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# ILWU and GWU United!

## September 7, 2015

Mark Gordienko, President,  
ILWU Canada

Dear Mark,

Thank you for the opportunity of allowing me to comment on the proposed affiliation of the Grain Workers Union Local 333. It is with regret that I realize that I am the only Officer of the ILWU or the GWU who was in office at the time of the original affiliation of our organizations in June of 1975 and am still around to talk about it.

Brothers Don Garcia, and Frank Kennedy of the ILWU and Barney Chapman and Henry Kancs of the GWU, along with other Officers of both Unions were intimately involved with the original affiliation some forty years ago, and I'm sure that all of them would be very pleased with your results today.

For your information, the concept of the ILWU policy of working toward a "National Transportation Union" and working out our affiliation policy was born in the early 1970's in a Vancouver hotel room over a few beers with the ILWU founder, Harry Bridges. His dream of a country wide transportation Union, where workers in the transportation industry across our Countries would have the combined strength that could match the International employers that we deal with, lit a spark with us Officers in Canada and set us on a course, with some success, of bringing Unions and workers together to share the strength and muscle of the ILWU.

The affiliation of the Grain Workers Union, Local 333 in 1975 was consummated after years of working together on many issues which included safety and health and Government interference in our collective bargaining in the Vancouver and Prince Rupert areas. We collaborated together on many submissions and presentations to Government which jointly affected the members of both organizations.

The Grain Workers Union left the ILWU, by a rank and file vote of their members effective November 30, 1976 in the same manner that they had affiliated on June 24, 1975. They left for their own reasons and it would serve no useful purpose to revisit all of the surrounding the event at this late stage. Suffice to say that the relationship between our two organizations was always cordial and we continued to work together whenever we had a joint interest.

The news that there is an agreement to re-affiliate is good news indeed. The affiliation of both organizations will provide the rank and file with more flexibility and muscle when dealing with our employers and with Government. With the ongoing attacks on organized Labour, we will be wise to consolidate our strengths to support our members.

Congratulations to the Officers of the ILWU and the GWU for the forward thinking and solid representation of your memberships. I wish you much success in an ongoing relationship that benefit all of your members.

Yours fraternally,

D.C. (Dave) Lomas, ILWU  
retired September 7, 2015



GERRY GAULT President of Grain Workers Union Local 333 and MARK GORDIENKO President of ILWU Canada sign a historic affiliation agreement. The GWU officially becomes part of the ILWU Canada family as of September 1, 2015. Members of the ILWU and GWU have worked side by side in the grain elevators for many years.

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## October 19 Vote



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- ✓ Kick-start manufacturing with a new Innovation Tax Credit.

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Tom  
**Mulcair**  
NDP



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**President's Report**

**Time for change**

We are in the midst of a federal election campaign and you will be asked to make a choice in a couple of weeks on who to support. It is not the place of myself or anyone else to be telling you how to vote and I doubt that you want me to tell you. I do think though that it is our job in ILWU Canada to put the facts forward to you on our dealings with the Government and the parties running to replace it. That is what I intend to do here.

The Harper government has been making continuous attacks on Unions and working people all through their time in government. They have attacked Unions relentlessly either directly with government legislation or in their cowardly way of attacking with Private Members bills so they can try to make you believe it is not government policy. I will explain a few of these.

A Private Members Bill, C-377 was brought forward a few years ago and the whole point of it was to get financial information from Unions and then to post it for the public to see. The intent was to embarrass Union Officials by posting their salaries and to see how Unions spend their money. The fact that our Employers have no such requirement does not matter to these right wing zealots; it is only the attempt to weaken Unions that matters to them. Private Members Bills rarely get passed but this one did although there was much controversy about it. It was even defeated in the Conservative Senate because it was so poorly written and because it is so blatantly unfair but they brought it back a second time and managed to get it through. It is now law but it is a bad law and very likely it is unconstitutional and several legal challenges have already been launched to overturn it.

At some point we will be called on to pay our share to help fund an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada and chances are we will be successful, as many legal experts have said there is no doubt that this bill is unconstitutional. The Harper Government has never backed down and will continue their attack on Unions if they are reelected.

Another Private Members Bill was C-525. This is another cowardly attack where the government supports the bill but as it was brought forward by a Conservative MP they pretend it is not government policy. This attack on Unions gets rid of the right of workers to automatically join a Union, even if every worker in a workplace has signed a Union Card and paid an initiation fee. Now every time workers make an application to join a union the Canada Industrial Relations Board must order a vote and Employers are allowed to give information to Employees. This gives them at least two weeks to bombard workers with anti-union information and threats to shut down if they have to start treating their workers fairly and paying them living wages.

This is not the end of it as this same bill also allows workers to get rid of their Unions much easier. Now only 40% of workers wanting to get rid of their union can apply to decertify and then the Board will require a vote be held. If a majority of workers vote to decertify, and only 35% of the workers need to participate, the Union will be gone. This is a very thinly veiled attempt to get rid of Unions and to a Union like the ILWU that is proud of its democratic traditions it is just plain disgusting. Besides the cowardly way the Harper

*In Solidarity,*  
**Mark Gordienko**

**1st V.P. Report**

**Bill C-51**

What is Bill C-51? The Harper Government wants you to believe it is an "Anti-Terrorism bill", when in reality it is just another way to control those of us who speak out against the Government. But Canada already has anti terrorism legislation in place and has had for over a decade.

Hard to forget the horrific events of 9/11, the impact it had on the families and world. The reaction from US President Bush was swift, with very little debate. We have all heard of Guantanamo Bay and the methods used in search of the "truth". In Canada at the time the liberal Government was in power and one of the many consequences imposed that ILWU members deal with everyday is our Port Pass. The card that allows us to go to work everyday. This is just a small piece of the Anti-Terror laws that are currently in place. Why do we need another terror law? Why so vague a law? Why write a law that could affect the way journalists report our news? Which of the three parties supported Bill C-51, that will decrease our rights and freedoms?

**Do we need another Terror Law?** Quick answer is NO! A Google search for, "Terrorism related deaths in Canada in the last 10 years" resulted with six terrorism related stories from Canada. Five of which were stopped before they happened, the latest was the attack on the soldiers in Ottawa. So my question to you: does the old law that was put in place after 9/11 work? YES it does, or we would have had more stories of terrorist attacks on Canadian soil. What does this new act help do for the Harper Conservatives during this election cycle? It helps them sow seeds of fear hatred, and racism, in the minds of voting Canadians. The Conservatives want us afraid of our neighbours, they want us to judge them because of the way they look. This law is based on hate and fear as with most anti-terrorism laws.

When I first read the Conservatives Bill C-51 I was surprised at how little it says, and even more surprised at how much it says. I quote: **"83,221 By knowingly communicating statements, knowingly advocates offences in general—other than an offence under this section—while knowing that any of those offences will be committed or being reckless as to whether any of those offences may be committed, as a result of such communication, is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than five years."** At first glance your response could be "excellent lets get tough on these bastards!" But read it again, the ILWU is apart of the labour movement, we like to protest, we like to speak our minds, this new

*In Solidarity,*  
**Rob Ashton**



**ROB ASHTON** First Vice President ILWU along with **PETER LAHAV** ITF Inspector pose for a photo with NDP Leader **TOM MULCAIR** in Ottawa.



**2nd V.P. Report**

**Make your vote count**

The Federal Election is soon. What kind of voter turnout we will have is anyone's guess. Sure you could listen to recent polls and base the election outcome on that, but polls aren't exact. In fact we need to only to look back at the last provincial election to see what happened.

All polls showed the NDP ahead by margins as high as 30% in some ridings. So, what happened? Were the polls wrong? I couldn't believe it! It was a hard pill to swallow when Christy Clark won the election. For the next week following this devastating news I asked what happened?

As I talked to people a picture started to emerge. People didn't vote! It was one person I talked to who stated: "I thought the NDP would win." "They were ahead in the polls."

It is crystal clear as to what happened. Voter apathy!

*In Solidarity*  
**Steve Nasby**



**3rd V.P. Report**

**Labour Code**

**Changes to the Canada Labour Code Impacts the Right To Refuse Dangerous Work.**

Federally regulated employees will now face new restrictions on our right to refuse dangerous work. Changes to the definition of danger in the work place now requires the employer to respond

*In Solidarity*  
**Romeo Bordignon**

**October 19**  
**Vote**

**Scty-Treasurer's Report**

**Election Time**

An important time has arrived in our great nation's history. The Federal Election on October 19th will be a very important one for the labour movement. We have put together a special issue of the Waterfront News to inform our membership of the current state of events and how your vote will play a part in changing the course of Canadian Democracy. I want to bring to your attention a shocking piece of legislation recently passed by the current Conservative government.

**Bill C-377**

Under this Bill, every Labour Union in Canada will be required to file a standard set of financial statements each year. Details from those statements will be posted on a public website for all Canadians to examine. While transparency is good, only Labour Unions are being targeted with this legislation. Medical Associations, Law Associations and other professional associations are left out of **Bill C-377.**

**What does this mean to Labour Unions across Canada?**

- This Bill undermines the rights that Canadian citizens and residents have in our country; the right of association; the right to privacy; and the right to freedom of speech within the right of association.
- It is not about accountability and transparency; it is about ideology, and is a direct strike on the labour movement in Canada.
- In terms of what is being required of unions to report, it would increase dramatically the amount of reporting unions would need to do. This would increase the time and effort required to prepare the reports and would take additional resources, both financial and in manpower.
- Private information may be obtained and used extensively by

*In Solidarity*  
**Bob Dhaliwal**



corporations that are against the labour movement, such as countering organizing activities of the unions that might be trying to organize their work force or the collective bargaining process.

**Bill C-377** reporting requirements far exceed disclosure requirements for MPs and Senators. Members of Parliament disclose only one financial statement with 14 line items, while Senators report only five items in a single statement. Private companies, public companies and Crown corporations are all required to publicly disclose far less than what Bill C-377 will require of unions.

Private companies are not required to publicly disclose any financial information. Registered charities and other non-profit organization would report less. Registered political parties report less in general and far less between elections.

This unnecessary government regulation not only wastes tax dollars but doesn't solve any problem that currently exists. Our union has always been open about our finances. At every union meeting financial information is openly discussed and debated. All of our Locals and the ILWU Canada office are audited by independent accounting firms. The purpose of this Bill is to attack and weaken unions and nothing more. By forcing the legislation through parliament, Mr. Harper and the Conservatives have shown their disregard for not only working people but for democracy and the rule of law. This is one more reason to vote for change on October 19th. Your vote counts, make a point of encouraging your friends and family to get out and vote.



ILWU Canada 2nd VP **STEVE NASBY** (back row wearing a black fedora) held a Shop Stewards course in Stewart for members of Local 519 this past summer.

# Re-dedication Ceremony 1886-2015 – Nanaimo

A re-dedication of a memorial to the six Seattle longshoremen who died tragically on a ship in Nanaimo Harbour on July 29th, 1886. The memorial was attended by longshoremen from the US and Canada.

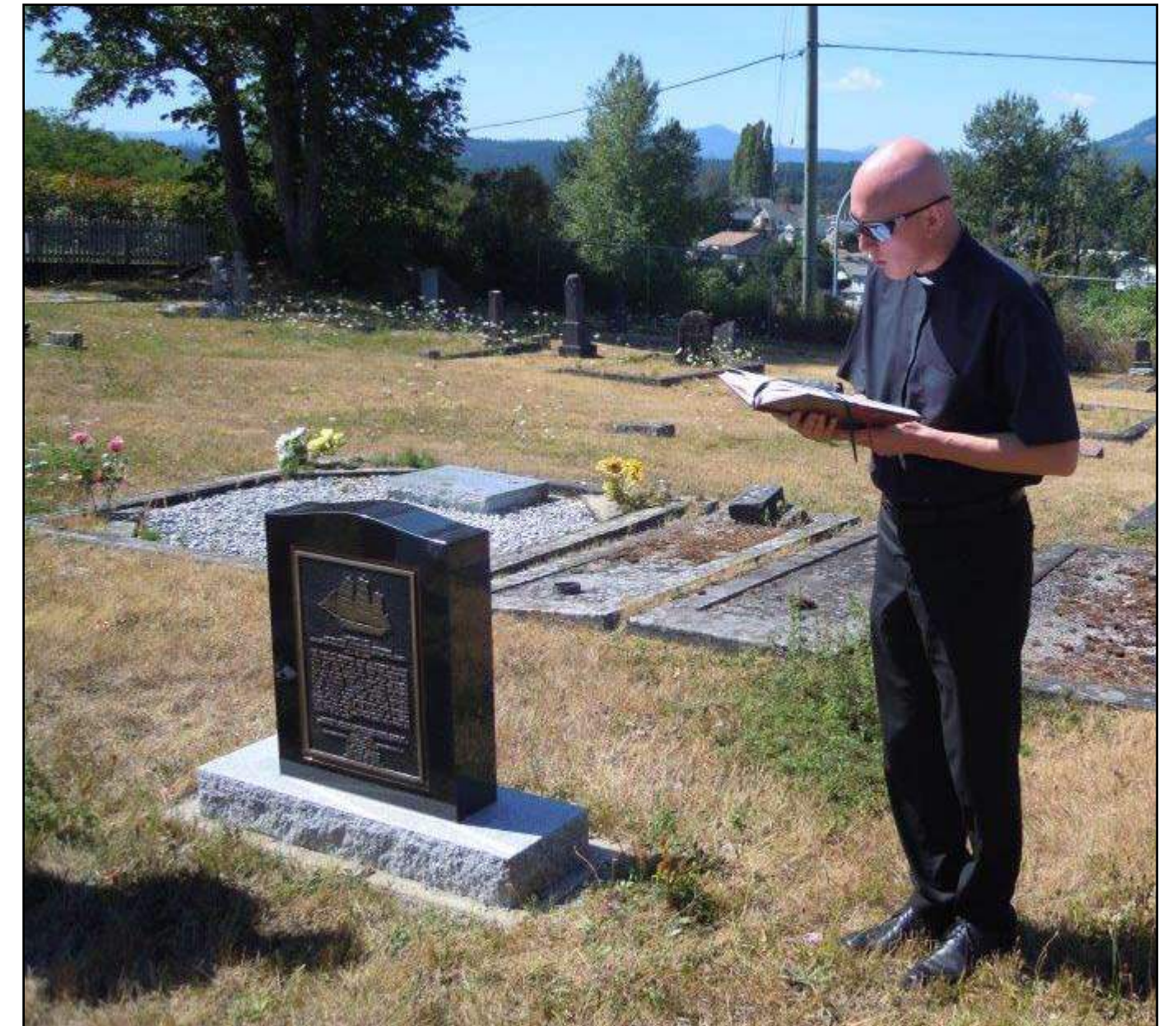


### The plaque reads:

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the services rendered our six comrades by the citizens of Nanaimo and Missionary Charles Seghers following the recent accident on "The Queen Of The Pacific".

**Our fallen Union Brothers:**  
Hans Hanson, August Johnson, William Kade, William McDonald, Patrick Priestley and William Robee  
Rest in peace in your care.

Should the opportunity ever present itself, the people of Nanaimo may rest assured that the Longshoremen of Seattle will endeavor to repay the debt that they so justly owe them.



Above: a view of the sight with local Pastor at the sight officiating the re-dedication



**WILLIE ADAMS**  
International Secretary  
Treasurer with **BARRY CAMPBELL** Secretary  
of the Vancouver  
Pensioners Association  
in Nanaimo July 29th.

From left to right:  
**TOM DUFRESNE, BOB DHALI WAL,**  
**WILLIE ADAMS,** and  
ILWU President **MARK GORDIENKO**



2015 International  
Convention Hawaii

In June 2015 the International Convention was held in Hawaii. A strong contingent from ILWU Canada was able to make the journey to represent the Canadian locals.



# Pensioners' Picnics...



From left : STEVE COLIC, MIKE ISINGER and EARL JERGENS



ILWU Canada Local 519 Stewart B.C. held their first annual community barbeque on July 25th, 2015. It was a successful event with many member of the union and community in attendance. The Local is hoping to have one every year in the summer to spread good will in the community. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and the companies that donated prizes for the event. Special thanks to **NEDDA AND GEORGE RODWAY** for organizing the BBQ.



From left : JOHN CORDECEDO, PETE CARETENUTO, ART MARSHALL, DOUG MCCANDLESS, LEO PAGNOSSIN and MAX HERREN



pensioners and friends enjoy the July 16, 2015 picnic



JYALMEN SIDHO AND FAMILY



Local 500 volunteers

# ...more Picnic.



Above: Faye Kemp and freinds



# Van Isle Pensioners' Picnic



# Retired Longshore members

## 2015 RETIREMENTS - LONGSHORE

LOCAL	NAME	AGE	SERVICE	DATE
<b>RETIREMENTS - FOREMEN</b>				
514	Jack Hembroff	66.33	30.36	1 Jun 15
514	Rod Cameron	65.67	46.48	1 Jul 15
514	Bob Tutush	65	28.50	1 Jul 15
514	James Kurtz	62.58	30.67	1 Sep 15
<b>RETIREMENTS - LONGSHORE</b>				
500	Allen Beach	60	38	1-Feb-15
500	Terence Bowes	64.25	40	1-Feb-15
500	William Loeffler	60	43	1-Feb-15
508	Gary Middlemiss	65.58	48	1-Feb-15
508	Ronald Rickerby	65	27	1-Feb-15
500	James Wong	65	32	1-Feb-15
500	Ron Barker	64	29	1 Jun 15
500	Loyd Chalmer	66.33	46.50	1 Jun 15
500	Laurence Gosselin	65.83	11	1 Jun 15
500	Greig Irwin	65	23	1 Jun 15
500	Peter Madden	67.92	27	1 Jun 15
500	Linley Shelton	68.25	22	1 Jun 15
502	William Sullivan	65	23	1 Jun 15
505	Barry Smith	65.33	8	1 Jun 15
500	Allen Doolan	64.25	29	1 Jul 15
500	Leslie Potgiesser	65	47	1 Jul 15
500	Rae Songui	64.92	32	1 Jul 15
500	Adrian Wadden	65	13.75	1 Jul 15
500	Clayton Zytaruk	58	15.25	1 Jul 15
500	Mike Kolarich	64	37.50	1 Aug 15
500	Germain Maheux	65	28	1 Aug 15
502	Barry Bilinski	64.33	33.75	1 Sep 15
500	Mohsen Ghazaghian	65	22	1 Sep 15
502	Surinder Sidhu	66	14	1 Sep 15
500	Robert Wilson	65	37.50	1 Sep 15

# We remember them well

## 2015 DECEASED PENSIONERS - LONGSHORE

LOCAL	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE AT DEATH
500	William Whiteside	4-Jan-15	84
500	John Stanton	9-Jan-15	63
500	John Antoshchuk	10-Jan-15	86
500	Frederick Hein	12-Jan-15	86
500	Rolf Lowinger	12-Jan-15	77
500	John Ford	20-Jan-15	75
500	Henry Jones	30-Mar-2015	83
502	Lloyd Langill	28-Apr-2015	88
500	Sebastian Reilander	28-Apr-2015	97
500	Ronald Zarelli	28-Apr-2015	82
500	Olindo Biscaro	01-May-2015	98
500	Henry Jones	30-Mar-2015	83
500	Kenneth French	21-May-2015	73
500	Charles Ickringill	25-May-2015	89
500	Allan Lozier	26-May-2015	77
500	Walter Stock	27-May-2015	70
500	Roger Deppiesse	18-Jun-2015	81
505	Lyle Tait	21-Jun-2015	73
508	Harry Kaplycz	22-Jun-2015	74
508	Brian McFarlane	22-Jun-2015	71
500	Mark Gerlinsky	23-May-2015	97
500	Alexander Connell	27-Jun-2015	77
500	William Saul	03-Jul-2015	84
502	Oscar Johannesson	06-Jul-2015	95
500	Robert Moore	06-July-2015	71
500	Carl English	25-Jul-2015	57
508	Kalervo Pillikko	30-Jul-2015	89
500	Thomas Hannah	01-Aug-2015	92
500	Manuel Leonardo	05-Aug-2015	86
500	Valentine Hebein	13-Aug-2015	82
502	John Farrell	14-Aug-2015	79
502	Lorne Briggs	19-Aug-2015	73
500	Keith Richardson	22-Aug-2015	82
500	William Pruden	22-Aug-2015	75
500	Harry Mihaichuk	27-Aug 2015	83

### DECEASED FOREMEN

PORT	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE AT DEATH
514	James Kallenberger	14-May-2015	74
514	Donald Day	19-Jun-2015	59
514	Robert Beck	06-Jul-2015	68

### DECEASED WIDOWS

PORT	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE AT DEATH
500	Dorothy Joseph	01-Dec-2014	83
514	Beatrice Morris	07-Apr-2015	88
500	Nadine Gonzales	25-Apr-2015	85
500	Olive Staples	05-May-2015	91
500	Anne Nichols	14-May-2015	90
502	Klara Sever	17-May-2015	74
502	Justina Giesbrecht	12-Aug-2015	97
514	Doreen Garland	17-Aug-2015	91

### DECEASED ACTIVE MEMBERS

PORT	NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE AT DEATH
500	Morgan Baker	21-May-2015	52
500	Mike Mitchell	18-Jul-2015	61
502	Ken Lakusta	23-Jul-2015	57
500	Eric Howe	26-Jul-2015	42
502	Dean Dolan	26-Aug-2015	59
500	Steve Northard	26-Aug-2015	40

## REMEMBER BALLANTYNE



June 18th, 2015 marked the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Ballantyne Pier a historic moment in ILWU Canada history. We lost the battle but won the war. Several years after the Shipping Federation broke the Union, ILWU rose from the ashes and reconstituted itself into the Union you see today, strong and unwavering in our commitment to safety and family, supporting jobs for our members. In the photo are Mike Marino, Pensioner, Joey Hartman, VDLC (Vancouver District Labour Council), Lori Mayhew, NWDLC (New Westminster District Labour Council) and Dan Kask, ILWU Local 502

## PORT LEGEND

- |                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Local 500 - VANCOUVER        | Local 514 - FOREMEN              |
| Local 502 - NEW WESTMINSTER  | Local 517 - PORT AUTHORITY STAFF |
| Local 505 - PRINCE RUPERT    | Local 519 - STEWART              |
| Local 508 - VANCOUVER ISLAND | Local 523 - RIDLEY ISLAND        |
- (Victoria, Chemainus, & Port Alberni)

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## REMEMBRANCE

**Dave Tochkin** of Local 517 passed away September 10th, 2015. Dave was Local 517's most senior Facilities Engineering Coordinator. He began working at Canada Place Corporation in 1990, and joined Local 517 when CPC integrated with Port Metro Vancouver in December of 2012

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**Carol Lynne Coleman:** wife of pensioner Ronald Coleman passed away January 4th, 2015

### Other Announcements

Sincerest apologies to the families of the members whose announcements were missed in the June edition. In January 2015 the ILWU Canada office experienced a fire and in the confusion some correspondence was lost. Thank you for your understanding.

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