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IUOE 955 AT SKILLS CANADA, ALBERTA COMPETITION 2026



IUOE 955 was out in full force at the 2026 Skills Canada Alberta competition on May 6 and 7 at the Edmonton Expo Centre.

Students had the awesome opportunity to try out a skid steer or tower crane VR, and learned more about the rewarding, union careers IUOE 955 proudly operates in.

Skills Alberta is Alberta's largest skilled trades and technology career exploration event.

It brings students from across the province together to compete in a wide range of trade and technology areas; and it also features hands on try-a-trade activities, plus industry and education exhibitors, making it a great place to see what's possible in the skilled trades.

SANDY MACDONALD, 2026 WOOD BUFFALO EVERYDAY HERO IMPACT AWARD WINNER

A massive congrats to IUOE 955er and community captain, Sandy MacDonald, on winning the 2026 Wood Buffalo Everyday Hero Impact Award.

Sandy and his canine companion, Sam Langford, have made a remarkable impact on the Fort McMurray community through generosity, compassion and hands-on service. Through Cause 4 Paws and other efforts, Sandy has raised more than \$200,000 for the local SPCA.

He is always there to support those in need and provides consistent, practical help across the community. His personal connections, visiting day homes with Sam, hosting Santa Paws at IUOE 955, spending time with families and sharing moments of joy have created lasting impressions and strengthened community bonds throughout Wood Buffalo.

Way to go, Sandy! We're proud to have you in the growing 955 family





MCASPHALT INDUSTRIES JOINS IUOE 955

Here we grow again!

Please join us in welcoming around 30 new members at McAsphalt Industries to the IUOE 955 family following an overwhelming vote in favour of joining our great union in mid-May.

It's great to have these hard-working folks aboard the 955 train.

We look forward to providing the many benefits that come with IUOE 955 membership.

SAFETY IS ADORABLE

IUOE 955 was pleased to provide some prizes to the winners of the recent Fort McMurray Catholic Schools Safety Poster Contest.

This contest helped elementary school students in the region learn and understand the importance of a safety-focused mindset; something we hold near and dear to us as a strong Alberta trade union.

These posters are adorable and awesome.

A big thanks to all who participated in this important, and fun, contest.

IUOE 955 is proud to give back to the communities we live and work in.





RICK GREENLING - LEAD HAND FIELD WELDER, AMRIZE WINTERBURN (FORMERLY LAFARGE)

Meet 955er, Rick!

Rick has dedicated 23 years to Amrize/Lafarge, building a career defined by hard work, leadership and commitment. He started at the Lafarge downtown Stadium Road facility in Edmonton before moving to the Winterburn shop in 2013.

Shortly after arriving in Winterburn, Rick was asked to take on the role of IUOE 955 Job Steward. His dedication and advocacy for the membership quickly stood out, and he was promoted to Chief Job Steward in recognition of his hard work and commitment.

Over the years, Rick has helped negotiate close to a dozen collective agreements. He is currently a key member of the bargaining committee, working hard to secure the best possible deal for members at the shop.

Rick truly defines what it means to be a leader. Through his guidance, influence and motivation, he consistently puts the membership first and has earned the respect of many over the years.

Thank you for being such an important part of the growing IUOE 955 family, Rick



← See ya there!

**Good
JOB!**

Know a member who should be featured in IUOE 955's Connected, and on our social media? Email us!

connected@oe955.com

IUOE 955 FINANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Greetings to all the members! As we head into June, I want to share a look at the important work your Finance Department focused on throughout May. This has been a peak season for accountability, and I am very pleased to report that the independent audits for our related entities have been successfully completed.

In addition to that milestone, the annual audit for the Union itself is currently underway and is expected to conclude shortly. While these processes involve a significant amount of data and documentation, they are our most important way of proving that your resources are being managed with the highest level of integrity. This independent oversight ensures that your dues and benefit funds remain protected and ready to support you and your families.

As a reminder, to help manage the external costs of payment processing, a service fee of \$2.75 applies to all credit card, Visa debit, and Mastercard debit transactions.

For those looking to avoid this fee, payment via Interac debit or cash remains available at our office with no additional charges. Your partnership keeps IUOE 955 strong!



Abhiraj Maliah, CPA, CFO

OE955 HEALTH & WELLNESS AND PENSION UPDATE



The snow is gone and schools will be breaking for the summer in a couple of weeks.

Is your child graduating high school? Did you know that your child's health coverage through the plan continues as long as they are financially dependent on you and under 21? Once your child passes 21, they can still be covered through the H&W plan if they are pursuing further education and are still financially dependent on you, until they turn 25.

If you have a disabled child that is financially dependent on you and incapable of self-sustaining employment, they could continue to receive health benefits through the plan regardless of age. If you think your child could be covered through one of these scenarios, reach out to the Trust Office to understand what documents you need to provide to continue their health coverage.

Kids off for the summer. Potentially pursuing further education. Summer vacations. It's a lot. The summers, while a fun time, can also be a stressful time for parents juggling work, keeping the kids entertained, or the financial pressures of paying for summer camps or those family vacations. Whether you are juggling some of those pressures or not. Financial planning is important. People are working 40-60% of their lives, but once you retire, you have many years left to enjoy! During those working years, make sure you start building a plan. It is never too early to start planning out your retirement years. Of course, it never hurts to have a pension plan like ours to support your retirement journey as well. Having steady, predictable income throughout your retirement can go a long way to relieving some financial stressors. If you are wondering what your retirement income could look like, try out our online estimator to help plan ahead. Access the estimator through the 955 website or reach out to the Trust Office if you need any help.

Navin Peiris, Executive Director, Health & Wellness and Pension

IUOE 955 TRAINING TRUST UPDATE

IUOE 955 Apprenticeship and Education is making an important update to better serve members. As part of our ongoing commitment to improving your experience, we have moved from the traditional email money transfer system to a more efficient, Direct Deposit reimbursement process.

This change will help ensure faster, more reliable payments directly into your account. To support this new system, members are now required to provide a direct deposit slip or a void cheque when submitting reimbursement requests.

We understand that transitions can take time, and we appreciate your patience as we roll out this improved process. Our goal is to make reimbursements simpler, quicker, and more secure for everyone.

If you have any questions, our team is here to help. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

We also have an MC3 class starting June 8. Seats are still available, so if you know someone needing their last level of school, encourage them to contact Apprenticeship and Education at: apprentice@oe955.com



JULY 2026

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		Telehandler Recertificati Jul 28 (2/4 taken)	Wheel Loader Basic Jul 29 - Jul 30 (3/3 taken)	Wheel Loader Basic Jul 29 - Jul 30 (3/3 taken)		
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		Telehandler Basic Aug 4 - Aug 5 (2/4 taken)	Telehandler Basic Aug 4 - Aug 5 (2/4 taken)	Telehandler Recertificati Aug 6 (2/4 taken)		



IUOE 955 FORT MAC GIVES BACK!

IUOE 955's Paddy Dunphy and Luke Shea stopped by Centre of Hope in Fort McMurray on May 7 to deliver some much-needed food donations sought after by the organization.

Centre of Hope is a non-profit, dedicated to supporting individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the Wood Buffalo region.

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IUOE 955 MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE



In this month's update, I want to draw attention to IUOE 955's ongoing partnership with Helmets to Hardhats (H2H) Canada.

H2H is an exceptional non-profit organization that connects veterans, military members, and their families to rewarding careers in the unionized trades like the ones we operate in.

We are deeply honoured to help these brave individuals transition into civilian life by providing top-tier training and helping them secure meaningful trades careers through IUOE 955, which opens up a vast array of member services and benefits to them.

Our collaboration with H2H creates life-changing opportunities, and 955 member Julien McComb is a prime example.

Julien, a 16-year veteran of the Canadian Forces, faced significant challenges adjusting to civilian life and struggled to find gainful employment after completing his service.

Thanks to the joint efforts of IUOE 955 and H2H, Julien secured employment with one of our signatory contractors, Soletanche Bachy Canada Inc.

Today, Julien is back on his feet and thriving in a rewarding trades career that provides steady pay, excellent health benefits, a secure pension, training and more.

We value our partnership with H2H and are proud to welcome veterans like Julien into the growing IUOE 955 family.

To all our veterans and military families: thank you for your service.

Regan Crocker MBA, C.Mgr. - Manager, Member Services

