



## PRESIDENT'S WEEK IN REVIEW May 20 – June 2, 2019

Hello all,

Been a few weeks since I've got to this because of demanding travel.

The week of the 20<sup>th</sup> was taking up by a series of meetings, including the Provincial Executive Meeting.

At the PE meeting, we discussed bargaining strategy and appointments to the binding arbitration panel under Article 34.02. Other business in the meeting included a presentation from Corrine Storey on the progress of SailSafe, and a one month extension of the Union's 2018 fiscal year budget to provide a deeper opportunity for review.

On Friday, I met up with BC Federation of Labour Secretary -Treasurer Sussanne Skidmore, and we boarded a plane to head up to Prince Rupert for a Governor's General Leadership Conference event. In Prince Rupert, Sussanne and I had a good meeting over dinner with Provincial 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Campbell. On the trip to Haida Gwaii on the Northern Adventure, VP of Business Development Jamie Marshall and I did a presentation on behalf of BC Ferries and the Union, respectively. My time on the adventure also gave me a few opportunities to chat with some of the crew.

While on Haida Gwaii I had a few opportunities to discuss some operational changes happening on the Kwuna (which runs between Skidegate and Sandspit). I also had some opportunities to listen to members from the Provincial Government and Haida nation about reconciliation and challenges.

During this time away, I also prepared an information briefing note for government, and did some correspondence.

On my return, I met with SOC President Kimmerly, LRO Hall, and several Senior Company Officials to discuss the current Officer shortage and how we can address that issue through career development. The meeting was very positive, and if momentum continues, we hope to have a plan in place before the end of the year.

Next week: Digging out from being away, drafting a letter to Article 34.02 panel candidates, sometime in the office with Acting SOC President Spencer, and preparations for the Nanaimo Pride Parade.

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

In Solidarity,

**BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION**

Brother Graeme Johnston  
Provincial President