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TCRC NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

A message from the President

Since the last newsletter, the TCRC has suffered two tragic accidents. It is with heavy heart that I express our deepest condolences for the loss of two Brothers in British Columbia, one in Thornton yard and the other at Ridley Island. Further information is contained within the newsletter.

I trust that all of you have taken the necessary precautions and continue with the Health Canada recommendations to keep yourselves, your families and your communities safe and healthy during this pandemic. The TCRC has worked together at all levels to protect our membership during this time, greatly minimizing the spread and impact of the pandemic.

As of 2200 EST on June 23rd, the GCA CN BCR CTY members and the delegates of the GCA CNW CTY voted overwhelmingly to merge the GCA CN BCR CTY into the GCA CNW CTY. I wish to thank Brothers Burke, Roy, Butterfield, Gervais and Donegan for all their work in propagating this merger. This merger strengthens the bargaining position and ensures the future financial stability of the BCR CTY members.

As an update on the Work/Rest rules, on April 24th we received a proposal from the Railway Association of Canada outlining the Rail companies' position on changes to the current rule. Brother Ashley consulted with all the Provincial and General Chairs along with your National Officers and our fatigue specialist, Clint Marquardt to formulate our rebuttal. We have returned our submission to the RAC and Transport Canada and await the RAC's response. I understand that many of you are wondering about timelines and when you can expect implementation of the revised work/rest rules. Given the way that this process has transpired to date I hesitate to create unreal expectations on completion by giving dates that, realistically, are only arbitrary at best. Our focus has to remain on mitigating our member's fatigue and doing our best to advocate for the federal guidelines to reflect our needs.

Last but not least, our TCRC Bombardier transportation Sisters and Brothers in both Toronto and Montreal have ratified proposed collective agreements since my last newsletter. I wish to congratulate both bargaining teams!

In Solidarity,

Lyndon Isaak
President – TCRC

Executive Board Activities

The TCRC Executive Board met via Zoom on the week of April 27th, 2020. The following is a summary of the decisions and actions that affect the entire TCRC membership:

- The Dues Maintenance policy was discussed and it was decided that a letter would be sent out to the membership to clear up any misunderstanding or misconception of the policy. That letter was distributed to the membership on May 7th, 2020.
- The 2020 TCRC budget was completed and accepted by the Executive Board.
- We continue to discuss training and education programs and the potential impact on the budget that Corona virus may have.
- The Executive Board continued discussions concerning the location for the 2022 National Convention. The location selected is Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for July 2020.



Fatal Accident at Greater Vancouver Terminal

Sadly on the morning of June 1, we received the news that Brother Jasvinder Riar, while at work as a Yard Conductor in Thornton Yard in the Greater Vancouver Terminal, was fatally injured in the performance of his duties. Brother Riar was 32 years old and a member of Teamsters Canada Rail Conference. He was married and had a 9-month-old son. Brother Riar was well respected by his peers and was known for being a good worker and railroader.



Fatal Accident at CN In British Columbia

On June 15, 2020, Dan was involved in a tragic accident at work with CN Rail in Northern BC. Dan left behind his 14-year-old daughter who he loved more than anything. Dan Paulusse was a Sonar Operator and Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces. He finished his career on Submarines and he will always be remembered by all who served with him. Dan had a way about him of making everything into a joke and loved making people laugh.



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