



PRESIDENT'S WEEK IN REVIEW

August 6 – 12, 2018

Hello all,

Last week was shortened by the BC Day long weekend. I hope all of you were able to find some time with family and friends to celebrate our beautiful province.

Throughout the week, SOC President Kimmerly and I were working through understanding and addressing ongoing problems with the sewage plant on the Island Sky. Specifically, our members have been forced to deal with an underfunded sewage plant that has been operating well below optimum, and has in turn created a safety hazard.

Over the course of a couple of days last week, I also worked on a series of letters to labour leaders and politicians regarding proposed mandatory drug testing for safety sensitive positions in federally regulated sectors (ie. pilots, train engineers, and many Ferry workers). In summary, we argue that mandatory drug testing is not effective and creates many negative outcomes, and that we strenuously oppose it.

Finally, a group of us including SOC President Kimmerly, Engine Representative Spencer, and our LROs sat down and talked Salish job reviews. It is our position the Company has had more than enough time to establish its operations and review jobs that have been affected by the introduction of LNG. Needless to say, they are not coughing up any extra pay voluntarily, so we continue building our case.

Next week: A meeting with Transport Canada, a staff meeting at the BCFMWU, the start of organizational coaching with Joanna Gislason, and a whole host of other stuff!

Thanks for reading, and I hope to see you soon.

In Solidarity,

BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

Brother Graeme Johnston
Provincial President