



PRESIDENT'S WEEK IN REVIEW **February 25, 2019 – March 3, 2019**

Hello all,

Last week was our Provincial Executive meeting, which overtook most of my duties.

The Provincial Executive meeting agenda was manageable. Two things I will bring to your attention are that the Provincial Executive is moving forward with our education roadmap. This will cover education from the first interaction our members have with us during their new hire orientation, all the way through committed activism, with three tiers of training along the way (intro, novice, advanced). Also, I am happy to announce our Union will continue to be the Premier Sponsor for the Nanaimo Pride Parade and festival, which is one of the largest pride events in the Province.

On Thursday, I met with Relief LRO Chantel O'Neill and Provincial 2nd Vice President Carl Campbell to go through what training might look like for a safety and labour relations course. On reflection, this quickly turned into a bit of a three-headed monster – but also highlighted why this course will be so valuable.

Friday saw me spend the day with our new BCGEU EVP, James Coccola, who is taking over from Sussanne Skidmore (now Secretary Treasurer of the BC Federation of Labour). It was great to catch up with James and exchange what is going on within our respective Unions and beyond – it was truly amazing to hear the depth of work being done at the BCGEU right now on files like housing affordability and municipal governance and engagement.

Next week: New Vessel Introduction meeting for the Island Class; Operational Safety Meeting; BC Federation of Labour Executive Council; Pacific Region Canadian Marine Advisory Council; and, taking off for a trip up to Prince Rupert.

Thanks for reading and I hope to see you soon!

In Solidarity,

BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

Brother Graeme Johnston
Provincial President