



PRESIDENT'S WEEKS IN REVIEW **July 30 – August 5, 2018**

Hello all,

Last week was mostly taken over by emerging events. Specifically, there was a significant misunderstanding between our Union and the Company about our messaging that needed to get sorted out. This issue led to lengthy discussions internally and with our legal counsel. While the issue didn't get completely sorted last week, it looks like we're working towards a resolve.

On Thursday we had a UMC meeting between our Union as employer and our admin staff. This sort of meeting is always a bit strange for me because the employer hat is such a different fit from the Union activist hat. However, I'm happy to say it was a productive meeting, and provided for a good opportunity to recognize the excellent and hard work our administration staff does on a daily basis.

I also took some time to write a few letters, including one to the Company discussing customer facing signage – I haven't sent it yet, and am still waiting on confirmation of a few points.

Finally, I was incredibly proud to march with members of our Union and others from Labour in the Vancouver Pride Parade. Many thanks to all those who joined, our organizers, and our setup and takedown crews! Like always, it was a great time.

Next week: Happy BC DAY! Dealing with a crappy issue on the Island Sky, talking safety, a Salish Job Description review meeting (see article 11.04 - 11.06 of the Collective Agreement), writing letters to a bunch of people re. proposed mandatory drug testing legislation, and a Provincial Executive Conference Call.

In Solidarity,

BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

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Provincial President