



PRESIDENT'S WEEK IN REVIEW **October 22 – October 28, 2018**

Hello all,

Last week started with over 750 unread emails awaiting me. With a jetlagged but dogged effort on Monday, I managed to cut it down to around 350. After the Office shut down, the PEO joined me at my apartment for a pre-PE meeting with pizza.

Tuesday was the Provincial Executive meeting. Despite a one day meeting with a heavy agenda, we managed to get through the whole thing. The highlight of this meeting was a report from Sister Leann Vaughan on the Divisional Inquiry for the Cumberland. Many thanks to the diligence of our Executive for keeping things going.

If you wish to provide any feedback to Sister Vaughan or have any questions about the current rescue boat / davit situation around the fleet, you can contact her through the Rescue Boat Standards Action Team at rbsat@bcferries.com (this is BC Ferries address, and any communication with that address is through Company channels).

Wednesday was a bit of whirlwind. The day before I had received a cryptic phone call from friend of the Ferry Workers, Nanaimo-Ladysmith MP Sheila Malcolmson, inviting me to an event the next morning at the Coast Bastion. I was able to settle in for breakfast with Secretary-Treasurer Brian Lalli and Second Vice President Carl Campbell prior to heading upstairs for the event. At the event, it was announced by the Premier that Ms. Malcolmson will be running for MLA for Nanaimo, replacing current MLA and Nanaimo Mayor Elect Leonard Krog. This announcement was followed by the Vancouver Island Economic Association lunch with remarks from the Premier.

Thursday was quiet, with some radio ad recordings for the holidays. Friday I had meetings with Sussanne Skidmore of the BCGEU and HR personnel from the Company, respectively.

Next week:

A Grievance Appeal Committee meeting, an internal review of Salish job descriptions and a round up on education with Chantel O'Neill.

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

In Solidarity,

BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

Brother Graeme Johnston
Provincial President