

Update August 7, 2020

With most of the province in Stage 3 re-opening, limits on gatherings has been increased to 50 indoors and 100 outdoors. Indoor gatherings must maintain the two-meter physical distancing requirements, which for us, doesn't allow for union meetings as of yet. The rules for indoor gatherings are very stringent as they should be to combat the transmission COVID-19.

The union halls are preparing for a re-opening of both the front offices and dispatch. As always members can bid on work through the website, fax or email. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, passes will be suspended until Monday, August 31, 2020. Your pass counts, including any passes accumulated up to and including March 16, 2020, will not be incremented until that date. Protocols are being developed to deal with in-person dispatch and will be laid out in greater detail in the newsletter.

As we look forward the fall calendar for night school our education department has been re-developing courses to include an online component for some of the courses.

Unfortunately, Labour Day 2020 has been cancelled in Toronto and at the time of writing this I have not received word as to the other Labour Councils in our area. Toronto and York Region Labour Council will run a transit ad marketing campaign to get Labour Day out into the public's eye. This will be in conjunction with digital ads and a live stream on Labour Day itself.

Over the last few weeks we have seen a dramatic increase in job requests and members are reminded that dispatch is available through the online portal from our website. If you have been on temporary layoff from your employer and have returned back to work, please contact dispatch with your return date. Should you wish to leave your employer and pick up another call, you can do so by contacting dispatch.

Our annual members golf tournament for this coming September has been cancelled due to the restrictions with COVID-19.

Should you require any assistance on site please call the union office at 416-510-3530 and ask for a Business Rep.

Stay safe and look after each other.