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IUOE 955 email update curated by Business Manager, Chris Flett

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IUOE 955 AT FORT MCMURRAY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' CAREER FAIR



IUOE 955 was proud to be part of the 2026 FMCS (Fort McMurray Catholic School District) Career Fair on April 21.

Our booth was packed with information about the trades we proudly operate in, and with equipment simulators, where kids could operate and learn more about big machinery in a safe and fun way.

Showing the leaders of tomorrow the many benefits and rewards being a hard-working member of IUOE 955 provides is an absolute honour and we look forward to the next student career fair to showcase our great local and the work we do.

The future is definitely bright!

VIRTUAL INFO SESSIONS COMING SOON

SAVE THE DATE!

Due to high demand, this year's annual pension and health & wellness info sessions are coming at ya virtually!

Get all the info you and your dependents need from the comfort of your own home: May 25, 10am - noon AND 7pm - 9pm.

Scan the QR code to join the session of your choice or email, benefits@oe955.com for the link.

See you online, soon!

VIRTUAL Annual Info Sessions

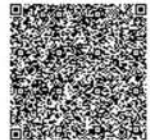
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7PM - 9PM

PENSION AND HEALTH & WELLNESS

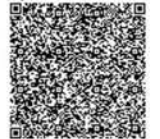
DETAILED PRESENTATION ON THE PLANS
OPEN TO MEMBERS & SPOUSES/PARTNERS



10am session



7pm session

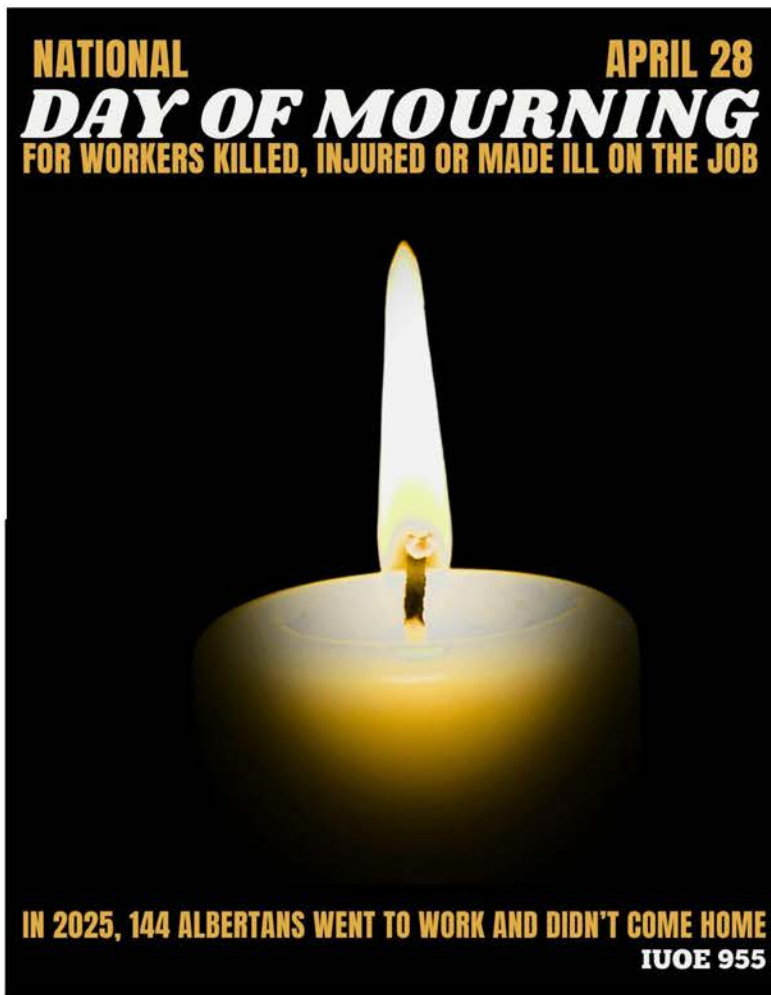


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More info or to register by email: benefits@oe955.com

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!

DAY OF MOURNING STATEMENT FROM IUOE 955 BUSINESS MANAGER, CHRIS FLETT



April 28 marked the National Day of Mourning for workers killed, injured or made ill on the job.

According to Alberta's Workers' Compensation Board, 144 workers passed away from work-related illness or injury in our province last year. That's 144 families eternally broken and numerous others impacted forever.

Many of these work-related deaths were preventable; and while there is a legal duty for employers to maintain safe workplaces under the Criminal Code of Canada, and charges for workplace deaths can be laid, criminal prosecutions are rare compared to the number of annual workplace deaths.

This needs to change. Employers who neglect proper health and safety protocols and put workers in harm's way must be held accountable and fully punished.

We don't need more thoughts and prayers. We need rules and enforcement, because everyone deserves to come home after a hard day's work.

IUOE 955 IS MOB CONNECTED

That is as an ongoing sponsor of the Fort McMurray Oil Barons (MOB) hockey program.

Big thanks to this young champ for popping by the 955 hall in Fort Mac last month and dropping off an awesome team picture.

We'll display it with honour.

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





REGAN CWYNAR, PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION

Meet Regan!

Regan is a Journeyman Electrician with 27 years of diverse experience in residential, commercial, and industrial electrical work. His background includes extensive knowledge in electrical systems, as well as specialized expertise in electrical controls for HVAC systems, security systems, and fire alarm installations.

For the past 20 years, Regan has been employed with Parkland School Division (PSD), where he has also maintained active membership in IUOE 955. Fifteen years ago, he assumed the role of Job Steward, gaining valuable experience in building and maintaining effective working relationships between union members and management while still defending and advocating for their negotiated and legislated rights.

In his capacity as Job Steward, Regan has developed a strong understanding of collective agreements, contract negotiations, and workplace conflict resolution. He regularly collaborates with staff, management, and union representatives to address issues and facilitate solutions that provide the best results possible for IUOE 955 members at PSD.

Regan is deeply committed to the principles and values of IUOE 955, an organization he recognizes for its consistent support of its members. He takes pride in his role as a trusted point of contact, helping to strengthen communication between members and Business Agents while offering guidance and support when needed.

He values the opportunity to serve and remains dedicated to ongoing learning, professional growth, and advocating for his fellow members within IUOE 955.

It's a pleasure to have you in the growing IUOE 955 family, Regan!



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! Our team has been staying productive as we move into the spring months. I am pleased to report that we have successfully wrapped up the 2026 First Quarter (Q1) financial close for all our related entities.

This milestone comes as we are also deep in the fieldwork phase for our annual independent audits. These "deep dives" are nearing their final stages, and they remain our most important way of proving that your resources are being managed with the highest level of integrity. As we move further into the new fiscal year for the Union, we remain focused on keeping our financial foundation rock-solid.

To ensure consistency across all our units and to help manage the rising costs of payment processing, please be reminded that effective April 1, 2026, a service fee of \$2.75 applies to all credit card, Visa debit, and Mastercard debit transactions across all entities. This fee simply covers the external processing costs associated with these payment methods.

For those who prefer to avoid this fee, payment via Interac debit or cash remains available with no additional charges. Your partnership keeps Local 955 strong!

Abhiraj Maliah, CPA, CFO



OE955 HEALTH & WELLNESS AND PENSION UPDATE



At this time of year we are usually looking forward to our Annual Roadshow for the pension and H&W plans. Over the last few years we have seen declining in-person attendances at these events. We have tried changing the months that we host the sessions, changed the times, brought out food, but have not seen any uptick in attendance. We have seen that when we host a virtual session, we tend to have a higher attendance.

Last year's online session had a much higher attendance than for any of our in-person sessions across the province. With that in mind, this year we have decided to go completely virtual for our Annual Information Sessions. We have advertised the sessions through our social media, with posters in the Union offices and through an e-mail blast. If you have not seen any of these or need assistance with registering, please reach out to benefits@oe955.com to register for one of the sessions that we will be hosting on May 25th.

We strive to provide open and regular communication to our membership and use a variety of ways like the Connected ezine, member meetings, social media, e-mail blasts and annual statements to keep you up to date. Of course, a member can always visit our office, call or e-mail us any time to ask any questions they may have.

We hope that you will be able to join us for one of our two sessions on May 25th, and if the times do not work for you, a recording will be put on the member website in the weeks following. These sessions are a good chance to learn more about your benefits, get an update on how the plans are doing and hear about current topics impacting your benefits.

Navin Peiris, Executive Director, Health & Wellness and Pension

ABM NOSEWORTHY TAKES QUESTIONS FROM MEDIA ON BILL 30

IUOE 955 Assistant Business Manager, Anthony Noseworthy, was on hand April 14 alongside Alberta's Minister of Energy and Minerals, Brian Jean to answer questions from the press regarding the introduction of Bill 30, the Expedited 120-Day Approvals Act - legislation to approve priority projects critical to the province's economic future, faster.

If passed, the Act will establish a 120-day approval time frame to accelerate major project development, reduce delays and improve Alberta's position as a competitor for global investment without sacrificing safety, the environment and important Indigenous consultation.

Let's get to work!



IUOE 955 MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE



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

Your union can help with education!

We are pleased to announce that applications are now open for the N.B. Coutts Scholarship.

This opportunity is available to all members in good standing and their families, with funding available for up to two years if approved. Last year, we were proud to provide 61 applicants with the opportunity to pursue post-secondary education and take important steps toward their future goals.

We understand that the cost of post-secondary education continues to rise and can be a significant barrier for many families. Your union is committed to supporting members and their families by helping ease that burden through the scholarship fund. We look forward to receiving this year's applications.

The deadline to apply for this year's N.B. Coutts Scholarship is Aug 21, 2026.

Please visit our website to apply, where you will also find links to the Canadian Conference Bursaries, GPMC for Canada, and PLCAC Student Bursary. If you have any questions, contact April Conway at aconway@oe955.com.

IUOE 955 TRAINING TRUST UPDATE

See Us at Skills Alberta

OE Apprenticeship and Education will be hosting a try-a-trade event at Skills Alberta on May 6 and 7 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre. Stop by to see all the action, learn more about careers in the trades, and say hello.

Skills Alberta (the Provincial Skills Canada Competition) 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 and industry and education exhibitors—making it a great place to see what's possible in the skilled trades.

Tower Crane Curriculum

The Tower Crane curriculum remains in development. Apprenticeship & Education is on track to receive AIT accreditation and begin training for members and the public this summer.

Mobile Crane Training (MC3 & MC1)

MC3 wrapped up last week with students writing their government and Red Seal exams. We saw another near-full class—congratulations to our newest journeypersons.

MC1 started this week with a full class of 12 students. We're also proud to launch our first-ever Helmets to Hardhats (H2H) program. We've developed a partnership with H2H to provide safety training, apprenticeship training, job placement, and additional supports. These training courses will be paid for through participants' transition allowances. H2H has indicated that this partnership model will now be used across Canada to help former Canadian Armed Forces members get the training they need—followed by job placement in their selected fields. Reminder: To register for MC training, you must be an Alberta-registered mobile crane apprentice with an apprentice ID number in the Crane and Hoisting Trade.



Participant Surveys (Funding Requirement)

Because our training is partially funded by the Government of Canada (through programs such as the Union Training and Innovation Program or the Canadian Apprenticeship Strategy) and/or by the Government of Alberta, we collect short surveys to meet funding requirements and support program evaluation. The information may also help inform national skilled trades policy development. Surveys are completed digitally, and the link is emailed before class. We appreciate your help completing the survey before you arrive.

Busy Season at the Training Site

Our HEO courses are currently ongoing, and we're about to begin the Pipelayer course. It's a very busy time at the training site! Questions about upcoming courses or eligibility? Connect with the Apprenticeship & Education team for schedules, registration details, and support.

JUNE 2026

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