



# UA Canada member newsletter

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### Safety News: Stop Use, Inspection and Replace Notice

Safety news from UA Canada.

Products involved: All FallTech full-body harnesses with quick-connect (bayonet style) buckles.



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### Why the UA Canada supports the Keystone XL Pipeline

UA Canada, its officers and members know full well that the benefits of refining our Canadian bitumen here in this country are critically important to the economic welfare of our nation and ultimately to the benefit of our thousands of building trades people throughout our country.

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## UA Canada members' top 10 stories

Three months ago, UA Canada launched our new website and Facebook Page to help improve communications with members from coast to coast. Since that time 3,200 visitors have viewed website pages more than 12,000 times and more than 2,600 people have become our Facebook fans. These are the ten most popular stories since the launch.

Top 10 Stories (by number of views):

1. [UA Canada responds to Ontario merger questions](#): With more than 500 views since it was posted on January 18<sup>th</sup>, this is the most popular story so far. In it UA director of Canadian Affairs John Telford responds to Facebook and website comments and questions that arose from the announcement of local union mergers in Ontario
2. [UA Canada boosts members' communication](#): This video from John Telford explains the new communications initiative and asks members to get involved.
3. [Local 254's stunning mural is a must see in Winnipeg](#): Artist Charlie Johnston's gorgeous mural depicting UA members at work is featured.
4. [UA Canada answers members 'questions](#): One week after the new website and Facebook were launched, UA Canada HQ answers questions raised and responds to commenters.
5. [UA Canada: Message from John Telford](#): A month after the website and Facebook launch, John Telford explains how stories are produced and who is behind HQ comments.
6. [Should we be training non UA apprentices?](#): UA Canada HQ explains the strategy behind providing quality training to non-members.
7. [Red Seal newsletter](#): Story about the Red Seal newsletter, a tool to keep people informed about the CCA's activities and priorities, with links to Red Seal stories.
8. [2013 Construction Forecast: Global Challenges](#): Jim Barns of the Mechanical Contractors Association looks into his crystal ball to see the year ahead.
9. [Ontario UA Locals: Consolidation makes sense](#): An article to explain how consolidation of Ontario locals makes sense for members.
10. [Bill C-377: This is important](#): A call to action for members to let their own Members of

Parliament know their opposition to Bill C-377.

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## Nova Scotia pipe fabricator delivers to Alberta oil sands

A pump barge being constructed in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia is destined for use in an Alberta oil sands tailings pond. It's a great example of how UA members across the nation are working together.

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## UA Local 488 helps students

UA Local 488 and the Alberta Pipe Trades College have partnered with M.E. LaZerte High School in Edmonton to help jump start students' careers in welding, reports the Edmonton Journal.

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## Two UA locals enter into historic unity pact

Two UA locals have entered into a [unity coalition](#) with other construction unions for the 2013 and 2016 raiding periods.

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## Join Presenting Sponsor UA Canada at the Skills Canada National Competition 2013

UA Canada is proud to be the presenting sponsor of the 19th Skills Canada National Competition being held from June 5-8, 2013, in Vancouver, BC.

The event brings more than 500 competitors representing over 40 trades from all provinces and territories to compete in Canada's only national, multi-trade and technology event for young skilled trade and technology students and apprentices.

**Watch the Skills Canada National Competition 2013 promotional video:**



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## Open letter to Obama from UA Canada

Letter sent to U.S. President Barack Obama on behalf of the UA Canadian Membership and their families who support the [Keystone XL Pipeline Project](#).

[Read the full letter »](#)

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## UA tackles labour shortages at the Canada 2020 conference

At the [Canada 2020 Skilled Trades in the Energy Sector Conference](#), Human Resources Minister Diane Finley called for closer partnerships between the government, labour groups and industry to meet Canada's growing labour shortage, particularly in the construction trades.

Watch Larry Matychuk and the Skilled Trades in the Energy Sector Conference labour perspective panel here:



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## Local 488 notice to UA Members employed by non-signatory contractors

Local 488 final notice letter to UA members working for non-signatory contractors.

[Read the full notice »](#)

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## Canadian Apprenticeship Forum talks mentoring

Effective on-the-job mentoring is essential to the development and retention of apprentices. That's why the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum is holding an open discussion on mentoring practices and resources.



**Canadian Apprenticeship Forum**  
**Forum canadien sur l'apprentissage**

### **Making it Work: Effectively Mentoring Apprentices in the Workplace**

For all event details:

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## Tell us your stories...

Do you have a story you would like included in the UA members newsletter? We want to hear from you. Every month we pull together stories from across Canada that demonstrate the impact UA Locals have in their community, profession and on prospective members. Your stories are important.

If you have a story to share, contact us and we will ensure your good work is shared with members nationwide.

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