



LOCAL 529 since 1947

WINTER 2023

The latest news, views, and announcements

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Closed December 23
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Blast from the Past!!

Greg Biden, current Exec Board Member
& McClean Lake Crew in 2015,
Fishing after Shift

BUSINESS MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Murray Palmer

Work in Saskatchewan has been slow for many years however because of attending conferences and training, LU529 has been able to develop relationships with other locals across Canada. We have been fortunate to receive multiple calls from LU993 for LNG, Site-C Dam, and Valemount. LU 424 provided opportunities for wind turbine work, LU2038 sent calls for a commercial project, LU2085 sent calls for Portage la Prairie, a hospital, and a powerhouse. LU530, 120, 402, 773, and 1687 have all sent calls our way for various projects around Ontario. So even with a lack of local work there has been some opportunity for travel.

Locally, ECO has been steady out at Allan maintaining a workforce of 4-10 people. Apperley has been busy between the Saskatoon and Yorkton shops with over 20 members working. Andritz is out at the EB Campbell dam and has recalled 10 people. Black & Macdonald maintains a crew of 8 people. We also have a few people scattered between BFI, Cam Industrial, Chemco, Southeast Construction, Western Pacific, and Bills Electric. Along with that we have been working and supplying members to two nonunion companies where we have been building a strong working relationship.

We have made many improvements in the office to help things move faster and smoother. In January, we rolled out a new dispatching system and more recently implemented the use of Adobe e-sign to help streamline the dispatch process. To maintain fairness with job calls, we maintain an at home list and a travel list. This separation in tracking our working members allows anyone interested in hitting the road to do so while maintaining their spot on the local list.

We had changes in office staff in the first quarter of 2023. Chrissie joined the local leadership team as the 529 Organizer and has been effectively growing and supporting our membership. Cezel joined the team in April as the new Executive Administrator and has been effectively making improvements throughout the office.

Things seem to be picking up in Saskatchewan and hopefully in 2024 we can all be working at home. We are always looking for new work opportunities and new contractors to work with. Wishing everyone a safe & prosperous Holiday Season!



Training & Education

The Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG) helps you pay for expenses while you train as an apprentice in a designated Red Seal trade.

- The AIG is a taxable grant worth \$1,000 per level, awarded to registered apprentices.
- You must complete your first year/level (or equivalent) to apply for the AIG.
- You can apply for this grant twice during your training (for a maximum of \$2,000)
- You can apply for your second AIG after completing your second year/level (or equivalent) of training.

The Apprenticeship Completion Grant (ACG) is a one-time taxable cash grant lifetime amount of \$2,000 per person for registered apprentices. It is for registered apprentices who:

- successfully complete their apprenticeship training program, and
- get their journeyman certification in a designated Red Seal trade.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/training/support-skilled-trades-apprentices/grants.html>

Training provided in 2023:

- Construction Stewart Training
- QEW Training
- Zoom Boom



Election Results

The Local Union Election was held in June and new LU officers were sworn in July. Your acting Local Union Officers for the next term are:

President – Rachel Siltala

Vice President – Ray Simpson

Business Manager &
Financial Secretary – Murray Palmer

Treasurer – Darrel McNulty

Recording Secretary – Chrissie Caprani

Executive Board – Paul Janetzki

Executive Board – Jason Garrett

Executive Board – Keith Thibault

Executive Board – Greg Biden

Executive Board – Sympathy Moyo

Congratulations!

New Journeypersons in 2023:

- Thomas Volkov (June 2023)
- Cody Shulko (May 2023)





2023 Annual Golf Tournament

After several years on pause, we were pleased to coordinate the 2023 annual golf tournament!

The golf tournament took place at Rosthern Valley Golf Course on August 26, 2023. The weather was perfect for a Texas Scramble and the vibe on the course was cheerful and relaxed! We were able to put together 6 teams with a total of 24 people in attendance.

We thank our contractors and union partners for their generous donations that allowed us to award prizes to everyone in attendance. The Grand Prize, supplied by the membership was a Pit Boss smoker, and it was won by Tom Greschner.

The winning team went to current Business Manager, Murray Palmer, LU529 member Devin Carter, and Tom Korchinski. Join us next year for your chance to have your name engraved on the trophy!

New IBEW 529 Members in 2023:

- Desmond Coward, Tyler Asselin, Kolton Cyr, Kirk Elias, Greg Larson, Brandon Basaraba, Travis Nordal, Thomas Fitzgerald, Nick Balofinos, Ethan Schewaga, Spencer Albus, Aiden Balaberda, Matthew Hatcher, Lauren Poorman, Braden Wilson, Kendall Wuttunee, Jeremy Carbery, Zac Hendricks, Cory Wingert, Curtis Zazula, Dillon Houdek
- As of December 2023, we are 218 Members Strong!

Pensioners Breakfast

Breakfast was held on October 13, 2023, at the 529 Hall to honor and reunite our past and retired members. Approximately 20 members came out to enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, and good company. Some members in attendance were awarded years of service pins from the IBEW international office.

This was an enjoyable morning, and we thank everyone in attendance for coming out!



“What do you call it when you steal someone’s coffee?”

Muggin’



Coffee Club

The Pensioners Coffee Club –meets weekly at Fuddruckers on 8th Street –Tuesday morning at 10 am.

All Pensioners are welcome!

NEW Retirees in 2023:

Keith Malpass, Robert Peebles, Elwin Brons, Jim Tenetuik, Ernest Harrison, Rick Simpson, Richard Carson, Peter Popoff, Meryl Roach

Often when you think you’re at the end of something, you’re at the beginning of something else.

FRED ROGERS

Membership Benefits

Coughlin is our Plan Administrator

Web Portal: <https://www.coughlin.ca/en/portal.aspx>

Check your current usage of your benefits and H.S.A balance by logging onto the Coughlin Webpage.

Never hesitate to call our Plan Administrator, Coughlin & Associates. 1-888-204-1234

Coughlin is now offering Pre-Authorized Deposits. Click [here](#) for more information. Fast, Easy & Secure!

COMING SOON – As of January 1, 2024, vCare On-Demand Healthcare will be added to IBEW529 Health & Welfare Benefit Package, more info to follow....

Updating Beneficiaries

Review your designated beneficiaries regularly to ensure any death benefit payable is disbursed accordingly. Forms are available on the webpage and at the Hall and must be submitted to Coughlin & Associates.

Pension Plan

2023 Investment Statements will be mailed out May – June of 2024 – please ensure Coughlin has your current address!

Training

Training is always ongoing, please contact the Hall for any training inquiries or requirements.

Upcoming Training in 2024

- Qualified Electrical Worker Training
- Code of Excellence Training



In Sadness we report the passing of the following IBEW LU 529 members in 2023:

Henry Letourneau – Passed May 15, 2023, Initiated in 2002

Eric Reid – Passed July 11, 2023, Initiated in 1978

Fred Ackerman – Passed October 11, 2023, Initiated in 1968

Edward Herman – Passed October 15, 2023, Initiated in 1963

General Information

Upcoming Membership Dues Increase from \$60 per month to \$61 per month on July 1, 2024

Credit Card Auto Payments NOW available.

Notary Public Services available to Members Free of Charge!

Check out IBEW Swag on our [Website](#) or drop by the Hall, we have Hoodies and Challenge Coins!

Tax Receipts for membership dues to be sent out in February 2024

All members are required to keep their personal contact information up to date. Please notify the hall of any address, phone number or email changes to ensure you are kept up on important correspondence and employment opportunities!

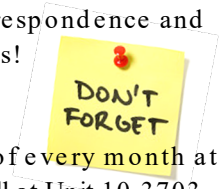
Membership Meetings:

Held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the LU529 Hall at Unit 10-3703 Kochar Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Collective Bargaining Agreements

New Agreement in effect as of May 28, 2023, and available to view on our [website](#).

BIG THANK YOU for keeping your membership dues up to date! We have lowered members in arrears from 75 per month to 6 per month over the course of 2023!

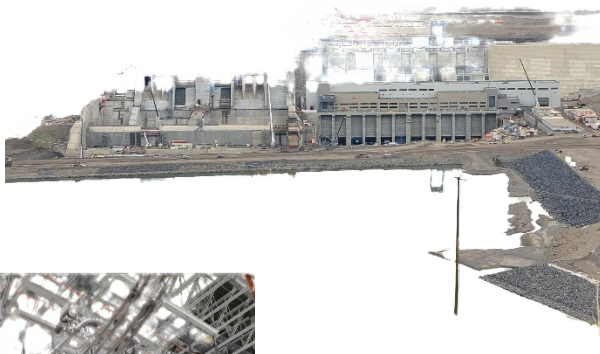


Site Photos

EB Campbell
Nipawin Saskatchewan



Site C Hydro –Kitimat, B.C.



Thyristors Keewatinohk Converters
Site C Hydro –Kitimat, B.C.

Every second of every day, IBEW members touch so many lives across the country. But it's not just about electrical construction and repair. It's about enriching the communities in which we live, work, and play.



McEllvena Bay
Northern, Saskatchewan

Did you know?? Today, we represent approximately 65,000 members from coast to coast to coast – in every province and territory.

Nutrien Potash Site, Allan, Saskatchewan



IBEW members work in a wide range of sectors. We bring superior skills and real-world experience every day to cities, towns, and municipalities across this country.

Final Photos...

Congratulations to Bob Semeniuk, Winner of

2023 SITE PHOTO
CONTEST WINNER!!

MERRY
christmas



NEW
happy
YEAR

