



Raise the Line

BAC 2 BC Newsletter
Summer 2021

From the President

Brothers and Sisters; I hope this finds you all well. We have had some rough times the past few months including some of our members falling ill with Covid 19 while working in Alberta. We hope there are no “long haul” effects and going forward that the pandemic is controlled well enough and job site conditions are maintained well enough to protect us all. Don’t ever hesitate to call if job site conditions are unacceptable, remembering that you have the right to refuse unsafe work, which includes unsanitary conditions.

New to this “Raise the Line” is a section from our Lead Instructor and Apprenticeship and Training Coordinator Ira Maheu. Please don’t hesitate to contact Ira to schedule upgrade training or get a login for the online apprenticeship classroom theory or to study for your red seal challenge or re-write.

If you have not already received your BAC 2 BC triple layer mask it will be included in this envelope your newsletter came in. If you have not received a mask, contact the union hall at 1-855-584-2021.

Our intrepid administrative assistant Sharon Edwards will be on Vacation over the Summer, June 28th-July 2nd and August 2nd – 13th. If you need immediate assistance, call the union cell number at 778-847-2472.

Stay Safe. In Solidarity, Geoff Higginson

Job Dispatch System

Our collective agreements are one hundred percent name request. Even so, by motion of a Semi-Annual General Meeting, we are trying to ensure **qualified** and **capable** local’s do not get passed over for work that is right in their backyard. That’s what union’s do. Contractors will still hire their regulars.

When we get calls from employers for bricklayers, we go from our out of work list. Sometimes it is so out of date it makes it difficult to fill the requests of employers. We ask that when you are hired to contact the hall so we can mark you at work, and when you are out of work and available, call in so we can put your name on the out of work list.

Our collective agreements require that all employees are cleared prior to a job starting, so please make sure your monthly dues are up to date.

Naloxone Kits, Training.

Ira and Geoff will be taking training on how to teach the use of naloxone for lifesaving treatment of overdose. The kits are available free through our Construction Industry Rehab Program (CIRP). This can happen to anyone, including our members and friends. We can train you how to deliver the naloxone in less than an hour. If you want to take the training you can call Geoff at 778-847-2472 and we will set up the confidential training.

Tilesetters/Marble Masons

Our Tile Setting training is undergoing enhancements similar to the bricklaying program. We are looking for an instructor to do the training at our lower mainland facility and look forward to offering the training in the north with our Lead Instructor Gordon Johnston. Learning materials are not online yet but hopefully these are available for January 2022.

Members interested in Mechanical Stone installation should contact the hall because we are planning to offer this specialty training as well.

From Our Apprenticeship and Training Coordinator

Just a quick note about some of the changes that are happening right now with training. We are in the process of harmonizing our bricklayer apprenticeship program with other training providers country wide. This will ensure that all bricklayer apprentices will be held to the same standards across Canada.

Along with this we are also working towards being able to offer training in different regions of the province to make it more accessible for those apprentices that do not live in the lower mainland. There are still some things to iron out in order to make this a reality, but we think with the right people in place this could be very beneficial for our apprentices. The vision is to have the theory portion of the course online, complete with multimedia learning aids so that students can work through the course at their own speed. Accompanied by the ability to meet with an instructor virtually at preset times throughout the week. Once the theory portion of the course has been completed online, they would then have the option to complete the practical portion of training in one of the available regions of the province. This will allow for the students to spend less time off work or away from home.

In addition, we have created an online red seal prep program for our apprentices who have completed their school but need a little extra help studying for the red seal. I strongly encourage those of you who wish to write/rewrite or challenge the red seal exam to contact us and get set up with log in information.

We will be offering mobile equipment training at the training facility the first week of September to those members who wish to get or renew their tickets for the counterbalanced forklift, rough terrain telehandler, MEWP scissor lift and boom lift. Limited spots are available so reserve your spot ASAP.

In Solidarity, Ira Maheu

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Refraco BC Inc has informed me that they will not need our members until the first week of August. All members who expressed interest in this work had their contact information sent to the company at the end of May. If you are still interested in being on this job call Mathieu Bergeron at 418-321-4624.

Look for Work Here-Below

Clayburn BC	Shawn Friesen	604-226-6461	800-859-4885
Clayburn AB North	Scott Darroch	780-720-3338	780-468-4100
Clayburn AB South	Steve Holden	403-816-4453	780-468-4100
Alliance	Jason Weinmeier	780-265-3767	236-334-6306
Tacwest	Mike Helgeson	250-301-3412	250-992-9336
Thorcan	Jason Prokuda	236-982-1051	604-855-4004
Stebbins	Shaliza Pion	604-250-7298	604-291-6491
CIMS	Dan Breslin	604-314-0282	604-472-4300
RHI	Christian Engbrecht	250-309-1813	780-452-0111
Reftec	Peter Hauch	587-336-0569	780-488-7324
Refraco BC Inc	Carsten Kurh	418-944-5073	
Thorcan	Jason Prokuda	236-982-1051	604-855-4004
Stebbins	Shaliza Pion	604-250-7298	604-291-6491
TVE Industrial			250-377-3533
Alstom			780-447-4660
Maltesen	Martin Maltesen	250-616-9757	250-248-6261
HD Masonry	Harvey Detillieux	604-968-1122	
Creo Stone	Jamie Christiansen		604-433-6510
Star Tile	Lillian Corra		604-254-9864

Getting Hired-Getting Paid

Cut out this list and keep it in your wallet. Call the employers on a regular basis so they know when you are available.

If you don't have a copy of the collective agreement and an hour's book, get them. Every time you are hired write down the job, the number of shifts and then record your hours and expenses for each job. Keep your mileage record and the receipts for gas, repairs, meals, and hotel if you are on loa. The only way we can protect you from time theft or being taxed on non-taxable allowances is to have good records from you.