

## Presidents Message

2006-09-27

**Next Wednesday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> will be our next Union membership meeting at McVeigh's on the south-east side of Richmond and Church on the second floor at 6:00 p.m. The main agenda item will be the upcoming National C.E.P. convention in Vancouver starting Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing the proposed resolutions for the convention and the impact they potentially will have on Local 25. There are financial resolutions from the national that will affect our defence fund. The delegates who are attending this convention will be representing you. The delegates are interested in your position on these resolutions and this meeting will allow you the opportunity to voice that opinion.**

**Local 25 has experienced much movement of members in the last few Years and soon we will see members leaving local 25 to go to Creekbank In Local 26. We wish them all the best . Remember to make sure you get form 4986 that shows you moving to your new location. If this move makes you further away from home you are entitled to travel pay for the first 30 days. You must fill out a form 8210 and request this travel pay from your boss.**

**We have 1 year left on our collective agreement which expires Nov.30 2007. Mr. Sabia has recently reported that he would like to extend the existing collective agreement. While I doubt that any members would have any problems extending the collective agreement another 4 years I have grave doubts on Sabia's sincerity. When I was at the bargaining table 3 years ago Bell brought over 28 concessions they wanted to press into our new contract. They were unsuccessful in doing this in part due to the solidarity and support you provided to your bargaining committee.**

**Since the signing of our last collective agreement Bell has hired an unprecedented number of contractors to do our jobs. All who are compensated less than we are. Bell has promoted techs to management without crews with no notification to the Union. What are they doing ? Bell is not forthcoming on their activities.**

**Is Sabia sincere when he says he wants to extend our agreement or is he leading you into a false sense of security so you will be unprepared if this does not happen?**

**Historically, we have had 3 strikes-1978-1988 and 1999.**

**2 of these happened because Bell LOCKED US OUT!**

**It is my responsibility to prepare you for every possibility. Bell has stockpiled a reserve labour force, they have also publicly stated a commitment to reduce expenditures. You do the math!**

**Do yourselves a favour:**

- Start saving money[10%] per month-you can spend it later if there is no strike**
- Do not let managers do your work! Report activity to stewards**
- Work only with people who have Bell ID. [AS FOUND IN BELL DIRECTORY]**

**Benjamin Franklin once said “It is better to expect the worst and be pleasantly surprised than to expect the best and be bitterly disappointed”**

**Take care,  
Douse President Local 25 C.E.P.**