



Federal Government Dockyard Trades & Labour Council (West)



BULLETIN

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To All Members

We hope that this message finds everyone safe, healthy and coping with this global pandemic as best they can. Canada continues to have increases in cases and fatalities daily, and we send our condolences to any members who have lost loved ones during this time. Please listen closely to the medical advisors we have and follow their advice, they are the experts who we need to trust.

The Council Officers are continuing to function as best we can remotely from home. Both Kevin and I have access to our DND email from home, and we are monitoring the Council email address (councilwest@shaw.ca) continually. Please continue to send us any issues we can assist with.

We have been in continual contact with Ottawa, maintaining communications with both National Defence and Treasury Board. Treasury Board has set up bi-daily teleconferences with all National Bargaining Agents, briefing us on all issues that affect the Federal Public Service and taking on any problems that the Bargaining Agents raise to them from all Departments.

Communications have also been continuous with the Formation and FMF Senior Management through phone calls and email. Group teleconferences for the Labour Management Committee and Health and Safety Policy Committees have been held and will continue. The FMF has also been sending us all communications they are putting out for posting on our website. All Employer related COVID-19 information that we receive can be found on our website (councilwest.ca) under the tab "FMF COVID-19 Updates". Management has also been providing us with a daily report on the Production Department personnel numbers at home/ at work etc.

We are unsure when the "At home, available for work" posture of the FMF will change, but assume that it will continue for the coming weeks. For any members that have been required to come into work for critical work, safety or security issues or support to contractors, thank you for ensuring the Pacific Naval Fleet and Canadian Armed Forces members on the vessels are ready to deploy on behalf of Canadians.

There are many resources out there to help you stay up to date on COVID-19 developments including the national website at Canada.ca. DND also has information available on the HR GO app, available for download for Android (Play Store) and IOS (App Store) smartphones.

There are also resources available if you find yourself in need of EAP assistance. For immediate 24/7 assistance please call the Health Canada EAP Assistance line at 1-800-2687708.

Stay safe, practise good social distancing, and take care of yourselves and your families. I reiterate please bring any issues to us that we can assist with.

In Solidarity,

**Des Rogers
President
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