

## Annual Island Building Trades Ski Trip



**Island Building Trades Ski Trip Group at Mt. Washington**

The annual ski trip to Mount Washington started in 2015 and for the last 3 years, the IBEW Local 230 has hitched a ride on the Sheet Metal Workers, Plumbers and Pipefitter's metaphorical ski bus and each year our IBEW participation continues to grow with this event.

This year had an exceptional turnout of 220 people combined with ideal skiing/boarding weather. Participants received raffle prizes, a fantastic BBQ lunch grilled by our coordinators, and enjoyed networking and chatting with fellow trades and union members throughout the Island. We continue to hear, that the ski trip is a winter highlight for members and their families – all leaving with new and good memories.

A huge thank you to the coordinators Jason Pedersen from Sheet Metal Workers Local 276, Jim Noon from Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 324, and Cory McGregor from IBEW 230 for organizing this successful event, and thank you to all those who attended.

## City of Victoria Workers Ratify New Collective Agreement



**City of Victoria Shop Steward Peter S.**

We wrapped up the latest round of bargaining at the City of Victoria after five full days, and our members have ratified the changes to their collective agreement. Some

of the improvements were increases to holiday and vacation pay/ benefits, increases to a number of leave provisions and their boot allowance, a new provision on Dirty Pay, casual benefit increase, an annual \$650 for members using their FSR's, long-term service pay, and wage increases of \$0.25 + 3.24%, 4%, and 3%. Which is an increase of (about) \$4.50, which brings the City wage rate up to \$44.95 per Journey hour on January 1st, 2024 (without the other benefits), and full retroactive pay. We have a long-term working relationship with the City of Victoria stemming back to the turn of the last century, and it's great to see both of us still continue to see value in that relationship. I would like to thank Local 230 Shop Steward Peter S., and ABM Cory McGregor for all their hard work in this latest round of bargaining.

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### Member's Dues Auto-Deposit

To send dues payment via e-Transfer, email [dues@ibew230.org](mailto:dues@ibew230.org)

Remember to include your name and IBEW \*card number in the e-Transfer "message" section

\*Note: your card number is printed on your yellow dues receipt

### News and Notes

We are pleased to announce our office doors are open to the public. Thank you all for your patience during the last three years.

Unit Meetings are back and held in-person. Please check our Facebook page for updates!

### Business Hours

Main Office: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Training Centre: 8:00am - 5:00pm

### Upcoming Training

Apr 29-30 | Residential Wiring | Victoria  
May 5-7 | Fiber Optic Splicing | Victoria

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# Business Manager's Report



**Phil Venoit**  
**Business Manager/Financial Secretary**

After Meeting with the Mediator assigned to BC Construction bargaining in February, per the Protocol Agreement. After six days, she withdrew, citing, there were too many outstanding issues and the parties should renew trade level bargaining to attempt to get closer to resolving outstanding issues in the trade agreements. In reply the IBEW set aside March for bargaining with the Union Electrical Contractors, and we have reached a trade level deal. The Mediator booked back in to see if she could help foster an overarching deal covering off the remaining items for all trades, and although we came close we couldn't agree on some key points. At this point in time the Mediator is preparing her Report for the BC Labour Relations Board and it is incumbent on the Parties to reconvene separately and together to decide next steps throughout April. I know the last six to eight months have been financially difficult on members as inflation is hitting high points in fuel, groceries, utilities and mortgages, and we are pushing every button to ratchet what we can from our contractors while keeping them profitable, keeping our members employed. The Construction Agreement opens up on May 1st and the 14 construction unions, negotiating the 40-odd collective agreements in BC construction have never historically been this close to concluding bargaining in a timely way in four decades. Our Dockyard members working in Esquimalt, Rocky Point and Nanoose are up to begin bargaining next and we are waiting patiently for that to begin.

## NANAIMO CORRECTIONAL CENTRE



The Island construction marketplace is smoking hot with many larger projects underway like the new Nanaimo Correctional Centre, Cowichan Secondary School, and Nanaimo Regional Hospital, Cypress Gardens in Comox, while many others are to begin ramping up in the next few months like Cowichan



**COWICHAN SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Hospital is set to need 250 electricians and apprentices at peak, and will begin ramping up early this summer. Other projects we expect to see awarded very soon are first-phase of Harris-Green a 3.5 city block project, the Telus project both downtown Victoria, the Museum Securities Archive project in Colwood, more large apartment blocks throughout Langford, and the Plant Lab in North Saanich and the Belleville Terminal Redevelopment Project.



**COWICHAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

For those wanting to work industrial camp off-Island Site "C" Dam, and LNG in Kitimat continue to hire our members through local 993, these projects are slated to continue to provide work for our members for years to come.

**Mike from Aurora Electric and  
Russ Shewchuk, IBEW IVP**

On an Organizer's note, I would like to welcome two of our newest construction contractors Island Lighthouse Electric working primarily service work throughout Victoria, and Aurora Electric working primarily in the apartment and condo-construction market all over the Island. Our Organizers are out there knocking on doors and have two more employers looking to come our way in the coming months.





# Congratulations to our new Red Seal Electricians!



**Top-left:** Natalia E., Cody P. Cohen V.  
**Middle-left:** Guillermo M., Taylor A.  
**Bottom-left:** Drew S., Matteo C., Ross H.

# Nomination For IBEW Local 230 and Election Call

Nominations for Officers of Local Union 230 will be held consistent with the IBEW Constitution, the Local 230 Bylaws, and any variation as described herein as follows: Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the special called meetings to hold nominations, or provide a written and signed statement of willingness that they will accept the specific nomination. No member may be a candidate for more than one Office. Anyone nominated to more than one Office must declare the Office for which they will be a candidate.

In order to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of two (2) years of continuous good standing in Local Union 230. Good standing means that the member is current in their payment of dues and has been for the two (2) years preceding the nominations. Apprentices are not eligible to hold Office in the Local Union.

Nominations will proceed in the order of Offices as listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of Office shall be the balance of three (3) years (to July 2026).

President Greg Gyorfi has appointed Chris Baker to perform the role of Judge of the Ballot and Shane Scott as the Sergeant of Arms for the purposes of all nomination meetings and election venues for the counts. Judge Baker has named two (2) tellers from the Local to assist with the collection and ballot count.

## NOMINATION CALL FOR UNION OFFICERS

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IBEW Local 230 Nominations for the positions of President, Vice- President, Treasurer, Business Manager/Financial Secretary, and Recording Secretary will occur at the following Unit Meetings during the month of May 2023.

### Marine Unit 5 - May 10th

5:00PM - IBEW Training Centre  
859 Viewfield Road, Victoria

### Victoria Unit 1 - May 11th

7:00PM - IBEW Training Centre  
859 Viewfield Road, Victoria

### Nanaimo Unit 2 - May 17th

7:00PM - IBEW Nanaimo Office  
306-477 Wallace Street, Nanaimo

### Courtenay/Campbell River Unit 4 - May 18th

7:00PM - Halbe Hall  
8369 Island Highway, Black Creek

## NOMINATION CALL FOR UNIT OFFICERS

Nominations for Unit Officers of Local Union 230 will be held as follows:

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Nominations will proceed in the order of Offices as listed below whose term of Office shall be three (3) years.

IBEW Local 230 nominations for the positions of Unit Chair and Executive Board Member, Vice-Chair, and Recording Secretary for each of the Unit Meetings will occur at the following Unit Meetings during the month of June 2023.

### Victoria Unit 1 - June 8

7:00PM - IBEW Training Centre  
859 Viewfield Road, Victoria

### Marine Unit 5 - June 14

5:00PM - IBEW Training Centre  
859 Viewfield Road, Victoria

### Courtenay/Campbell River Unit 4 - June 15

7:00PM - Halbe Hall  
8369 Island Highway, Black Creek

### Nanaimo Unit 2 - June 21

7:00PM - IBEW Nanaimo Office  
306-477 Wallace Street, Nanaimo

## THE ELECTION

**Date:** June 30, 2023

**Time:** The Election Judge and Tellers will leave the Local 230 Victoria Business Office at 9:30AM and arrive at the designated PO Box to empty and pick up the ballots at 10:00AM. Candidates or their written Designate may witness the emptying of the PO box.

**Place:** Candidates or their Designate may observe the counting of the ballots but must maintain 6 feet of space from the ballots at all times. The ballots will be counted at the IBEW Local 230 Training Centre located at:

**859 Viewfield Road  
Victoria, BC  
V9A 4V1**