducted an online survey regarding the implementation of a modern Federal Fair Wage Policy in December of 2018. Invitations were then sent out to selected survey respondents for roundtables on restoring a Federal Fair Wage policy in Ottawa, Halifax and Edmonton. Restoring a modern Federal Fair Wage policy is of the utmost importance to the IBEW, something we have been advocating for since it was repealed in 2012 by the previous government.

Support the IBEW's Federal Fair Wages Policy campaign and [sign your name today](#).

IBEW Title Sponsor of CSBK Season Opener

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will be the title sponsor for the opening round of the 2019 Mopar CSBK Canadian National motorcycle road racing championships, May 17-19, at Shannonville Motorsport Park's Pro layout.



IBEW International VP, Tom Reid

with two-time Canadian Liqui Moly Pro Sport Bike Champion, Tomas Casas



National Lineworker Appreciation Day

On October 2, 2018, IBEW Canada joined the Canadian Electricity Association (CEA) to launch a national campaign calling for federal legislation which would designate **July 10th** as National Lineworker Appreciation Day. A day that is also significant to the IBEW, as our founder Henry Miller, passed away while on the job working as a linemen back in 1896. Severe weather events from coast to coast to coast have elevated the importance of lineworkers to ensure a steady supply of power to Canadians. This day of recognition is our way of saying “thank you” to all of the workers involved in restoring power safely and efficiently to Canadians across the country.

The CEA has created an e-petition in the House of Commons, sponsored by IBEW brother and NDP MP Daniel Blaikie, which now has more than 2700 signatures. It is calling on the government to designate a National Lineworker Appreciation Day. The proposal aligns with the existing Edison Electric Institute’s (EEI) Lineman Appreciation Day in the United States, also on July

10th. In the months ahead, IBEW Canada and the CEA will continue to meet with parliamentarians and government officials to advocate for the tabling of legislation that would ensure lineworkers receive the appreciation they deserve.

Check out our [IBEW Canada facebook page](#) to see what Lonnie Stephenson, IBEW International President has to say about the campaign.

Do you have suggestions or material for the newsletter? Send your content and ideas to Cheryl Paron (cheryl_paron@ibew.org).

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