



Boilermakers Local 128 Ontario

News Update

Summer 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I trust that you and your families are well, safe and remaining healthy. As we move into the summer season with warmer days, lower reporting of COVID-19 numbers and the vaccination momentum, we can actually see better times coming our way. This will take some time moving from phase to phase of the opening and will only continue if we all do our part and remain vigilant with our safety, and the safety of those around us. We are essential workers in the field and cannot let our guard down.

One way to make certain we stay safe is to get vaccinated. The sooner this is done the sooner we can resume some of the many gatherings we have been missing out on. If you haven't yet received your first vaccination, please utilize the available resources, make an appointment and get vaccinated, for you, your family and your fellow brothers and sisters.

I want to thank our reps, staff, trainers, stewards and officers who continue to conduct business and serve you, the membership. I thank you for your Boilermaker professionalism, both on site and off.

WORK

The majority of our members are currently employed and the ongoing work picture looks very healthy. For regular updates you can refer to the work reports available on our website under the unemployment tab. If you need to put your name back on an out-of-work list, please contact your local area representative directly during business hours.

CORE Training

The training department has been very busy and will remain so over the next couple months working on new intakes. It is important to check your CORE expiry dates as some training might not be available in your immediate area. CORE Training is available by appointment only. If you require any training in order to be dispatch ready, please email Eddie Wall, Dave Maddison (Burlington), Kim Quinn (Sarnia) or Ray LeClair (Sudbury). We have limited space to ensure safety protocols. If you do need training, please email the department or trainer and you will be advised of when you can be booked in.

CORE Trainers

EDDIE WALL:	ewall@ibblocal128.org
DAVE MADDISON:	dmaddison@ibblocal128.org
KIM QUINN:	kquinn@ibblocal128.org
RAY LECLAIR:	rleclair@ibblocal128.org

WELD SHOPS

The Burlington, Sarnia and Sudbury and T'Bay Weld Shops are open by appointment only if you need to renew your CWB. You must call ahead in order to reserve a booth.

ED HOFFMANN:	ehoffmann@ibblocal128.org	Burlington	905.332-6979
RAY LECLAIR:	rleclair@ibblocal128.org	Sudbury	705.560-3202
JARED COOK:	jcook@ibblocal128.org	Sarnia	226.402-0128
TERRY NICOL:	tnicol@ibblocal128.org	Thunder Bay	807.623-8186

Please be aware that physical distancing, mask safety and disinfection procedures continue to be strictly adhered to while any member is on site for training or in the weld shop. Please review the safety measures on the web site under the COVID-19 resources.

MONTHLY UNION & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The work of the Executive Board and the meetings continue remotely. The board has been doing a great job with carrying out their duties and the trustees continue to go through all the monthly financials.

Until it is safe to do so and we can once again have small gatherings in-person, Union meetings are on hold. You will continue to be notified on the status of each Union meeting on a monthly basis. I know we all look forward to the day when we can get together again.

We are currently working on having the ability to stream a virtual Business Managers update meeting hopefully by the end of June or first part of July by using a dedicated app. Please stay tuned and watch your email or web site for instructions.

MONTHLY UNION DUES

Please ensure your Union Dues are current and remain up to date. Being a member in good standing ensures you will not miss any dispatch/employment opportunities and avoid membership suspension. Call your local area hall or make a payment on the website.

PENSION

The Pension is currently 107% funded. The Trustees of the plan continue to work on strengthening the fund and will be meeting at the end of June with a new Alberta Regulator who oversees the plan. We are seeking a favourable response from the Regulator that will allow for improvements to our pension plan.

SUDBURY HALL & TRAINING CENTRE

We have hired an architect to design a new facility in Sudbury, Ontario. The drawings and renderings provided by them will ensure that the design of the proposed building will be able to better serve the northern Boilermaker members for years to come.

34TH CONSOLIDATED CONVENTION

Congratulations go out to our six elected delegates and the alternates who will be representing Local 128 virtually at the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Convention on Monday July 19th, 2021. Thanks also go out to the hardworking election committee who oversaw the nomination and delegate process and election.

LABOUR DAY & GOLF TOURNAMENTS

At this time, there are no concrete plans for Labour Day celebrations taking place around the province. As well, we are currently working on plans to see which areas we are able to have our annual Golf Tournaments in. You will be kept informed on both fronts and as soon as we have confirmations.

LINE 5 PIPELINE – SARNIA REGION

I want to thank the members who took the time to sign the petition in support of keeping open, the very important Line 5 Enbridge Pipeline. This line connects and delivers western crude to Sarnia through the Straights of Mackinac. The Governor of Michigan wants it shut-down for environmental reasons, so Enbridge and this fight is before the courts. The impact of job loss, transportation, safety and cost will be tremendous if we are cut off. Since the early 1950's this line has been used to feed refineries in Ontario and Quebec. Essential products include gasoline, diesel, home heating and jet fuel. Keep an eye out for more news on this as it may affect upcoming Boilermaker employment in the Sarnia region.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2021 Local 128 Scholarship winners. First place \$3000 Meriah Fisher, daughter of James Fisher and second place \$2000 Jeremiah Radin, son of Victor Radin.

MENTAL HEALTH

We have no doubt encountered some tough times during this COVID Pandemic. Let me acknowledge that first. You or someone you know has probably encountered every emotion under the sun; stress, fear, anxiety, anger, grief, disappointment and uncertainty. . . and that's okay. What's important is to know is that you are not alone! There are a number of resources available that can help you and your family. All it takes is a willingness to utilize them. Below are some at your fingertips.

FSEAP (Family Services Employee Assistance Program) provides free counselling, information and referral services for Boilermaker Members and their families. These services, listed below, are available throughout Canada. Telephone Number: **1-866-990-1113**

De Novo is an alcohol and drug treatment service for unionized members of Ontario's construction trades. Members in good standing working in Ontario and their spouses and children are eligible for assistance. Please reach out to your local area representative. Check out the web site www.denovo.ca or for information on admissions email info@denovo.ca or call **1-800-933-6686**

Stronger Minds by Beacon is a free digital program for all covered Boilermakers to support their mental well-being through the COVID-19 crisis. Learn more: <https://www.mindbeacon.com/freetherapy>








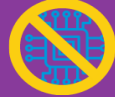




Other Helpful Links:

Mental health support: [get help - Canada.ca](http://gethelp-canada.ca)

Mental Health 101 | CAMH

<https://moodle8.camhx.ca/moodle/>

COVID VACCINE MYTHS & FACTS

MYTHS	FACTS
 <p>YOU CAN GET COVID-19 FROM THE VACCINE.</p>	 <p>IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO GET COVID-19 FROM THE VACCINE BECAUSE IT DOESN'T CONTAIN THE LIVE VIRUS.</p>
<p>I DON'T NEED TO WEAR A MASK AFTER I GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE.</p> 	<p>IT WILL TAKE TIME BEFORE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE IMMUNE, THEREFORE, WEARING A MASK AND FOLLOWING GUIDELINES NEEDS TO CONTINUE.</p> 
 <p>THE COVID-19 VACCINE ISN'T SAFE BECAUSE IT WAS RAPIDLY DEVELOPED.</p>	<p>THE SAME PROCESS & STANDARDS APPLIED FOR THIS VACCINE AND WERE ACCELERATED TO RESPOND TO THE WORLDWIDE EFFECT OF THE PANDEMIC.</p> 
<p>THE COVID-19 VACCINE CONTAINS A MICROCHIP TRACKING DEVICE</p> 	<p>THERE IS NO VACCINE "MICROCHIP," & THE VACCINE WILL NOT TRACK PEOPLE OR GATHER PERSONAL INFORMATION INTO A DATABASE.</p> 
 <p>THE COVID-19 VACCINE WILL ALTER MY DNA.</p>	<p>VACCINES THAT HAVE MRNA, WHEN INJECTED INTO YOUR BODY WILL NOT INTERACT OR DO ANYTHING TO THE DNA OF YOUR CELLS.</p> 
<p>I ALREADY HAD COVID-19, THEREFORE I DON'T NEED TO GET THE VACCINE.</p> 	<p>IT'S BENEFICIAL TO GET THE VACCINE EVEN IF YOU HAD COVID, AS NATURAL IMMUNITY (IF YOU HAVE) VARIES BY A PERSON & MAY NOT LAST LONG.</p> 

The support and thanks to all our essential workers continues. Our front-line workers are critical in this fight through this ongoing pandemic. Let's be mindful and don't let our guard down. Be vigilant with your safety and the safety of your co-workers and family. If you encounter any safety concerns or otherwise on site, please make sure you let your Steward know and contact your local area representative or myself.

Brothers and sisters, I am wishing you and your families a happy and safe summer season. I look forward to the near future when we can see each other once again. Please exercise your safety knowledge. Work together to protect each other and work safe!

Have a great summer!

In solidarity. I am fraternally yours,



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