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## Local 118 launches energy audit inspection company

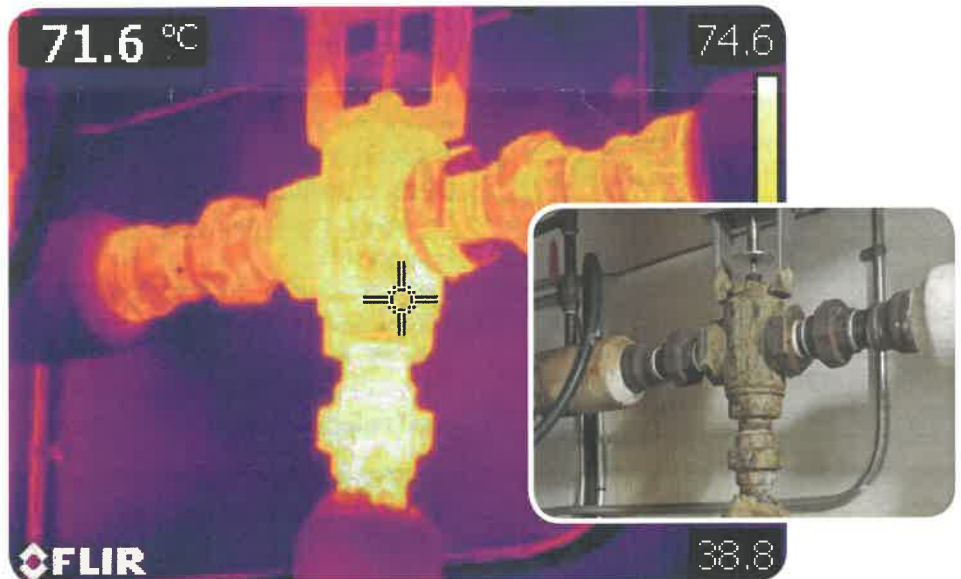
### SALAMANDER INSPECTIONS WILL AUDIT QUALITY AND CONDITION OF MI AND PERFORM ENERGY AUDITS

BC Insulators have recently launched an energy audit and inspection service called Salamander Inspections Ltd. It is currently offering professional third party evaluations on mechanical insulation.

Project Manager Bob Barter will be responding to requests to audit the quality and condition of a building's mechanical insulation. It is the first time that this type of specialized service has been offered anywhere in Canada.

Salamander Inspections is made up of professional Journeyman auditors and insulator inspectors who have been accredited by the NIA – Certified Insulation Energy Appraisers –with many years of hands-on experience between them.

Salamander Inspections will also be able to perform energy audits. Besides the visual inspections, they will be using




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one of the latest tools in building investigations -- the FLIR thermographic camera.

This camera will help identify heat loss and many other insulation deficiencies that are invisible to the naked eye. In the hands of a skilled operator, the camera

provides data that generates reports which can be used to quantify the amount of energy being lost.

Their reports will be of interest to energy managers and facilities managers. The team has already been slated to do inspections across the country. 



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## NEGOTIATIONS WITH CLRA CONTINUE

Local 118 is currently participating in Trade Level negotiations with the CLRA (Construction Labour Relations Association).

We've met four times to this point and future meetings are scheduled.

The CLRA is taking a hard line on some things. They were asking for 1 ½ instead of double time for Saturdays, and they are looking at the removal of shift premiums for afternoons and graveyard.

We have only been able to agree on housekeeping matters at this point.

We will report back to you as the negotiations progress.

## WORK OUTLOOK

### Early boom promises a busy year

2016 has started off with a bang and we are looking forward to a very busy year. BC Insulators are currently working at two Biomass Plants, one in Fort St. James, and the other in Merritt. These projects are employing 11 members, and there is further work to be released.

Northern BC is beginning the year slowly, but we are expecting projects at Spectra Fort Nelson and in Dawson Creek. In addition there are a number of projects coming on line in the Prince George area.

Vancouver Island is humming along as our contractors are continuing to pick up work. Members are working at the shipyards in Victoria, hospitals in Comox and Campbell River, and an increasing

number of condo and commercial and institutional projects.

Our contractors in the Okanagan are enjoying a building boom in the area. Members are working at the Oliver Prison, hospitals in Kamloops, and Kelowna, wineries, breweries, as well as some industrial work.

The Vancouver area is very busy and picking up steam as our contractors are bidding and being awarded some significant projects in the commercial and institutional area. We are also preparing to place large crews at the Fortis BC LNG project at Tilbury Island, in Delta. Work has begun on the storage sphere, and we are waiting for cryogenic and hot piping to be released. ●

## Court battle to enforce asbestos safety laws continues

Supreme Court ruling that rules are “too complex” sets dangerous precedent

Seattle Environmental and the Singhs have been in the news over the last month.

Mike and Shawn Singh are before the courts once again for ignoring WorkSafeBC regulations as they relate to removal of asbestos prior to during renos and demolition. This is the third time they have come before the Supreme Court because of their risky actions.

The Judge dismissed it this time because he viewed the WCB Act and WorkSafeBC Regulations to be too complex for an employer in follow.

This could set a dangerous precedent. WorkSafeBC is rightfully appealing that decision.



BC Insulators Union Business Manager Lee Loftus (right) and BC Federation of Labour Secretary-Treasurer Aaron Ekman (left) speak to media outside BC Supreme Court hearing on asbestos contractors.

Lee Loftus commented: “If this interpretation were to logically be extended – then do I have an obligation to pay my taxes if the tax legislation is too complex for an average person to follow? What about environmental

protection laws? Aren't they complex too?”

The Singhs have slapped a law suit against Local 118 and Brother Loftus in an attempt to force us to stand down from our position. ●



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— Tyler Thorne, representing Local 118

## APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOL

The following apprentices are scheduled to attend school this spring.

APPRENTICES SPRING 2016		
Level 2 April 25 - May 20/16	Level 4 May 23 - Jun 17, 2016	Level 1 June 20 - July 25/16
James Brooks	Chase Beuk	Tom Chamberlain
Avery Fayant	Paul Cole Calvo	Bryce Cooper
Riley Feser-Gray	Cesar Casso	Elija Costa
Maureen Gayle Lasko	Conrad Edward	Trevor Feser-Gray
Angela Lentini	Alex Grieve	Mauricio Gonzalez
Jessy McClelland	John Ho	Sean Haraldson
Shane Monahan	Marshal Brandon Kacer	Richard Lloyd
Steve Morrison	Adam Leblanc	Bryan Poole
Jacqueline Page	Frank Sheeler	Brandon Spencer
Joy Panuncialman	Tyler Thorne	Kyle Spender
Joseph Williams	Matthew Warwick	Aaron Storzuk
		Taryn Von Niessen
		Shannon Wailing

## MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR!



Ken Jakobsson has been a training instructor at BCIT for 16 years, and has been an active member of Local 118 since 1981.


## APPRENTICESHIP WESTERN MAC COMPETITION

The Western Canadian Master Apprentice Competition will be held May 8-9 in Edmonton, Alberta. Brother Tyler Thorne, third year apprentice, will be representing Local 118.

“Ever since I heard about the competition, it has been something that I wanted to do. I really enjoy doing metal work and making everything I do look great,” Tyler said. “I will be working hard at practicing my work in school and on the job.”

The champion will be named after two days of insulating and finishing a mock-up pipe module. The winner will go on to compete against other winners from across the continent at the International MAC Competition at Toledo, Ohio.





**Nanaimo**  
Monday, June 6  
Coast Bastion Hotel,  
7:00 p.m.

**Prince George**  
Thursday, June 9  
Coast Inn of the North,  
7:00 p.m.

## LNG CANADA TRADES TRAINING FUND

This year, over 50 of our apprentices were thrilled to have received this grant which covered their tuition expenses while attending school at BCIT. Thank you to all the LNG Grant participants!

## ENCLOSURES

**Ed Russell, Alyce Hodgkins, Tony Ceraldi and Steve Duzek scholarships.** Each draw is for \$500 – which will take place at the May 10, 2016 General Membership Meeting.

## IN MEMORIAM – DECEASED MEMBER

The Officers, Members and Staff would like to extend our most sincere condolences to your family.  
**Wayne Morrison**  
March 28, 2016


## GREEN REPORT

# Networking pays off to launch new BC Insulators inspection service

The BC Insulators participated at Buildex 2016. Mark Guay and Ashley Duncan staffed the booth with the help of Jeff Webb from SurfFit Products and Rob Sheck of AarcWest. They made a number of solid new contacts and we touched base with some old friends.

BC Insulators are thrilled that BOMA BC (Building Owners and Managers Association of BC) agreed to run an article in their monthly newsletter on Salamander Inspections (see page 1). This is the first time that we have been able to connect with BOMA on this level anywhere in North America. BOMA and their members hold billions of square feet of property across Canada and America so this is some really excellent exposure for us.

BC Insulators attended the Globe 2016 at Canada Place. Bob Barter and Mark Guay staffed the Trade Show Booth and reported that they made a series of connections with important contacts who have agreed to have insulation audits performed on their properties. Salamander has already audited two properties for School District 39 and Lougheed Mall. In addition, they will be auditing five properties for the Government of Alberta in April.

We are pleased to report that these outreach activities are already working to not only broaden the work prospects for our members, but to position BC Insulators as an insulation industry information resource leader. 

## STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

**Victoria Day**  
Monday, May 23, 2016

**Canada Day**  
Friday July 1, 2016

**BC Day**  
Monday, August 1, 2016

**Labour Day**  
Monday, September 5, 2016



## SIGN UP FOR THE Mesothelioma Golf Tournament Fundraiser

This year the 9th Annual Mesothelioma Golf Tournament Fundraiser takes place on Friday, May 27, 2016 at the Northview Golf and Country Club in Surrey BC. Last year we raised an incredible \$74,000. We are hoping to beat that record this year.

The proceeds from last year were donated to help buy an EU-ME2 device. This state-of-the-art probe goes inside a patient's body to provide clinicians with clear, detailed images of lung and lymph nodes, thus providing better detection and characterization of lung cancer. It allows for diagnosis and staging of lung cancers, which are impossible to detect with a standard bronchoscopy.

We hope to see you there!