

## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Work opportunities for our construction members are still stronger than the general 10.4% London area unemployment rates. Residential low rise construction has been hit with a 60% reduction in work.

Notwithstanding our membership unemployment rate is approximately 7% with infrastructure stimulus projects yet to start this fall.

We have been actively lobbying the Federal and Provincial government to fund projects that will both provide short term jobs and long term growth opportunities.

It has been a major struggle to get the City of London Council to understand they need to find a vision for job creation. 27,000 residents of London are currently unemployed.

On June 30, 2009, we had 50 members laid off from Bruce Power. We currently still have approximately 400 members employed at the Bruce Nuclear Power Development and are waiting for the BHPD-Milton Power line to start and another potential Appendix 'A' shut down.

The \$300 million London St. Joe's Hospital expansion will start in 2010 along with the UWO \$100 million addition, Medallion \$50 million Twin 21 story London Residential Buildings and the \$50 million City of London S.E. Water Treatment Plant.



*Jim MacKinnon,  
Business Manager*



*Developers, Realtors, Construction Unions and Local 1059's unemployed members to a demonstration at London's City Hall.*

## MEMBERS DEMONSTRATE

### Local 1059's Unemployed Demonstrate at City Hall

1059's Business Manager led a coalition of over 300 home builders, developers, realtors, Construction Unions and Local 1059's unemployed members to a demonstration at London's City Hall on June 29, 2009. The City was considering raising the development charges (D.C.'s) on all new home construction from \$17,000 to \$23,000 per home.

We were able to convince London City Council to delay any increase until January 1, 2010, in support of trying to provide an incentive to restart the residential construction sector. In the last year, our members have lost a lot of residential subdivision servicing and house basement construction due to a 60% reduction in residential work.

## OFFICIAL DEDICATION

As you may have heard through the media, the City of London had an official dedication service for the new Naomi Almeida Memorial Skatepark in London. Naomi violently lost her life in 2001. Her father, Aurelio Almeida is a member of Local 1059 and our Training Centre built the skate board concrete structure and ramps.

This project was spearheaded by Aurelio Almeida, Father of Naomi and LIUNA 1059 member. The Local 1059 Training Centre managed and completed the construction of the concrete skatepark and utilized the help of apprentices while in school. Many kids from all parts of London came out for the event and the project was a huge success.



L to R is Mayor Ann Marie DeCicco-Best, Aurelio Almeida, Jim MacKinnon.



Business Representatives, City Politicians and Mayor, and community members attended the dedication of the Naomi Almeida Skate Board Park on July 16. The funding was primarily from the City of London for materials and we performed all the work for free.



# TRAINING CORNER

## Apprentice Recognition Dinner

The LIUNA Local 1059 Training Trust Fund held its annual Apprentice Recognition Dinner on Thursday, July 16 with 75 people in attendance including Apprentices and spouses, Contractors, Invited Guests, and LIUNA reps.



## Congratulations to all Graduates of Trade School

### Cement Finishing Class



Cement Finishing Graduates:

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|--------------------|----------------|
| Dana Campbell      | Martin Lesniak |
| Josh Campbell      | Dennis Pacheco |
| Domingo De La Rosa | Ruben Teves    |

### Construction Craft Worker Class



Construction Craft Worker Class Graduates:

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| Nelson Amaral      | Pawel Gromala    |
| Kevin Angel        | Eric Hall        |
| Robert Bromley     | Jeremy Low       |
| Ryan Campbell      | Jeffrey Matos    |
| Nicolas Charlebois | Darryl Melo      |
| Jeff Cresswell     | Brian Moniz      |
| Brett DeSantis     | Chris Murdock    |
| Jason Duncan       | Landon Posthumus |
| Ryan Fletcher      | Sambo Seang      |
| Steve Gardiner     | Chad Silva       |
| Robert Goddard     |                  |



### The Evening's Guest Speaker

The LIUNA Local 1059 Training Trust Fund welcomed the Hon. Chris Bentley, MPP and Ontario Attorney General as our guest speaker for the evening.

**TRAINING CORNER (CONT'D)**

**Special recognition was given to those members that have since written and passed the Provincial exam for the Construction Craft Worker trade.**



*Congratulations to:  
Starting at the top left: Ryan Campbell, Jeff Cresswell, Brett DeSantis, Ryan Fletcher, Steve Gardiner,  
Jeremy Low, Jeffrey Matos, Landon Posthumus, Sambo Seang, Chad Silva, Darryl Melo*

## SAFETY CORNER

### Ladders: What MOL Inspectors Look For—Part II

We recently received clarification on ladder enforcement. Back in December 2008, *2-Minute News* reported on some of the ladder-related hazards Ministry of Labour (MOL) inspectors are looking for on jobsites. Last month, the MOL provided further clarification on how they plan to deal with ladders. Here are a few of the main points.

- 1) According to the Construction Regulation, ladders are not work platforms. They are a means of access. In situations where you can use a scaffold or other type of approved work platform, use it. You may only work from a ladder when it is not possible to use a proper work platform.
  - 2) If working from a ladder is your only option, remember that ladders are more hazardous than work platforms. Fall protection rules apply to ladder use. If your feet are more than three metres from the ground, you must use fall protection.
  - 3) The MOL will allow “short duration” work from ladders—less than 30 minutes. Therefore, a worker may not work from a ladder for more than 30 minutes at one time. Workers may work from a ladder multiple times throughout the day, as long as there is an adequate rest period or alternative work in between. The amount of rest required depends on the task and the worker’s physical condition. This differs slightly from an earlier interpretation of the rule, which was that the 30-minute maximum applied to the entire day.
- DON'T FORGET:** if you are doing short duration work from a ladder and your feet are more than three metres from the ground, you must use fall protection.
- 4) You must keep your centre of gravity between the sides of the ladder and have two feet on the rungs at all times while working.
  - 5) Carrying equipment or material up or down a ladder is not permitted. Inspectors will look for 3-point contact.
  - 6) Ladders must be set up at proper angles, which is one foot out for every three to four feet up.
  - 7) Ladders must be set up on firm, level surfaces and the area around the base must be free of material and debris.

For a detailed chart explaining how MOL inspectors will enforce ladder use on jobsites, download the MOL ladder enforcement chart.

For a complete chapter from the *Construction Health and Safety Manual on ladder safety*, go to:  
[www.csao.org/UploadFiles/Safety\\_Manual/Equipment/Ladders.pdf](http://www.csao.org/UploadFiles/Safety_Manual/Equipment/Ladders.pdf)

For a safety talk on ladders, go to:  
[www.csao.org/UploadFiles/Safety\\_Talks/Extension\\_Ladders.pdf](http://www.csao.org/UploadFiles/Safety_Talks/Extension_Ladders.pdf)

### Safety Certification

Safety Certification Training continues well into the summer this year. A listing of upcoming courses is available on the website and Members are invited to sign up in advance of a class running.  
[www.liunalocal1059.com](http://www.liunalocal1059.com)



## E.I. HOURS REQUIRED FROM JULY 12/09 TO AUGUST 8/09

City	Hours		Hours
<b>Region 30</b>		<b>Region 34</b>	
London	525	Ailsa Craig	595
Denfield	525	Exeter	595
Hyde Park	525	Goderich	595
St. Thomas	525	Kincardine	595
		Lion's Head	595
<b>Region 31</b>		Mitchell	595
Aylmer	490	Owen Sound	595
Simcoe	490	Paisley	595
		Parkhill	595
<b>Region 33</b>		Port Elgin	595
Kitchener	560	Seaforth	595
		Southampton	595
<b>Region 34</b>		Stratford	595
Alvinston	525	Strathroy	595
Arkona	525	Tara	595
Sarnia	525	Tillsonburg	595
Watford	525	Walkerton	595
West Lorne	525	Warton	595
		Wingham	595
		Woodstock	595



## PREPARE FOR THE HEAT

It may arrive a little late this year, but the heat and humidity of summer will come—soon. To ensure that you and your workers are prepared to work outdoors in high temperatures, make your next safety talk about the prevention, symptoms, and treatment of heat stress.

The best way to prevent heat stress is to drink water regularly throughout the day. On really hot days, take frequent breaks in a shaded or air-conditioned area.

The effects of heat stress range from mild to severe: heat rash and heat exhaustion on the mild to moderate side and heat stroke on the severe side. Make sure your workers know how to recognize the symptoms and what to do about them.




### HEAT RASH

Heat rash usually goes away in a few days if treated.

#### Symptoms of heat rash include

- ▶ red blotches and extreme itchiness on areas damp with sweat
- ▶ a prickling sensation on the skin where you are sweating.


 *Treatment:* Rest in a cool environment, take a cool shower, and dry your clothes and skin thoroughly.

### HEAT EXHAUSTION

If not treated promptly, heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke. It takes at least 30 minutes to cool your body after suffering heat exhaustion.

#### Symptoms of heat exhaustion include

- ▶ weakness
- ▶ headache
- ▶ breathlessness
- ▶ nausea or vomiting
- ▶ feeling faint


 *Treatment:* Rest in a cool environment (*for at least 30 minutes*), drink cool water, remove unnecessary clothing, and take a cool shower. If you can't take a shower, sponge your body with cool water.

### HEAT STROKE

Heat stroke occurs when the body can no longer cool itself and its temperature rises to critical levels. It can be fatal. Immediate medical attention is required. If a worker on your site is suffering from heat stroke, call 911 right away.

#### Symptoms of heat stroke include

- ▶ irrational behaviour
- ▶ confusion
- ▶ loss of consciousness
- ▶ convulsions
- ▶ hot, dry skin
- ▶ lack of sweating

 *Treatment:* Call 911. While waiting, immerse the worker's whole body in a tub of cool water or spray the worker with cool water from a hose. If possible, wrap the worker's body with sheets soaked in cool water. Get the worker to the hospital immediately.

For more information on heat stress, including how to set up a work-rest schedule that is appropriate for the weather, posters reminding workers to drink water, and a safety talk, visit CSAO's Heat Stress page: [www.csa.org/t.tools/t6.news/heat\\_stress.cfm](http://www.csa.org/t.tools/t6.news/heat_stress.cfm)



## MINISTER OF LABOUR VISITS

### Minister of Labour Visit to Training Centre

Peter Fonseca, MPP and Ontario's Minister of Labour visited our training centre on June 18, 2009. The Minister met afterward with Local 1059 Business Representatives and local contractors, along with MPPs Deb Matthews and Khalil Ramal and industry issues and Local 1059 concerns were discussed.



## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

### The LIUNA Local 1059 Training Fund Mobile Training Unit is one step closer to becoming reality!

The 5th-wheel trailer is currently in phase 1 of construction at the Featherlite plant.



### IDEAS FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER?

Do you have questions or comments about this newsletter? Do you have a story or member focus idea you think would be of interest to Local 1059 members? Please let us know. Email Dawn at [dmarkowski@liuna1059.ca](mailto:dmarkowski@liuna1059.ca), or call the office.



## OUR CHARITIES



Walter Medeiros, Secretary Treasurer (right) presenting donation cheque of \$1,500.00 to the Portugese Canadian club of Strathroy. L to R is Fernanda Medeiros, Secretary, Rui Xavier, President and Luis Pereira, Treasurer.



Constable Murray Woodman receives a cheque for \$200 from LIUNA Local 1059 Executive Board Member Mike Rock, Bruce Power Chief Steward. The money funded prizes for the South Bruce OPP Charity Golf Tournament.

Contributions To Charities in 2009	
Portuguese Club Folk Group	\$1,000.00
CUSW Charity Golf	\$540.00
PWU Charity Golf	\$1,140.00
Portuguese Club of London Inc. - Soccer	\$2,000.00
LIUNA Local 183 Charity Golf	\$2,500.00
Sport London and Benfica Soccer Club	\$3,270.00
Waterloo-Wellington Building Trades Charity Golf	\$250.00
Rona MS Bike Tour - Charity	\$300.00
Amico Racing Inc.	\$3,000.00
Canadian Aid For S. Sudan	\$1,000.00
Portuguese Club of Strathroy - Soccer	\$1,500.00
London Falcons Football Club	\$2,000.00
Crossby Dewar Charity Golf Tournament	\$550.00
BACU Local 5 Golf Tournament	\$1,380.00
Members Local 1059 Slow Pitch Sponsor	\$1,200.00
South Bruce OPP - Charity	\$200.00
Black & McDonald Crosby Charity Golf Tournament	\$500.00
Local 506 Bocce Ball	\$350.00
Operators Local 793 Golf	\$300.00
LIUNA Hamilton Charity Golf	\$1,700.00
Westover Charity Golf	\$1,300.00
Ronald McDonald House	\$400.00



### 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The 9th Annual Invitational Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 7th at Westminster Trails Golf Club, with all proceeds going directly to the United Way of London and Middlesex.

➡ **Last year's tournament raised \$60,495.00. With your support, we'll make this tournament another big success!**

**Registration is \$100. To sign up, contact the Local 1059 Office at 519-455-8083.**

