



TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION No. 31

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LOCAL 31 WELCOMES NEW COAST 2000 PRINCE RUPERT WORKERS INTO THE TEAMSTERS UNION

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Prince Rupert – Fresh on the heels of opening a new office in Prince Rupert last December, Teamsters Local Union No. 31 is pleased to welcome twenty- six new brothers and sisters employed at the Coast 2000 Prince Rupert and Ridley Island Terminals.

The Local Union’s newest members operate lift equipment to offload lumber from either railcar or flatbed truck. The wood product is then carefully handled by Teamsters and stuffed inside sea containers enroute to international customers. The Teamster Container Lift Operators stack sea containers within the yard and lift sea containers on and off trailer chassis. The Hostlers operate truck equipment that moves sea containers within the Terminals.

The Coast 2000 Prince Rupert bargaining unit is one of two Coast 2000 units that Local 31 represents, the original being in Richmond, British Columbia. Over time, Teamster members have helped create Coast 2000 into the largest leading third party logistics export service provider to the Pulp and Paper, Lumber, and International Steamship Line (sea container) industry.

“Our members and Coast 2000 have had a long productive history together”, stated President Stan Hennessy, “new Teamsters in Prince Rupert will now be able to utilize their collective agreement that contains great work life balance including extended vacation time, banked vacation overtime and accumulated time off”.

In late February, President Stan Hennessy, Business Agent Anthony Kirk and Organizer Ben Hennessy conducted a union meeting with the new Coast 2000 Teamsters at the Highliner Hotel in Prince Rupert. President Hennessy chaired the meeting and guided new members through their collective agreement. Since then, Business Agent Kirk has met with members at the jobsites.

“I’ve had a great time meeting with our new members”, stated Business Agent Kirk, “everybody is enjoying the new contract and are happy to be Teamsters.”

The new collective agreement commenced on March 1, 2019 and will expire on February 28, 2022. The hourly rates of pay and benefits will make Coast 2000 the industry leaders in Prince Rupert.

“Our new Coast 2000 Prince Rupert brothers and sisters will now have access to Teamsters Health and Welfare and the Teamsters Pension Plan,” stated Organizer Ben Hennessy, “this contract is a difference maker to the lives of the Coast 2000 workers. The Organizing Department will be at non-union worksites to share the positive results of membership in the International Brotherhood of Teamsters”

To organize your workplace please contact Ben Hennessy, Director of Organizing at Teamsters Local Union No. 31 at [604-527-2722](tel:6045272722) or bhennessy@teamsters31.ca

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Teamsters Local Union No. 31 proudly represents 8,000 members in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory including general truck drivers, transit and bus drivers, warehouse, grocery, courier, public sector, pulp and paper workers and limousine chauffeurs.

