



# **BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION**

## **LOCAL 13 BYLAWS**

### **1. Preface**

The Bylaws of the Local shall not, in any way, be inconsistent with the Constitution of the BC Ferry & Marine Workers' Union, hereinafter referred to as the Union Constitution.

### **2. Name**

The name of the Local shall be Tsawwassen Licensed Component (also known as Local 13) of the BC Ferry and Marine Workers' Union.

### **3. Membership**

- a) The Local shall consist of all Union members within the jurisdiction specified for this Local in Article 13, Section 4 of the Union Constitution, or within such jurisdiction as is determined by the Executive pursuant to Article 13, Section 4.
- b) Any person in the Bargaining Unit and within the jurisdiction of the Local shall be eligible for membership in the Union. Application shall be made in accordance with Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution.

### **4. Affiliation**

A member of Local 13 may be appointed to local or regional Labour Council where such Labour Councils are established. The Union shall pay a per capita fee in accordance with Section 17 of the Constitution.

### **5. Objectives**

The objectives of the Local shall be:

- a) To unite all Local members for their mutual benefit and to conduct Union business in accordance with the Union Constitution.
- b) To maintain an efficient Shop Steward system within the Local.

### **6. Delegates to Convention**

- a) The local shall elect, by referendum, the number of delegates to Convention to which it is entitled under Article 8 of the Constitution.
- b) The nominees shall be ranked in order of the numbers of votes received. The highest ranking nominees, corresponding to the number of delegates to which the Local is entitled, shall be declared elected.

- c) The unsuccessful nominees, ranked in order according to the number of votes received, shall be alternate delegates.

## **7. Resolutions**

- a) All resolutions submitted shall be in accordance with Article 8, Section 8 of the Constitution.
- b) Resolutions submitted by the Local shall be approved by majority vote at a regular Membership meeting prior to being submitted to the Convention.

## **8. Election of Officers**

- a) Local Officers shall be elected by referendum vote of the Local membership conducted according to the Constitution of the B.C. Ferry & Marine Workers' Union.
- b) If only one nomination is received for any position the nominee shall be acclaimed.
- c) An Office vacancy shall be filled by election within sixty (60) days.
- d) Names of the elected Officers shall be reported, in writing, to the Union headquarters as soon as possible.
- e) Elections shall be conducted by electronic ballot and remain open for a minimum of two weeks.

## **9. Term of Office**

The Officers of the Local shall be elected for a three-year term. Each term shall end upon the election of a new Officer. Nomination, voting and elections will take place after the BC Ferry & Marine Workers' Union Triennial Constitutional Convention.

## **10. Local Executive Committee**

The Local Executive Committee shall consist the following positions:

- Local 13 President
- Local 13 Deck Representative
- Local 13 Engineering Representative
- Recording Secretary/Treasurer

## **11. Local Committee Meetings**

- a) Meetings are to be held as deemed necessary, at such time and place that the Chairperson shall determine.
- b) Any two (2) Local Officers shall constitute a quorum.
- c) Any Local Committee member who does not attend meeting of the Committee without good and sufficient reason shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Local Committee.
- d) Except in the case of special or emergency meetings, seven (7) days notice, accompanied by agenda items, shall be given to Local Committee members.

## **12. Committees and Appointments**

- a) The following Local Committees shall be established:
  - Safety
  - Grievance
  - Health, Welfare and Social.
- b) Each Committee shall be headed by a Local Officer.
- c) The Local Executive or the General Membership Meetings of the Local may appoint committees as they see fit.
- d) All appointments shall be reported to the Union Office.