



TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION No. 31

AFFILIATED WITH TEAMSTERS CANADA AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS
#1 GROSVENOR SQUARE, DELTA, BC V3M 5S1

Members Pass Motion to Suspend General Membership Meetings During the Summer Months

MAY 10, 2019

VANCOUVER, BC - The Teamsters Local Union No. 31 General Membership Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, May 8th at 7PM. The members in attendance formed a quorum.

Vice-President, Benjamin Hennessy chaired the meeting and Recording-Secretary, Lance Matricardi recorded minutes in the absence of President Stan Hennessy and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Van Grol.

It was reported President Stan Hennessy is in attendance at the (IBT) International Brotherhood of Teamsters General Executive Board Meetings and at the IBT Unity Conference. Secretary-Treasurer Richard Van Grol, Business Agents Caley Fieldhouse and Paul Simms are in attendance at the IBT Unity Conference.

In keeping with the Local Union past practice, members unanimously approved the motion to suspend General Membership Meetings for the summer months of June, July and August.

Vice-President Benjamin Hennessy reported on the Executive Board correspondence received from twin brothers, Dhillan and Tristan Warmenhoven, sons of member Catherine Warmenhoven employed at the Abbotsford School District, who expressed their thanks to Local Union 31 upon receiving Art Price Memorial Scholarships.



Vice-President, Benjamin Hennessy and Recording-Secretary, Lance Matricardi record information at General Membership Meeting held at the Teamsters, Annacis Island Office

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Furthermore, Brother Stephane Cajelais, Port Driver at Simard Westlink Inc. wrote to the Executive Board to comment on his newly negotiated Teamsters Health & Welfare Benefits. Brother Cajelais stated, “the coverage exceeded my expectations.” He wrote about the Dental, Eye Glass and Prescription coverage. “I could not be happier to be a member and having those great benefits and being able to provide those to my wife and daughter.”

It was reported, President Stan Hennessy had been elected as a Director on the Western Transportation Advisory Council (WESTAC). As a member of labour, President Stan Hennessy joins WESTAC representatives Lyndon Isaak, National President, Teamsters Canada Rail Conference; Robert Ashton, President, International Longshore and Warehouse Union Canada; Tom Doran, President, International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 502; Gerry Gault, President, Grain Workers Union, Local 333; Hugh Wagner, General-Secretary, Grain and General Services Union; and David Black, President, MoveUP.

President, Stan Hennessy and Business Agent, Mike Hennessy attended the WESTAC Meetings on April 30. Items discussed at the meetings involved the demand on truck, rail and marine transportation. The committee focused on transportation corridors and the future landscape of Western Canada’s trade corridor.

The Teamsters protect and advocate on behalf of the truckers, lumber transload workers, warehouse and off-



Teamster at Coast 2000 operating a Container Reach-Stack Machine

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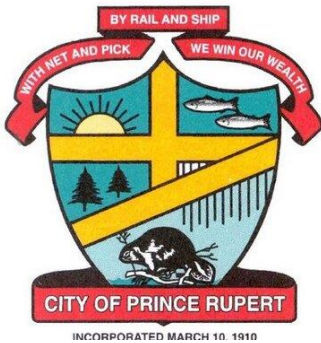
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dock workers which makes President Stan Hennessy's Directorship vital to WESTAC and to the membership at Teamsters Local Union No. 31.



It was further reported that the Local Union was unanimously certified to represent the employees at the Coast 2000 Prince Rupert and Ridley Island Operation by a vote count of 19 in favor.

A first collective agreement was negotiated by President Stan Hennessy and it included substantial increases to rates of pay, the Teamsters Health & Welfare Plan, the Teamsters Pension Plan, Accumulated Time Off and many more items.

In March, President Stan Hennessy chaired a Coast 2000 membership meeting in Prince Rupert with Business Agent, Anthony Kirk and Director of Organizing, Benjamin Hennessy. At the meeting, brothers and sisters were thrilled with their new collective agreement and proud to be Teamsters.

Continuing the report, General-President, James P. Hoffa marked an important milestone in Teamsters history to become only the second General-President to log 20 years as a head of the Teamsters Union. Over the course of those two decades, the Teamsters have regained their mantle as the strongest union in North America through rebuilding its finances, organizing the unorganized and negotiating the strongest contracts in labour.



General-President, James P. Hoffa Marks 20 Years as the Leader of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

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Lastly, the report summarized a list of community events which the Local Union will be participating in:

June 1 - Hats Off Day, Burnaby at 9:30AM to 4:30PM

June 7-9 - 41st Annual Sea Festival, Prince Rupert at 9AM to 5PM

**June 23 - 52nd Annual North Delta Family Day Parade and Picnic,
Delta at 11AM**



Prior to Vice-President, Benjamin Hennessy calling to adjourn the General Membership Meeting for the summer months, he quoted General-President Emeritus, James R. Hoffa:



**General-President
Emeritus, James R.
Hoffa**

“Don’t let any man into your cab, your home, or your heart, unless he’s a friend of labour.”

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM.

Teamsters at the May 8, 2019 General Membership Meeting stand united and wish all Brothers and Sisters a safe and pleasant summer.



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