MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and maintain the highest standards in professionalism, productivity, safety and quality of life of our members, through training and accountability.

# A word from Rick - the work picture



Up to the end of June, our reporting on members working under our Collective Agreements was 854. Although there has been a drastic "downturn" in the economy globally, there is a feeling of optimism within IBEW L.U. 2330 that we will secure more work.

## **Long Harbour**

The Long Harbour project is winding down and work will continue, but likely in lower numbers for the rest of the year. We will still be called upon from time to time to do contract work on site.

### Muskrat

The electrical phase of the Muskrat Falls project is still yet to ramp up. This is a huge project and there will be a big demand for our members on site next year.

#### Hebron

The Gravity Base Structure (GBS) is nearing completion and the Living Quarters (LQ) on topsides is now completed. The next phase of the project is the assembly or mating of all components into a complete unit to be towed offshore. This phase has started, and at its peak

we hope to have three hundred members on site. The project is scheduled to be completed by April 2017.

## **Commercial Work (buildings, etc.)**

The commercial sector has slowed down, and a large project, the Core Sciences Building at MUN has been re-tendered. We should know in early 2017 if this will be a union project.

## Voisey's Underground

Construction of the Voisey's Bay Mine underground expansion has begun. This is a significant project which will last in excess of three years and at peak will employ hundreds. This project is "open shop" (competition from both the union and non-union sector) but we will do our best to see that our members get this work.

## Transmission Line - IBEW L.U. 1620

The transmission line project is being done by IBEW L.U. 1620 and as such all labour relations is handled by that administration. Our local will do its best to help make that project a success, understanding that IBEW L.U. 1620 is the bargaining agent.

Rick Dalton

# 240 NEW ONLINE TRAINING COURSES FOR FREE

Working together with IBEW Canada, IBEW L.U. 2330 is pleased to provide free online training courses to our members. Between now and May 1, 2019 you can sign on for free for

any of the 240 available training courses. All you need is access to the internet and you can take these courses anywhere at any time.

As an added benefit, your family and your friends can also take these courses.

When you log on to the IBEW College website you'll find courses on a variety of subjects from Microsoft Office to WHMIS 2015 to Back Safety to Basic Finance. While a majority of the courses are in English, some courses are available in French.

We are proud to be able to make this opportunity available to you. We hope you enjoy the training and make the most of it. We welcome your feedback on the range of choices and the content.

For additional information or to start your learning experience visit **www.IBEWCollege.ca** 

# Welcome aboard OZZ Electrical



With 25 years as a national electrical company, and after employing local apprentices and journeypersons from the region to fulfill contracts in NL for two years, OZZ Electrical is now a unionized electrical contractor in this province. Your well-earned reputation for excellence on the job is the primary reason that OZZ Electrical NL has signed on. Thank You.

## Glad you LIKED IT!

Picture yourself sitting around the fire pit in the back garden or up at the cabin while the kids or the grand kids are roasting marshmallows. Only this is no ordinary fire pit. It is made of heavy-duty steel, finished with a heat resistant paint and personalized with the IBEW L.U. 2330 logo.



Two of these great looking custom-made Backyard Fire Pits have already been won. **There is one more to go!** 



Winner #1
The winner of the first custom-made fire pit is Russell Bursey from Gander. Russell's girlfriend Megan was presented the prize from Rick Dalton, Business Manager of 2330.



Winner #2
Rick Dalton, Business Manager of Local 2330
presents member Andrew Warren from
Marystown with his custom-made fire pit.

#### How to win

To be eligible to win this last fire pit just go to the IBEW L.U. 2330 Facebook page and "Like Us." Your name will be entered for the draw and your chance to win.

Already liked your IBEW L.U. 2330 on Facebook? No worries! Your name has already been entered for a chance at this final draw on August 30th.

Thank you to all those who liked our page! This is a great way to stay informed about the latest news, upcoming training and to be eligible for fabulous giveaways!

Keep safety #1... in workplace... at home... everywhere.

## Helping your local to serve you better

To ensure that you can bid successfully on those jobs that you are qualified for, and to keep you informed about Local news, your member file should be as up-to-date as possible. That is our aim but we need your help. In fact we cannot do it without you. Whatever your job status, it is vital for you to keep your online member file up-to-date—this applies to everything on file from ensuring personal contact information is correct, to keeping a detailed resume, to maintaining a current list of all your safety certificates.

Among the most important information are the certificates you have completed that qualify you to bid on new jobs. Whenever you complete a Safety Training Course, be sure to visit www.ibew.nf.ca, sign in and upload the certificate, once accepted this will be added to your member file. By providing us with this information, on a timely basis, you are helping us make sure we have your full list of safety certifications on file every time you apply for a job.

This is equally as important for members who are currently unemployed – especially keeping your resume up-to-date and adding copies of any certificates you have to your profile.



So, if you are laid off, please let us know as soon as possible. We cannot add your name to the "Out of work list" until you update your status to unemployed. But please remember, even when your file is up-to-date, you are responsible, as an unemployed member, for bidding on available jobs that you are qualified for.

Whether you are on the job or looking for new work, please login regularly to ensure your profile is fully complete and your information is current. To access your file go to www.ibew.nf.ca and login to the member section. If you have questions about this process, or cannot access the website please call 709-895-3764 daily between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

## Iron and earth east crowd funder for its first pilot project.

We would like you to know about a new group working to bring Green Energy jobs to Newfoundland and Labrador.

Iron and Earth East was founded by three IBEW L.U. 2330 members, Adam Cormier, Chris Collins and Jessie Dalton, and is the Atlantic Canadian chapter of a group of oil and gas workers pushing for Green Energy.

This group is currently having a crowd funder for its first pilot project. A 100% renewable energy powered, 365 days-a-year Greenhouse.

IBEW L.U. 2330 supports this project as it is a valuable first step in the work to bring Green Energy jobs to our province and begin to diversify our economy.

Please visit: www.startsomegood.com/greenrevolutionNL today and help this group in their mission to spark the Green Energy economy in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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# **Employment** Opportunity



We are now accepting applications for

▶ Electrical/Safety Instructor

For additional information or to apply for this position, visit

www.IBEWCollege.ca

Deadline for applications is **Friday, September 2nd at 4pm.** 

## **IBEW College Construction Update**

Work on the College continues ahead of schedule - the Local offices move-in date is this Fall. The site workers are busy as they complete work inside and out.



The electrical is nearing completion and other interior work includes roughing in the plumbing, cutting and pouring the floor openings, wall insulation, hanging drywall and installing composite panels, hanging the doors, blocking in around pocket doors and painting interior ceilings. The fume extractors were also installed in the welding shop.

On the exterior, workers are busy caulking the envelope and painting.

There were no major issues reported on site.

## **More Ways to Communicate**

Thanks to social media and the advances in communications, IBEW L.U. 2330 is more accessible than ever before. You can reach us live at the office, send us an email, communicate online through the website and now send personal messages through Facebook.

Whether you are on the job or on the hunt for one, we encourage you to check IBEW L.U. 2330 Facebook page regularly. We are posting important messages there on a regular basis.

## **OAS Age Reset to 65 Years**



When the 2016 federal budget was announced in mid-spring it included a significant affirmation that the

Government of Canada has a commitment to a dignified retirement for seniors. They reinstated the age of eligibility for the Old Age Security pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement from 67 years to 65 years, good news for our members.

IBEW L.U. 2330 put a huge effort into making this happen to help everyone have a decent retirement.



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