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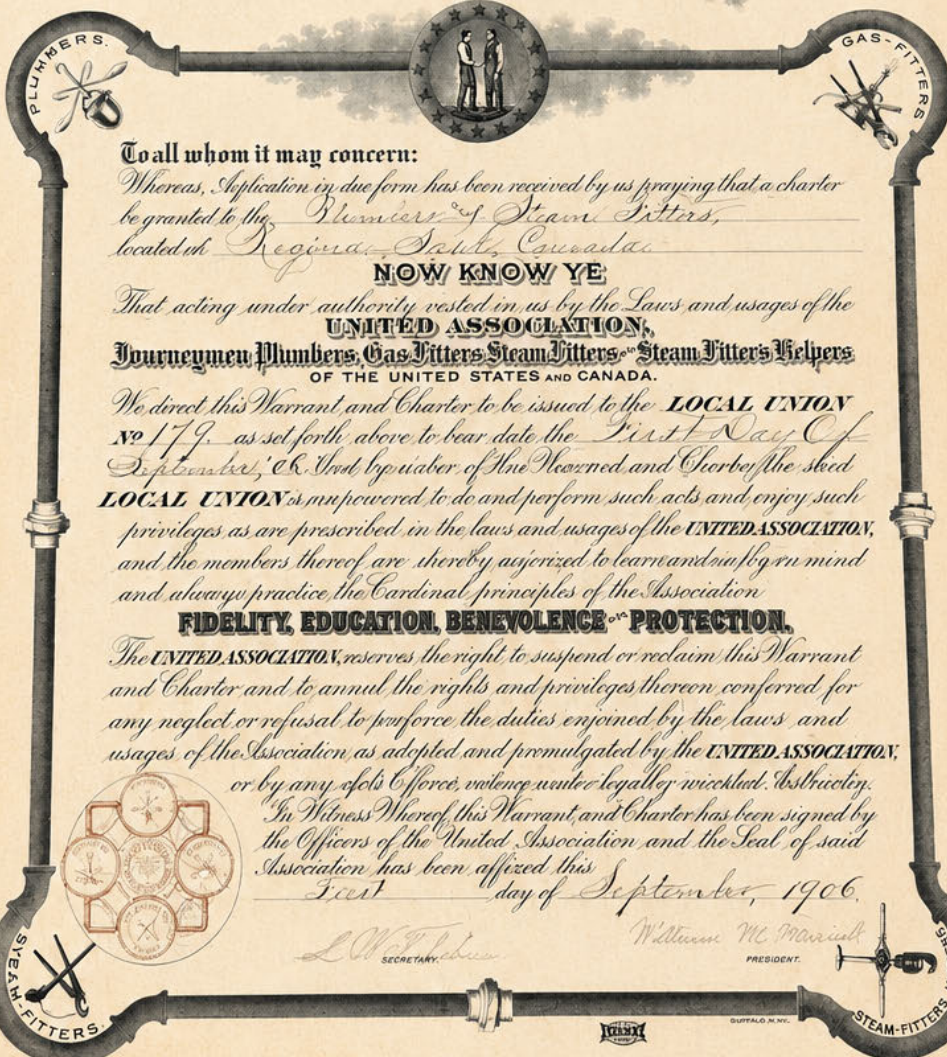
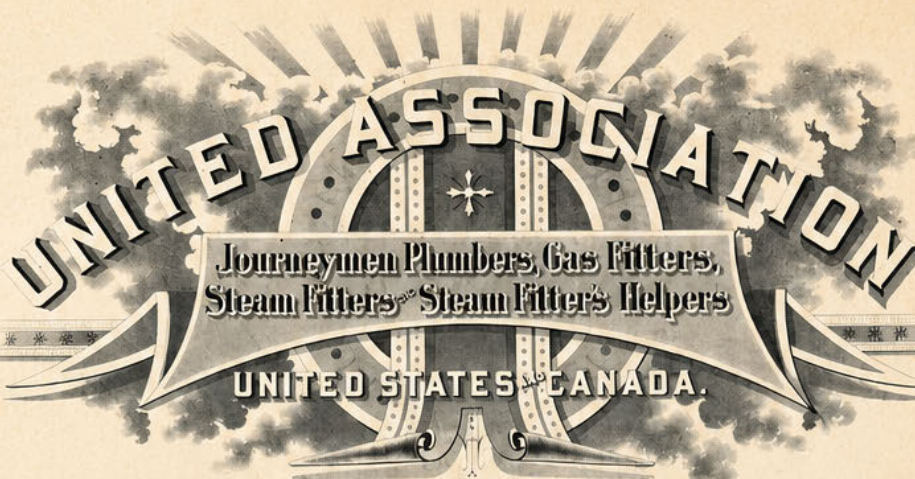
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120 YEARS
OF PRIDE. SKILL. SOLIDARITY.

BUILDING SASKATCHEWAN SINCE 1906.

UA LOCAL 179 120TH ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER



To all whom it may concern:

Whereas, Application in due form has been received by us praying that a charter be granted to the *Plumbers & Steam Fitters*, located at *Regina, South, Canada*

NOW KNOW YE

That acting under authority vested in us by the Laws and usages of the **UNITED ASSOCIATION, Journeyman Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters, Steam Fitters' Helpers** OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

We direct this Warrant and Charter to be issued to the **LOCAL UNION No 179** as set forth above to bear date the *First Day Of September*, A.D. 1906, and empower of the Warrant and Charter of the said **LOCAL UNION** is empowered to do and perform such acts and enjoy such privileges as are prescribed in the laws and usages of the **UNITED ASSOCIATION**, and the members thereof are thereby authorized to learn and in so far as mind and always practice the Cardinal principles of the Association

FIDELITY, EDUCATION, BENEVOLENCE & PROTECTION.

The **UNITED ASSOCIATION** reserves the right to suspend or reclaim this Warrant and Charter and to annul the rights and privileges thereon conferred for any neglect or refusal to perform the duties enjoined by the laws and usages of the Association, as adopted and promulgated by the **UNITED ASSOCIATION**, or by any acts of force, violence, or illegal restriction.

In Witness Whereof this Warrant and Charter has been signed by the Officers of the United Association and the Seal of said Association has been affixed this *First* day of *September*, 1906.

L. W. T. Deane
SECRETARY

William Mc Marshall
PRESIDENT



DUFFALO, N. Y.

JUBILEE MESSAGE

To All Members of Local 179 Past and Present.

This year of 1956 is indeed a very prominent landmark in the history of the plumbing and heating industry in Regina and particularly Local 179. Approximately fifty years ago a small group of our fellow tradesmen gathered together to discuss with deep concern their material welfare and prospects for the future. Much thought and time was expended on the study of these vital matters and eventually they were unanimously inspired to form a union to protect their interests and to advance their lowly economic status. Application for a charter was made to the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters of I.S.A. and Canada and on September 1, 1906, Local 179 Regina was duly established.

It was an auspicious beginning in a comparatively new area, an area blessed with wonderful and natural resources—a land of bright new dreams and aspirations. Only the year previous, Saskatchewan had been formally granted recognition as a province of Canada. It was a country of the highest hopes and expectations, justifiably so and amidst these most favourable circumstances the foundation of Local 179 was firmly laid. It is with sincere admiration and appreciation that we look back on the decisive and progressive action of our Charter members in so quickly and correctly appraising the situation and setting the proper course to benefit both themselves, the trade generally and the future members. The path has not always been smooth, periods of depression proved a sore and bitter meal and at times only the greatest loyalty of a few kept our Local in existence. However, the storms have been weathered and we are now much more firmly established to face the problems of the future.

Since those early days and through these past fifty years, many hundreds of names have appeared on the roster of Local 179, and many of our fellow unionists have come and gone, having made a very valuable contribution to our labour movement and leaving behind also a splendid record of faithful, unselfish service to the community in which they lived and to the ideals of good citizenship. We wish to acknowledge this service but to do full justice individually would be an impossible task and so in an earnest desire to express, by a simple token, and sincere thanks and appreciation, we place on record in our Jubilee publication this tribute to their kindly thought and solicitude in seeking to protect the welfare of their fellow workers of that day and of the future. In paying homage to them we willingly accept the obligation laid upon us to strive, also to have things better for those who will likewise follow in our footsteps.

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF LOCAL 179.

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Agreement of 1908

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FIRM OF
Union 179, United Association Journeymen Plumbers and Local
Steamfitters of United States and Canada for one year beginning
April 1st, 1908.

No. 1—The working hours of the six days of the week shall be:
from April 1st. to October 31st; nine hours—7:30 A.M. to 5:30
P.M.; from November 1st, to March 31st, eight hours—8 A.M. to
5 P.M.

No. 2—Overtime shall be paid at the rate of time and one half
till midnight and double time from midnight to 7 A.M. and double
time for Sundays and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Vic-
toria Day, Dominion Day, Labor Day, and Christmas.

No. 3—The rate of wages shall be from 40c to 50c per hour.

No. 4—Any member of Local 179 working out of town shall be
paid single time while travelling and shall have his board and trans-
portation paid.

No. 5—Each shop shall pay off at least every two weeks.

No. 6—No shop shall employ more than one apprentice to the
plumbing trade.

No. 7—No steamfitter shall be allowed more than one helper.

No. 8—No plumber shall furnish a fire-pot nor any tools for
the cutting or threading of pipe.

No. 9—Steamfitters shall not furnish any tools.

No. 10—No shop shall employ any non-union plumber or steam-
fitter who is not willing to join Local 179.

No. 11—The term of apprenticeship for the plumbing or heating
trade shall be four years. For the fourth year the rate of wages shall
be not less than 35c per hour.

No. 12—No member of Local 179 shall be allowed to work for
any firm not complying with these rules nor for any firm or person
not actually engaged in the plumbing or heating business. Nor shall
any member of Local 179 be allowed to do lumping or sub-contracting.

No. 13—As Local Union 179 has endeavored and will endeavor
to have first class mechanics to constitute its membership, the union
reserves the right to determine who shall be admitted as members.

No. 14—The bond of this agreement shall be the signature (by
the Manager) of any firm engaged in the plumbing or heating business
in Regina and the signature of the President and the Secretary of
Local Union 179 United Association Journeymen Plumbers and Steam-
fitters of United States and Canada.

President, Ivo DOYLE.

Secretary, N. GALLAUGHER.

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LABOR DAY MESSAGE & 120TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

— UA LOCAL 179 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 —

Brothers and Sisters,

This Labor Day carries special meaning for every member of UA Local 179. On September 1, 2026, we proudly celebrate the **120th Anniversary** of UA Local 179, whose charter was granted on **September 1st, 1906**.

For 120 years, generations of Local 179 members have built Saskatchewan. Our plumbers, pipefitters, welders, sprinkler fitters, refrigeration mechanics, and instrument mechanics have helped construct the hospitals, schools, power plants, mines, industrial facilities, commercial buildings, and critical infrastructure that serve communities across our province. Their skill, professionalism, and commitment to excellence have earned our Local a reputation respected throughout the industry.

Labor Day reminds us that the rights and opportunities we enjoy today were earned through the determination and sacrifice of those who came before us. The wages, benefits, pensions, training, and safe working conditions we enjoy today were secured because union members stood together in solidarity.

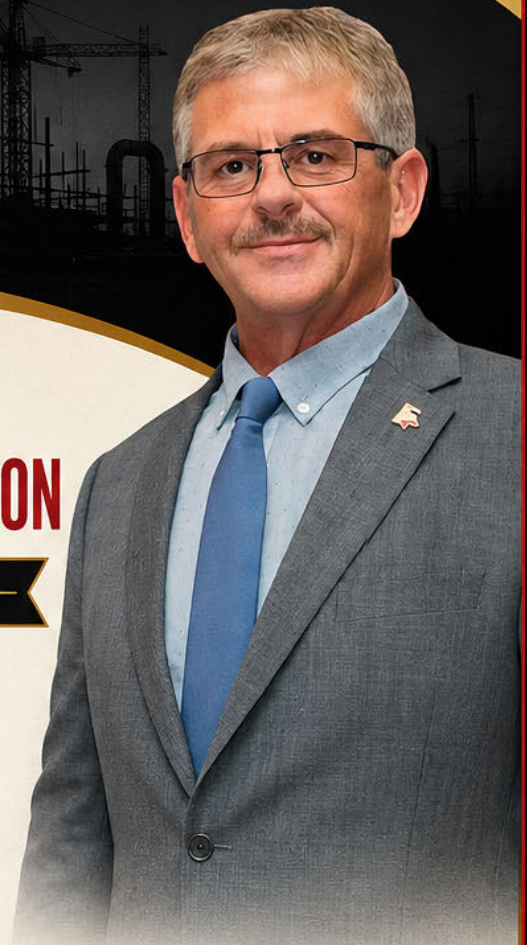
As we celebrate our 120th anniversary, we honour the thousands of members who came before us and thank every current member who continues to strengthen this great Local. Together, we are building on a proud legacy while creating new opportunities for future generations of UA members.

Happy Labor Day, and congratulations to every member of UA Local 179 on this extraordinary milestone. May we continue to honour our history, embrace our future, and stand united in solidarity for many years to come.

In Solidarity,

Mike McLean

Business Manager/Financial Secretary
UA Local 179



BUSINESS MANAGER

CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF
LEADERSHIP, GROWTH & EXCELLENCE

Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to report that Local 179 continues to experience strong growth and opportunities across Saskatchewan. The exceptional work being performed by our members throughout the province has strengthened our reputation with contractors, owners and industry partners, positioning our Local for continued success.

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all members who participated in this year's spring shutdowns. These projects demanded long hours, technical expertise, and a strong commitment to safety. Once again, Local 179 members delivered exceptional results. The successful completion of these shutdowns reflects the professionalism, skill, and dedication of our members the reputation of Local 179 continues to grow because of the quality work we our members perform every day.

Our membership has grown to 1655 members, including 993 active journeymen and 301 indentured apprentices. This growth reflects both the increasing demand for our skilled workforce and the dedication of our members to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and craftsmanship.

I am pleased to report that Local 179 increased its man-hours by more than 250,000 hours between 2024 and 2025. This growth is the result of strong commercial and industrial activity throughout Saskatchewan, combined with the exceptional work being performed by our members across the province. The increase in work opportunities demonstrates the confidence that owners, contractors, and industry partners continue to place in the skill, professionalism, productivity, and safety record of our membership.

As a result of our continued growth and increased work opportunities, I am pleased to welcome Mr. Darryl Haas to the Local 179 team as our new South Saskatchewan Commercial Business agent. Darryl's addition will strengthen our ability to serve members, support signatory contractors, and continue expanding opportunities within Saskatchewan's commercial construction sector. Please join me in welcoming Darryl.

One of the most significant developments this year is the signing of a project Labor Agreement with Bell CanadaNA as the Regina Data center project. (Project SOLIS) This project is expected to generate approximately 2 million man hours of work and could employ up to 400 members at peak with an anticipated duration of 18 months, this project will provide substantial employment opportunities for our members and strengthen our position within Saskatchewan's industrial sector.

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The Bell AI Data center is expected to generate substantial work opportunities for our members throughout the construction phase, while providing incentives that will directly benefit Local 179 members. As Saskatchewan continues to attract investment in emerging industries and advanced technologies, projects such as this position are members at the forefront of building the infrastructure that will support future economic growth.

I am also pleased to announce that Local 179 has entered into a new partnership with Flatstone Construction limited, formerly known as TRON Construction. Tron has a long history of successfully delivering major projects throughout northern Saskatchewan. This partnership will create additional employment for our members while strengthening Local 179's presence in the north. More importantly, it will support northern communities through apprenticeship opportunities and workforce development, ensuring local residents have access to meaningful careers in the skilled trades.

Training and workforce development remain among our highest priorities. I am pleased to report that we are very close to securing United Association apprenticeship training for both the Steamfitter/Pipefitter and Plumber Trades for our local union apprentices. This initiative will ensure our apprentices receive the highest quality training available through the United Association and will further strengthen the future of our workforce. As work continues, we will continue to invest in the next generation of skilled tradespeople. As we continue to grow, we remain focused on organizing, training and creating opportunities for both current and future members. The success we are experiencing today is the direct result of the dedication professionalism, and hard work demonstrated daily by our membership across Saskatchewan.

This year also marks a significant milestone in our history. On September 1st Local 179 will celebrate its 120th Anniversary. For 120 years generations of UA members have built and maintained the infrastructure that serves our communities while strengthening our union through solidarity, skill, and commitment. We should all take pride in the achievement and recognize the members who came before us and helped build the foundation we stand on today.

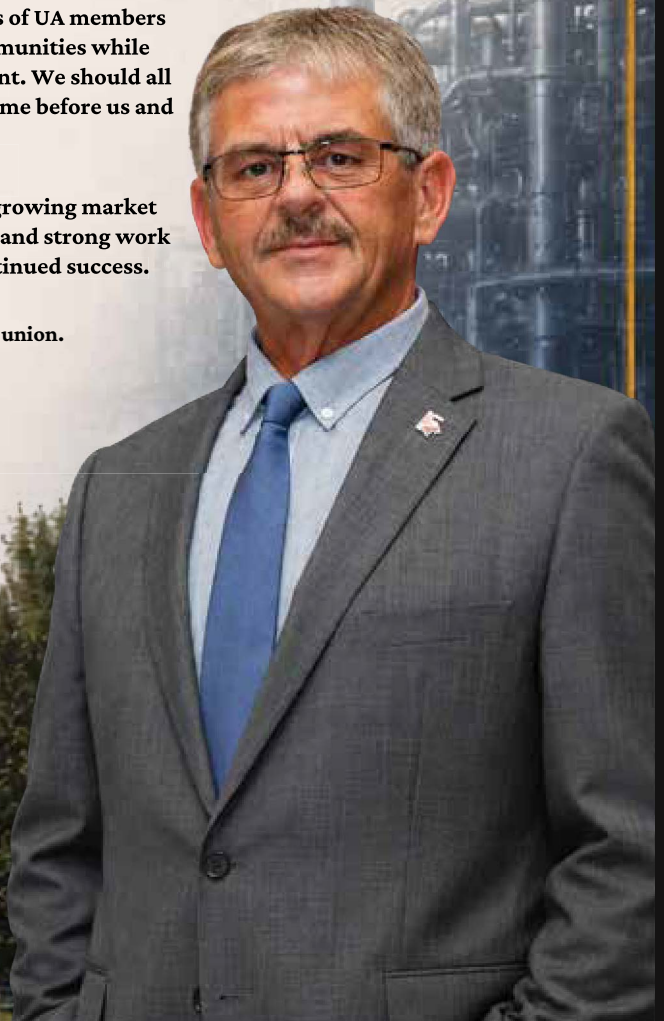
As we celebrate our past, we remain focused on the future. With growing market share, expanding partnerships, increased training opportunities, and strong work outlooks across the province, Local 179 is well-positioned for continued success.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to our local union.

In Solidarity,

Mike McLean

Mike McLean
Business Manager
UA Local 179



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**120 YEARS OF SOLIDARITY,
CRAFTSMANSHIP & BROTHERHOOD**

Business Agent Report

For UA Local 179 120th Anniversary

Hello Brother's and Sisters of local 179,

120 years what a milestone!! I'm honored to be able to write a report on our 120th Anniversary. I look back and think about when I started in the trade, I wasn't sure what I was getting into at the start, but I realized quickly how much I wanted to be a part of it. The journeymen I met on my first couple of slips taught me and took time to mentor me on my journey I was about to embark on. If not for those brothers taking the time to teach, answer my questions and genuinely cared about what we were doing making the work exciting, who knows where I would have ended up, I know one thing for sure they showed me this was more than a job and I will be forever grateful. I was shown being a part of the UA meant something, and I was excited to be able to be a part of it. Happy Birthday to all 179'ers past and present.

To all members the last 18 months have been an absolute whirlwind. The number of hours that you all have put in has been tremendous, Thank you very much for all your hard work! You've made the case again why UA Local 179 and its membership are the workforce that gets projects built and shutdowns completed.

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BUSINESS AGENT REPORT

You have completed projects like the Carbon Capture pilot in Belle Plaine, the LDC expansion, Foran McIlvenna Bay mine and Aspen Power Plant, major work in Esterhazy at K2 and Nutrient Rocanville, Lanigan and Cory. There's been lots of work up north at Cigar Lake, Key Lake, McLean Lake and McArthur River uranium mines and more to come at Denison Wheeler River and NexGen Rook 1 projects that appear ready to get going soon. The shutdown season this past spring was jam packed with shutdowns at Cory potash and Cory CoGen, Cenovus in Lloydminster, McLean Lake, Co-op refinery, Great Plains Power Plant, Estevan ICCS and Boundary Dam, Yara, and more to come at K+S, Mosaic Belle Plaine, Nutrient Lanigan and another round in Estevan at Boundary Dam. Our tab shops have been very busy fabricating a lot of the above-mentioned projects/jobs and others with more to come. The Bell AI Data center has kicked off and will be building that project for the next 12–18 months. Which is great news for Local 179 members with another long-term project to keep busy with. Our future work looks very positive in Saskatchewan; there is lot of momentum in our great province's it's great to see.

With it being so busy take the time to check in with your Brothers and Sisters working so many hours is hard. You never know when one of us might need that friendly voice at the other end of a phone making sure, you're doing alright. Take the time on site to help one another, take the time to take interest in that young apprentice that isn't sure about what to do or when to ask a question, and take the time for yourself and your families. Take time to be safe at work or at home. It's great to be busy but at the end of the day you and your health is always number one.

To cap it I know it's hard to keep track, please make sure your tickets are up to date if not, for your safety tickets book in with Sask piping or on line at saskpiping.ca and for your SCOT and R&R you can call the hall or come down in person and get you pin number to complete the courses online.

*Once Again Happy 120th Birthday Local 179
Nothing looks finer than 179ers!!*

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FOR 120 YEARS,

Local 179 has stood as one of the largest and most respected local unions in Saskatchewan. Being part of this organization has been both a privilege and an honor.

Over the years, our local has experienced tremendous growth—not only in membership, but across every sector of the trade industry in which we work. Our contractor base is stronger than it has ever been, creating more opportunities for our members and strengthening our presence throughout the province.

I want to congratulate all of the office staff, past and present, whose dedication and hard work have helped Local 179 reach this incredible milestone. Their commitment behind the scenes has been essential to our success. The work is demanding and constant, yet no one sits idle. Every person plays a vital role in moving this organization forward.

As stewards of this proud union, we recognize the responsibility we have to those who came before us and to those who will follow. Our members and staff work together every day to strengthen our union, grow opportunities across Saskatchewan, and ensure that every job is completed safely, professionally, and with pride. Above all, we strive to make sure every member returns home safely to their families at the end of each day.

Local 179 is recognized and respected across Canada, and that reputation has been earned through the unwavering dedication, professionalism, and commitment of our members and staff. As we celebrate 120 years of history, we also look ahead with confidence, knowing that the future of Local 179 is as strong as ever.

Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to this remarkable legacy. Here's to the next 120 years of strength, solidarity, and excellence.

Mitch Grenier

Mitch Grenier / Business Agent / Organizer
UA Local 179





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ORGANIZING UPDATE

Organizing remains a key priority for UA Local 179 as we continue working to grow our membership, strengthen our workforce, and bring more skilled tradespeople into the union.

Earlier this year, I attended several organizer's meetings in January to discuss potential organizing opportunities involving two non-union companies working at the BHP Jansen Mine site. We explored the possibility of an open period that would have allowed the various trade unions to move forward with organizing efforts. However, several issues arose that prevented the process from moving ahead, and after discussion, it was decided that we would not proceed at this time.

In March, I travelled with Regina with the assistance of International Representative Cody Summers to conduct outreach and meet with employees at several non-union companies. We had discussions with employees from Marquart, Town & Country, and Regina Plumbing and Heating. While the response was not as positive as we had hoped, we will continue building relationships and creating opportunities for these workers to understand the benefits of becoming part of UA Local 179.

Our organizing efforts are ongoing, and we remain committed to reaching out to non-union workers throughout the province. We believe there are many opportunities ahead, and we will continue working to show tradespeople the advantages of union membership and being part of our Local.

This year, we also had the opportunity to attend the WCPTC Business Managers and Organizers Conference in Kelowna. This event provides an excellent opportunity to network with Western Canadian Locals, discuss industry challenges, and work together on issues affecting our trades.

A major focus of these discussions continues to be the shortage of skilled tradespeople across the country. We shared information about available manpower, upcoming major projects, and the need for coordination between provinces to ensure we can properly support one another through travel cards when additional workforce is required.

These conversations are important as we continue preparing for the future and ensuring UA Local 179 remains strong, competitive, and ready to meet the needs of our members, contractors, and the industry.

NEW SIGNATORY CONTRACTORS AND MARKET GROWTH

Our contractors have experienced another exceptionally busy year. Commercial work has remained strong across the province, with projects ranging from our major city centres to rural Saskatchewan. Our members—plumbers, sprinkler fitters, and refrigeration technicians—have been working on some of the largest projects currently underway, including the new hospitals in Prince Albert and Weyburn, the Dakota Dunes development, and the BHP Jansen Mine project.

I could spend several pages listing all the work we have been involved in, but that's not the purpose of this newsletter. This edition is about celebrating the 120-year history of Local 179—reflecting on the challenges we've overcome, the successes we've achieved, and where we stand today.

One challenge that continues to affect us is the ongoing shortage of skilled tradespeople across all of our commercial sectors. The demand for refrigeration apprentices and journeypersons remains extremely high, we have had open calls for refrigeration members since last year, with contractors such as Black & McDonald, Answorth, Thorpe Brothers, and Simcoe. In 2025, the BHP EDCD Plumbing & Heating, Christie's Mechanical, Standard Mechanical, Berg Refrigeration, Simcoe Refrigeration, and Simcoe Heating, has been taking qualified workers. Despite these opportunities, filling these positions continues to be a significant challenge.

The same is true for our sprinkler protection sector. Contractors including Infinity Fire Protection, Vanner's Fire Protection, Classic Fire Protection, Vipond, All-Rite Fire Protection, and many others continue to have a strong demand for both apprentices and journeypersons. Finding enough qualified sprinkler fitters in Saskatchewan has been an ongoing struggle.

The plumbing trade has also experienced unprecedented demand for apprentices and journeypersons throughout the year. One of the key factors that has helped us meet the needs of several major projects has been the availability of the LOA. It has allowed Local 179 to bring in travelling members from other jurisdictions to help address labour shortages and ensure our contractors can continue moving projects forward.

Looking ahead, there are no signs that the commercial construction sector will be slowing down anytime soon. Our staff will continue working hard to support our contractors, provide opportunities for our members, and do everything possible to meet the workforce demands across Saskatchewan.





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NEW CONTRACTORS JOINING LOCAL 179

One of the highlights of this year has been the continued growth of our contractor base. We are proud to welcome several new signatory contractors to Local 179, further strengthening our presence across Saskatchewan and creating more opportunities for our members. Since the beginning of the year, we have welcomed Full Fuse Welding and Shireen Systems to Local 179. In the spring, SMC 2.0 and Flatstone Industrial also became signatory contractors. Looking ahead, we are pleased to announce that HVAC Solutions is expected to join Local 179 this summer. The continued addition of new contractors is a testament to the strength of our Local, the quality of our skilled workforce, and the value that union contractors bring to projects across the province. We look forward to building strong partnerships with each of these companies and creating even more opportunities for our members in the years ahead.

As of today, we have had another very successful six months in continuing to grow Local 179's signatory contractor base. With the support and assistance of our members, we have been able to bring new contractors into our Local and continue expanding our market share throughout the province. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped with these efforts. The involvement, support, and relationships built by our members are a major part of our continued success, especially within the industrial and commercial sectors. Growing our contractor base creates more opportunities for our members and strengthens the future of UA Local 179. We appreciate everyone who has contributed to this progress and look forward to continuing this momentum throughout the year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW SOUTHERN BUSINESS AGENT AND ORGANIZER

I would like to extend my congratulations and a warm welcome to Darryl Haas on his appointment as Local 179's Southern Commercial Business Agent and Organizer. Darryl, welcome to the team. You are joining an outstanding group of staff who are committed to helping you learn, grow, and succeed in your new role. Together, we will continue to provide the highest level of service to our members, our contractors, and our industry.

I am excited to have you working alongside Mike, Brandon, and me as we continue to grow Local 179 and build an even stronger future for our union across southern Saskatchewan. Work hard, stay committed, and always put our members first. I know you will do a great job, and we are all proud to have you on board. Congratulations again, Darryl, and welcome to the Local 179 team.

41ST GENERAL CONVENTION

I want to extend a special thank you to all the members of Local 179 who took the time to vote for me to serve as a delegate on your behalf at the 41st General Convention in San Diego. It is truly an honor to have your trust and confidence. I will do my very best to represent our members, our local union, and the values that make Local 179 strong. I will work hard to support motions and initiatives that help strengthen our local, benefit all provinces across Canada, and continue building a stronger organization throughout Canada and the United States. Thank you again for giving me this opportunity and for putting your faith in me. I do not take this responsibility lightly. I look forward to bringing your voice forward and, hopefully, helping achieve some positive changes for our organization. Thank you for your support.

UA LOCAL 179 - 13TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year, we were proud to host the 13th Annual UA Local 179 Golf Tournament at Holiday Park Golf Course in Saskatoon. Once again, the tournament was a tremendous success, and it was great to see so many members, families, friends, and contractors come together for a day of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. One of the best parts of this event is the opportunity to reconnect with people you may not have seen for a while, spend time with family and friends, and strengthen the relationships that make our Local so strong. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves and making the most of a great day on the course. Congratulations to this year's championship team: Curtis Famulak, Hunchal Park, Troy Bockey, and Kale Elder, who captured first place with an outstanding round. I would also like to congratulate everyone who went home with one of the many fantastic prizes that were generously donated. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and helped make this year's tournament another memorable event. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing everyone next year as we take the tournament to Regina.





CAREER FAIRS AND TRY-A-TRADE EVENTS



Recruiting and promoting the unionized skilled trades continues to be one of Local 179's top priorities. Throughout the year, our staff and members have had the opportunity to attend several career fairs and Try-A-Trade events across Saskatchewan, where we connected with students, educators, and individuals interested in pursuing rewarding careers in the plumbing, refrigeration, sprinkler fitting, and welding trades.



EVENTS WE HAVE ATTENDED SO FAR IN 2026



Saskatchewan Polytechnic Career Fair – Regina

February 1, 2026



Saskatchewan Polytechnic Career Fair – Saskatoon

February 10, 2026



Try-A-Trade Campus – Regina Public High Schools

March 26, 2026



Try-A-Trade – Lloydminster

April 29, 2026



Try-A-Trade – Moose Jaw Exhibition Grounds

May 6, 2026



Balgonie 2026 – Try-A-Trade Event

May 12 – 14, 2026



Jill of All Trades – Saskatoon

May 21, 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS LATER THIS YEAR



Assiniboia Career Fair

October 6, 2026



Chinook Career Fair – Swift Current

October 7, 2026



St. Peter's College Career Fair

October 7, 2026



Opening Doors for Tomorrow – Prince Albert

October 26, 2026



Save your future – Regina & Saskatoon

November 2 & 3, 2026

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TOGETHER.**



These events provide an excellent opportunity to showcase the careers available through UA Local 179 and to encourage the next generation of skilled tradespeople to join our industry. Every conversation we have and every event we attend helps strengthen the future of our Local.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to represent Local 179 and to encourage the next generation of skilled tradespeople to join our industry. Every conversation we have and every event we attend helps strengthen the future of our Local.

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Hello Brothers and Sisters,

As the new Commercial Business Agent for UA Local 179, I have been busy familiarizing myself with our commercial agreements and meeting with members in the southern part of the province. I want to thank the entire UA Local 179 staff for all the assistance they have given me as I familiarize myself with the inner workings of our Local. Transitioning from a commercial refrigeration mechanic to Business Agent has been a welcome change of pace. While I enjoyed my years in the field, I know I'll appreciate this new role even more once the middle of winter arrives and I'm no longer spending most of my days working outdoors.

I want to thank those that cast a ballot with my name on it for August 17-21.

With work continuing to be strong throughout Saskatchewan, our contractors remain very busy, and that's a great problem to have. From April through June, Mitch and I attended numerous Try-A-Trade events and career fairs across Saskatchewan, including the jill of all trades event in Saskatchewan. We already have several more events booked for the fall of 2026 as we continue promoting careers in the pipe trades. These are great events to introduce young people into the Trades so they can make plans for post-secondary education. Mitch and I take the UA Trailer to these events and set up different workstations so students can try soldering, pex crimping or pipe grooving. The hope is to expand some of the workstation's options to include Refrigeration.

In the fall of 2025, Skills Canada invited me to serve as a refrigeration judge at both the provincial and national competitions. Our 2026 provincial competition featured two UA apprentices. Our second-year apprentice from Ainsworth advanced to both the UA Western Canada Competition and the Skills Canada National Competition. Competing at that level for the first time is a significant accomplishment, and he represented UA Local 179 very well, finishing fourth in the nation. The 2027 National Competition will be in Calgary in May 2027.

Many of our commercial contractors continue to seek qualified service technicians, plumbers, and refrigeration mechanics. Our goal is to continue recruiting experienced tradespeople from the non-union sector to help meet this demand.

If any of you know of any non-union Journeymen or apprentice plumbers or refrigeration mechanics that are upset with their non-union employers in southern Saskatchewan, please send them in my email and let me know like to talk them two potentially organize their non-union company.

I hope for everyone that we can enjoy an extended fall season since summer didn't arrive until early July! Celebrating 120 years as a Local is a huge accomplishment so thank you to all current and past members for your hard work and commitment to UA Local 179.

Darryl Haas, RSE

UA Local 179

Commercial Business Agent/Organizer



STRENGTH



SOLIDARITY



BROTHERHOOD



EXCELLENCE

Contractor Updates

- ◆ **Vipond** – Business remains strong, with plenty of work underway. They have added several new apprentices to their team and currently employ 22 journeypersons and 11 apprentices in southern Saskatchewan.
- ◆ **Christie** – Both the service and construction divisions remain busy, with a healthy workload across the board. Work at the new Weyburn Hospital and the Sask Power job have wrapped up. Christie is currently busy with the new Goose Lake School at Saltcoats First Nation.
- ◆ **Edco** – Ecco continues to stay busy with projects throughout the Regina area. They were awarded the new southeast Regina Fire Hall and continue to quote and complete work at 15 Wing Moose Jaw. Edco is looking for a qualified Journeyman Service Plumber.
- ◆ **C&E** – Work remains steady in the Moose Jaw area, and they continue to maintain a strong working relationship at 15 Wing Moose Jaw.
- ◆ **Black & McDonald** – They welcomed a new Service Manager this year, and Wyodie has been doing an excellent job keeping their crews busy and moving from project to project.
- ◆ **JCI** – Ongoing service work at the Regina and Moose Jaw casinos continues to keep their technicians busy. They also have sprinkler fitter's working at the BHP Jansen project.
- ◆ **Ainsworth** – Ainsworth remains busy with a variety of projects throughout southern Saskatchewan, including ongoing work at Boundary Dam.
- ◆ **Infinity** – Work continues to be plentiful. They are always looking for additional qualified workers, and could especially use more sprinkler fitters.



STANDARD FOR EXCELLENCE

The United Association
Standard for Excellence policy is a
labor-management commitment to uphold the highest
industry standards for quality in the workplace and ensure
customer satisfaction. Highlights—including both labor and
management obligations—are presented below.

MEMBER AND LOCAL UNION RESPONSIBILITIES:	PROBLEM RESOLUTION THROUGH THE UA STANDARD FOR EXCELLENCE POLICY:
To ensure the UA Standard for Excellence platform meets and maintains its goals, UA business managers, along with the implementation team that includes shop stewards and local membership, shall ensure all members: - Arrive at work on time. - Adhere to contractual lunch and break times. Personal cell phones are only permitted during these times. - Have the required tools that are stipulated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. - Respect tools and equipment supplied by employers. - Utilize the local union and educational training and certification system to enhance their skill level. - Adhere to the zero substance abuse policy. - Be productive on the job site. - Eliminate disruptions. Ensure safe on-site completion of projects. - Respect the customer's property. Vandalism will not be tolerated. - Dress appropriately for their highly skilled and professional craft. (Offensive words or symbols on clothing will not be permitted.) - Respect and adhere to employer and customer rules and policies. - Follow management direction.	Under the UA Standard for Excellence, it is understood that members through the local union, and management through the signatory contractors, have duties and are accountable in achieving successful resolutions: Member and Local Union Responsibilities: - The local union and job steward will be responsible for correcting and solving problems with a member's job performance. - Job stewards will receive standard training and specialized training related to the Standard for Excellence policy. - Regular meetings will be scheduled between job stewards, UA supervisor and management teams. - The job steward will discuss with members those issues affecting work progress. - The business manager or his delegate will conduct regular meetings to discuss compliance with the Standard for Excellence policy. - The steward and management team will correct problems with individual members. - Members not complying with membership responsibility shall be brought before the Local Union Executive Board. The Local Union Executive Board will address the future to assist their obligation to the local and the UA, up to and including filing charges. Employer and Management Responsibilities: - Regular meetings will be scheduled between the job steward, UA supervisor and the management team. - Managers will address problems that arise. - In the event that a problem can not be resolved, the job steward and/or UA supervisor will be permitted, through a specific course of action, to communicate with higher levels of management. - If an employee is unwilling to adhere to the Standard for Excellence policy, a decision must be made regarding his or her further employment.
EMPLOYER AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES: MCAA/MSCA/PPF/MCPWB/PCA/UAC and NFSA and its signatory contractors have the responsibility to manage their jobs effectively. They have the following responsibilities under the UA Standard for Excellence: - Ineffective superintendents, general foremen, foremen, journey workers and apprentices will be returned to the referral list. - Provide worker recognition for jobs well done. - Ensure equipment, specifications, job layout instructions and materials are readily available. - Provide storage for tools. - Provide leadership to jobsite supervisors. - Ensure jobsite leadership takes responsibility for mistakes created by management decisions. - Be fair and consistent with disciplinary action. - Create and maintain a safe work environment. - Provide and support continued education and training. - Employ an adequate number of properly trained employees to efficiently complete the work assigned. - Treat all employees in a respectful and dignified manner. - Cooperate and communicate with the job steward.	Additional Jointly Supported Methods of Problem Resolution: - If an issue is irreconcilable, the local union or the contractor may call for a contractually established Labor Management meeting. - Weekly job progress meetings will be scheduled between job stewards, UA supervisors, and management. - The local union or the contractor may include the customer in these meetings if their input is needed to find a solution to a particular problem. - There will be leadership training certifying foremen, general foremen, superintendents, and other UA management as leaders in the UA Standard for Excellence policy.



LOCAL 179



120 *Years*

A PROUD HERITAGE
A STRONG FUTURE

UA LOCAL 179 OFFICERS, COMMITTEES & OFFICE STAFF

Michael McLean	– Business Manager & Financial Secretary
Brandon Faul	– Industrial Business Agent
Mitch Grenier	– Commercial Business Agent
Darryl Haas	– Commercial Business Agent
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Darwin Payette	– Vice-President
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Vanessa Miller	– Executive Board



Darry Haas	Finance Committee / Treasurer
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Robert Pollon	Finance Committee



Lianne Johnson	Executive Assistant/Office Manager (Regina & Saskatoon)
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Marina Horner	Administrative Assistant Regina
Andrea Milligan	Bookkeeper
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Brad Funk	Sask Piping Ind. Training Director
Janet Clarke	Sask Piping Ind. Executive Secretary
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Shawn Bouvier	Sprinkler Fitter Instructor
Curtis Morgan & Gerald Murray	Instructor / Apprenticeship Training





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Brothers and Sisters

Today, we are celebrating two things that are deeply connected: Labour Day and the 120th anniversary of UA Local 179.

Labour Day is more than the final long weekend of summer. It is a reminder of what working people accomplished by standing together. The rights, wages, safety standards, and opportunities we have today were built through the determination of workers who refused to accept that things could not be better.

That same spirit has been part of Local 179 since our charter was granted on September 1, 1906

For 120 years, our members have helped shape Saskatchewan. We have worked in the cold, the heat, underground, at heights, in operating facilities, and on construction sites across this province. We have built and maintained the systems that people depend on every day, often without the public ever knowing the names of the tradespeople who completed the work.

Our members have been there for major industrial projects, mines, refineries, pipelines, hospitals, schools, commercial buildings, and community infrastructure. When Saskatchewan has grown, Local 179 members have been part of that growth.

I have been a member of Local 179 since 2002, and I am proud of what this union has meant in my own life.

Like many members, I joined looking for a career and an opportunity to build a future. What I found was much more than that. I found a trade, a brotherhood and sisterhood, mentors, lifelong friendships, and a responsibility to help those coming behind me.

Over the years, I have seen our members step up for one another. I have seen experienced journeypersons take the time to teach apprentices. I have seen members work safely and professionally under difficult conditions. I have seen families support our members through long hours, travel, shutdowns, and time away from home.

Those are the things that make a union strong.

A union is not just a charter, a building, or a name on a sign. It is the people who show up, contribute, teach, lead, volunteer, and support each other. It is the members who protect the standards of our trades and make sure the next generation has an opportunity to succeed.

As we recognize 120 years, we should be proud of our history, but we should also remember that our work is not finished.

The industry is changing. The projects are changing. Technology and training are changing. Our responsibility is to make sure Local 179 continues to adapt, grow, and create opportunities for our members.

That means supporting apprenticeship, investing in training, maintaining high standards, and making sure our members remain among the most skilled and respected tradespeople in the industry.

It also means protecting the principles that built this organization: Fairness, Dignity, Safety, Opportunity, and Solidarity.

To the retired members who built the foundation of this Local, THANK YOU

To the members working today, THANK YOU for carrying that legacy forward.

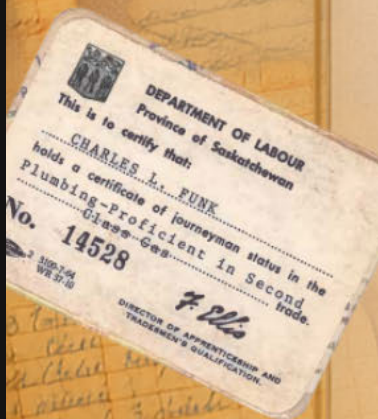
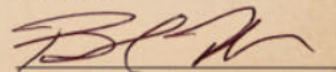
To our apprentices, remember that you are not only learning a trade. You are becoming part of 120 years of history, and one day it will be your responsibility to pass that knowledge and pride on to someone else.

And to our families, thank you for standing behind our members and supporting the work we do.

I am grateful to have been part of Local 179 since 2002, and I am proud to stand with all of you as we celebrate this milestone. Let us honour the past, support each other today, and continue building a strong future for the generations that follow.

Happy Labour Day, brothers and sisters. And Happy 120th Anniversary to UA Local 179.

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Good day, Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you have had a good summer and were able to spend some well-deserved time with your families.

The Saskatchewan Piping Industry Joint Training Board continues to expand the training available to Local 179 members while preparing for the changing needs of our membership and the piping industry.

Over the past year, our instructors and staff have delivered safety courses, Domestic and General Gas training, NAUSC-certified programs, AWWA Cross Connection Control certification, telehandler training, fibreglass programs, CSA Medical Gas training, welding programs, and other specialized UA and NAUSC courses.

Our goal remains straightforward: to provide Local 179 members with current, practical training that reflects the work being performed in the field.

By delivering more industry-recognized training through our Regina and Saskatoon training centres, we can provide members with easier access to the qualifications and certifications they need to remain current, competitive, and prepared for future employment opportunities.

Apprenticeship Training Expansion

The Training Board has successfully taken on Sprinkler Fitter apprenticeship training and developed the program in partnership with the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission. Since its introduction, the program has maintained an average success rate of approximately 87 percent.

These results demonstrate that Local 179 and the Saskatchewan Piping Industry Joint Training Board are capable of delivering high-quality apprenticeship training that supports our members, contractors, and the industry.

We are continuing discussions with SATCC regarding the delivery of Plumber and Steamfitter/Pipefitter apprenticeship training in Regina and Saskatoon. Based on last year's training seat numbers, this could represent approximately 199 apprenticeship training seats between the two locations, potentially beginning in September 2027.

We have made two formal submissions and continue to meet with apprenticeship representatives as the approval process moves forward. Although no final decision has been made, discussions remain ongoing, and we will continue working toward an agreement that benefits our apprentices, members, contractors, and the piping industry as a whole.

Delivering this training through our own centres would give Local 179 apprentices greater access to technical training closer to home. It would reduce the need to travel, provide additional support to apprentices, and help them progress through their trade more efficiently.

Expanding apprenticeship training would also generate additional revenue to support staffing, facility costs, equipment purchases, and future growth at both training centres. Most importantly, it would strengthen the Training Trust and allow us to continue investing in the long-term future of Local 179.

The Training Board would not be able to pursue this growth without the continued support of UA Local 179 and its leadership. Their commitment has helped us expand our programs, improve our facilities, and continue providing members with the high-quality training they need to succeed.



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Course Registration and Waitlists

The current training schedule through December 2026 is included at the end of this report.

Members can register online at www.saskpiping.ca or through the **UA TAPS App**, which links directly to our course registration system. New courses will continue to be added as training opportunities become available.

Our schedule is driven by membership demand and course waitlists. When a course is not currently scheduled, members are encouraged to add their names to the online waitlist. Once sufficient demand exists, we will schedule the course as quickly as possible.

This approach allows us to respond efficiently to the needs of the membership while ensuring that training is offered when and where it is needed.

Overhead Crane Training

In July, the Saskatchewan Piping Industry Joint Training Board received certification to deliver Overhead Crane Training.

We are now able to offer this important equipment and safety qualification through our Regina and Saskatchewan training centres. This allows us to respond more quickly to the needs of our members, signatory contractors, and the industry.

CSA and NAUSC Rigger Training

The Training Board continues to expand its industrial rigging training capabilities.

After successfully developing and implementing a piping rack at our Saskatchewan training centre, we have added a second piping rack and spoil assembly at our Regina training centre. This allows us to deliver the same high-quality, hands-on training in both locations.

The Regina training package was made available to UA Locals, and we sincerely thank Darren Vaux, Director of Training for UA Local 324 in Victoria; Jim Noone, Business Manager of UA Local 324; and the District 6 Special Representative for their generous donation of this equipment.

These training systems allow us to deliver CSA and NAUSC Rigger Training using realistic industrial piping spools and lifting scenarios that closely reflect the work our members perform on construction and maintenance projects.

Apprentices and journeypersons receive practical training in:

- Rigging inspections
- Load handling and load control
- Crane operations
- Load transfers
- Lift planning and critical lifts
- Signalling and communication
- The safe movement and installation of piping systems

This training is delivered in accordance with current CSA and NAUSC requirements.



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Electrofusion Added to McElroy NAUSC Fusion Certification

Electrofusion has been added to our fusion training program.

This expands the practical skills covered by the program and gives members experience with another joining method commonly used throughout the piping industry.

The updated program includes proper pipe preparation, scraping, alignment, fusion procedures, visual inspections, and testing requirements.

NAUSC Fibreglass Training

UA Canada has adopted our fibreglass training program under the NAUSC umbrella.

This is an important recognition of the work completed by our instructors and the Training Board. A program developed here in Saskatchewan can now support UA members and training centres across Canada.

We will continue working with UA Canada to expand the program by adding Red Thread and Green Thread piping systems. This will help our members pursue more of this specialized work and demonstrate that UA members have the skills and training required to be industry leaders in fibreglass piping installation.

HVAC Service Levels 1 and 2

Our HVAC Service Level 1 and Level 2 programs have been updated to better reflect modern equipment, electrical controls, service practices, and industry expectations. The revised training is intended to provide members with stronger troubleshooting abilities and a more practical understanding of current HVAC service work.

Gas Training Program Update

Saskatchewan Apprenticeship has adopted the Red Seal standard for gas training and is moving toward a model used in other provinces.

Under the proposed model, Steamfitter/Pipefitter and Plumber apprentices will be able to write the Gas B examination during their third year of apprenticeship.

Additional training will still be required because of the higher BTUs, safety requirements, and technical nature of General Gas work. This training is currently being awarded through a request-for-proposal process.

Saskatchewan Piping has been a leader in Domestic and General Gas training and intends to pursue this work. We have also provided our program to UA Canada to assist with the development of a national gas training package, which UA Canada and UA Local 179 are currently finalizing.

Members interested in obtaining their Domestic or General Gas licence should consider completing the training within the next year before the new requirements are introduced.

For members wishing to obtain their Domestic Gas licence, Saskatchewan Piping continues to offer a flexible hybrid model that combines online learning with instructor-led practical training and examination preparation.

Domestic and General Gas courses are also regularly scheduled at our Regina and Saskatchewan training centres, providing members with ongoing opportunities to complete their training in person.

Autodesk, Navisworks and Digital Construction Training

As the industry continues to evolve, our training must evolve with it.

Through UA Canada, we have received Trimble scanning equipment and are developing new training programs involving Autodesk, Navisworks, three-dimensional scanning, and digital project coordination.

Contractors have identified a growing need for tradespeople who understand 3D modelling, scanning, and Building Information Modelling coordination. To remain competitive, Local 179 members must have access to training in these areas.

Our goal is to prepare members for opportunities in drafting, modelling, scanning, and BIM coordination.

There is no one better suited to model a piping system than a Steamfitter or Plumber who understands how that system is installed, maintained, and operated in the field. By combining trade experience with modern technology, we can create new career opportunities for our membership.



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Apprentice Hiring and Mentoring

The past year has been busy in both the commercial and industrial sectors, creating strong demand for apprentices across our trades.

Local 179 has continued to hire new apprentices to meet current and future workforce requirements.

Current Apprenticeship Numbers

- **Total apprentices: 385**
- **Steamfitter/Pipefitter: 96, including 21 probationary apprentices**
- **Sprinkler Fitter: 67, including 19 probationary apprentices**
- **Plumber: 179, including 58 probationary apprentices**
- **Refrigeration: 36, including 15 probationary apprentices**
- **Pressure Welder: 4, including 5 probationary apprentices**
- **Instrumentation: 3, including 1 probationary apprentice**

With the amount of commercial and industrial work currently underway, along with major projects expected to begin over the next year, there will be significant opportunities for individuals looking to begin an apprenticeship in the pipe trades.

We encourage members to help identify and recruit quality candidates who are interested in building a long-term career in our industry.

Properly mentoring apprentices is also one of the most important responsibilities we have as journeypersons and union members.

Apprentices learn in the classroom, but much of their development takes place on the job. They learn by watching experienced tradespeople plan work, solve engineering problems, and equipment, and maintain the standards of the trade.

Mentorship means more than assigning an apprentice a task. It means explaining why the work is performed a certain way, demonstrating the correct methods, allowing apprentices to practice under supervision, and correcting mistakes respectfully.

None of entered the trade knowing everything. Someone took the time to teach us, answer our questions, correct our mistakes, and demonstrate what quality workmanship looks like.

Passing that knowledge is on how we protect our craft, strengthening Local 179, and prepare the next generation of skilled tradespeople to lead our industry.

Equipment Modernization Funding

The Training Board has received approval through Employment and Social Development Canada's Union Training and Innovation Program for a major equipment modernization project.

The Canadian Training Foundation has also approved an additional contribution equal to 25 percent of the initiative.

The total project value is \$366,615.29.

This funding will support the purchase of new equipment for apprenticeship, journeyperson, and specialty training, including:

- **A telehandler for the Saskatchewan training center**
- **Weld Testing Bender Saskatoon**
- **New Milwaukee tools**
- **Welding positioners Regina and Saskatoon**
- **Industrial horizontal and vertical lathes Regina And Saskatoon**
- **A new industrial saw Regina**

This investment will ensure that Local 179 members continue to train using modern, industry-standard equipment. It will also strengthen our facilities and prepare both training centers for future growth.



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TRAINING SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2026

COURSE DATES AND AVAILABILITY MAY CHANGE. MEMBERS CAN
REGISTER AND INFORMATION AT THROUGH THE TAPS APP OR
WWW.SASKPIPING.CA.

SEPTEMBER 2026

- GAS SERVICES LEVELS 1 AND 2 — SASKATOON: AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 4
- CWB — REGINA: SEPTEMBER 3
- FALL PROTECTION: SEPTEMBER 8 AND 28, MORNING CLASSES
- CONFINED SPACE: SEPTEMBER 8 AND 28, AFTERNOON CLASSES
- AERIAL WORK PLATFORM: SEPTEMBER 9 AND 29, FULL-DAY CLASSES
- DOMESTIC GAS — SASKATOON: SEPTEMBER 8–11 AND SEPTEMBER 14–17
- OVERHEAD CRANE — SASKATOON: SEPTEMBER 11
- OVERHEAD CRANE — REGINA: SEPTEMBER 11
- NAUSC SUPERVISION — SASKATOON: SEPTEMBER 21–25
- NAUSC SUPERVISION — REGINA: SEPTEMBER 21–25
- CROSS CONNECTION RECERTIFICATION ONLINE — REGISTER THROUGH THE WAIT LIST TAB

OCTOBER 2026

- CWB — SASKATOON: OCTOBER 1
- FALL PROTECTION: OCTOBER 5 AND 19, MORNING CLASSES
- CONFINED SPACE: OCTOBER 5 AND 19, AFTERNOON CLASSES
- AERIAL WORK PLATFORM: OCTOBER 6 AND 20, FULL-DAY CLASSES
- GENERAL GAS — SASKATOON: OCTOBER 5–9 AND OCTOBER 13–15
- TELEHANDLER — SASKATOON: OCTOBER 16
- TELEHANDLER — REGINA: OCTOBER 16
- CWB — REGINA: OCTOBER 22
- OVERHEAD CRANE — SASKATOON: OCTOBER 23
- OVERHEAD CRANE — REGINA: OCTOBER 23
- NAUSC MEDICAL GAS — SASKATOON: OCTOBER 26–30
- NAUSC SUPERVISION — REGINA: OCTOBER 26–30
- CROSS CONNECTION RECERTIFICATION ONLINE — REGISTER THROUGH THE WAIT LIST TAB

NOVEMBER 2026

- FALL PROTECTION: NOVEMBER 2 AND 16, MORNING CLASSES
- CONFINED SPACE: NOVEMBER 2 AND 16, AFTERNOON CLASSES
- AERIAL WORK PLATFORM: NOVEMBER 3 AND 17, FULL-DAY CLASSES
- NAUSC CONTROLLED BOLTING — SASKATOON: NOVEMBER 2–6
- TELEHANDLER — SASKATOON: NOVEMBER 13
- TELEHANDLER — REGINA: NOVEMBER 13
- NAUSC INSPECTION, TESTING AND MAINTENANCE — REGINA: NOVEMBER 14, 15, 21 AND 22
- PLUMBER INTERPROVINCIAL EXAMINATION PREPARATION — REGINA: NOVEMBER 16–20, NOVEMBER 23–27 AND NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 4
- STEAMFITTER/PIPEFITTER INTERPROVINCIAL EXAMINATION PREPARATION — SASKATOON: NOVEMBER 16–20, NOVEMBER 23–27 AND NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 4
- CWB — SASKATOON: NOVEMBER 26
- CROSS CONNECTION RECERTIFICATION ONLINE — REGISTER THROUGH THE WAIT LIST TAB

DECEMBER 2026

- FALL PROTECTION: DECEMBER 7, MORNING CLASS
- CONFINED SPACE: DECEMBER 7, AFTERNOON CLASS
- AERIAL WORK PLATFORM: DECEMBER 8, FULL-DAY CLASS
- CWB — REGINA: DECEMBER 10
- NAUSC COLD CUTTING — REGINA: DECEMBER 14–16

The Saskatchewan Piping Industry Joint Training Board remains committed to providing Local 179 members with quality training, modern equipment, and programs that meet the changing needs of our trades.

THANK YOU TO OUR INSTRUCTORS, STAFF, MEMBERS, UA LOCAL 179 LEADERSHIP, INDUSTRY PARTNERS, AND FUNDING PARTNERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

FRATEERNALLY,

BRAD FUNK
DIRECTOR OF TRAINING
SASKATCHEWAN PIPING INDUSTRY JOINT TRAINING BOARD

Thank You!

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TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR **13TH ANNUAL** **GOLF TOURNAMENT!**

A huge thank you to all of our golfers, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters for making our 13th Annual Golf Tournament such a great success!

Your support helps strengthen our union and build a better future for all.

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See You Next Year!



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WE APPRECIATE YOU!



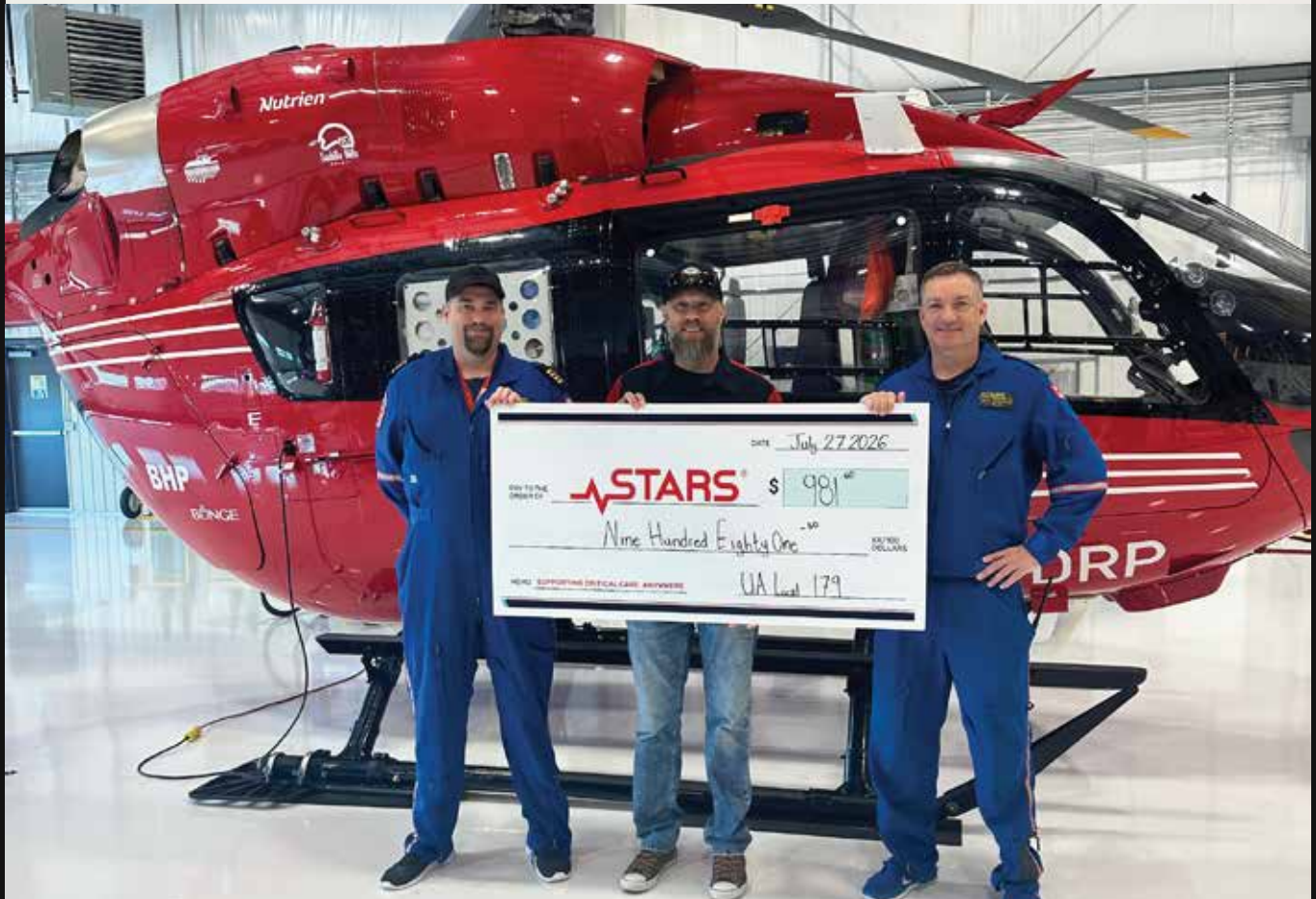
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Thankyou From UA LOCAL 179



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A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our 13th Annual Golf Tournament by purchasing 50/50 tickets and other tournament items.

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I am pleased to extend my best wishes to the members of Local 179 on your 120th Anniversary.

As we commemorate your 120th Anniversary, we celebrate the members who have stood the test of time and have risen to every challenge imaginable. Please take a moment and reflect on the work you all have accomplished, and the projects that you have built, in the province of Saskatchewan with pride.

It has been a true honour to have been able to represent you for the past 10 years and to have seen the growth and pride of Local 179.

With world demand for natural resources being produced in Saskatchewan, along with new technology industries being developed, Local 179 will emerge and continue to lead in the piping industry. With your skills & commitment to training, safety and quality control there will be no doubt that Local 179 will be successful for another 120 years.

On behalf of the United Association, I would like to thank the Officers & Staff of Local 179 for their success in growing Local 179 to 1640 members. With their commitment to training, apprenticeship and market share Local 179 will continue to grow and be successful for the foreseeable future.

Congratulations Local 179,



Heiko Wiechern
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One Hundred and Twenty Years

One hundred and twenty years is a remarkable accomplishment. Congratulations to everyone who has been part of UA Local 179 over the last century and more. Every member, officer, retiree, apprentice, instructor, and family member has played a role in building a union that has stood the test of time. A hundred and twenty years is a long time. It's long enough to see just how much can change, and how much can stay the same.

When Local 179 received its charter, Canada's labour movement was still finding its footing. The rights we now take for granted had only recently begun to emerge. Just a few decades earlier, in 1872, members of the Typographical Union of Toronto went on strike over what seems like an almost unbelievable demand today: reducing the workweek from sixty hours to fifty-eight. Their reward was to be arrested and convicted of criminal conspiracy. It wasn't until 1875 that workers were finally free to act together in pursuit of a trade dispute without being treated as criminals.

The years that followed saw workers across the country stand together, governments try to contain labour unrest through conciliation laws and cooling-off periods, and employers fight to maintain the upper hand. It was a turbulent time, but every step forward helped build the labour relations system we know today.

Over the last hundred and twenty years, UA Local 179 stood through all of it. It has lived through the Great Depression. It witnessed the Regina Riot and the tragedy at Estevan, where four striking miners were killed on what became known as "Black Tuesday". It watched a country come together during the Second World War and then watched unions, employers, and governments hammer out what became the post-war labour compromise.

That compromise shaped generations of working Canadians. Employers agreed to recognize unions chosen by the majority of workers. Governments put those rights into law. Workers accepted that disputes during a collective agreement would be settled through grievance arbitration instead of strikes. Management retained the right to direct the workplace. Government committed to building a social wage through public services that would improve the quality of life for everyone.

It wasn't a perfect system, but it brought stability, and it empowered the working class that so many Canadians benefited from. Local 179 has also weathered the political storms that came afterward. It survived the Devine years. It adapted to changing industries, changing governments, changing technologies, and changing economies. Through all of it, one thing remained remarkably consistent: skilled tradespeople continued showing up every day to build this province. That's what unions really are.

They aren't the work we do. A union is the people that perform the work. For one hundred twenty years, members of UA Local 179 have trained apprentices, mentored the next generation, built our schools, hospitals, power plants, commercial buildings, and industrial facilities. They've raised families, volunteered in their communities, and left Saskatchewan better than they found it. Sometimes we forget that many of the things we now think of as normal didn't simply happen. The forty-hour work week. Pensions. Universal healthcare. Maternity leave. Safer workplaces. Those were achieved because workers stood together over generations and insisted that work should provide more than just a paycheck. It should provide dignity.

As I look around today, I see many of the same pressures workers have always faced. The cost of living continues to outpace wages. Housing is slipping beyond the reach of young families. Working conditions are slowly being chipped away. History has a habit of repeating itself, especially when we stop paying attention to it. It is important to celebrate the past but also to remember how we got here. Every generation inherits something from the people who came before them. Members have built this union over the last century and now we have the responsibility and the honour to protect it and improve it. And someday, to hand it to the next generation in even better shape than it was received.

Congratulations to UA Local 179 on one hundred and twenty years of solidarity, craftsmanship, and service. Here's to the next hundred and twenty.

Jeff Sweet, RSE
Executive Director
Saskatchewan Building Trades

For 120 years, skilled pipefitters and plumbers have helped build and strengthen Saskatchewan. The skills and expertise of pipefitters and welders are second to none. As industries evolve and new technologies emerge, the knowledge, craftsmanship and hands-on experience of skilled tradespeople remain essential. The work performed by pipefitters is built on years of training, expertise and a commitment to excellence. Every day, Saskatchewan people benefit from the work of pipefitters without even realizing it. From the industries that produce our food and manufacture the products we rely on, to the energy sector that powers our economy, skilled tradespeople help keep our province operating safely and efficiently.

Saskatchewan's success has always been driven by people with the skills and determination to turn opportunities into reality. As our province grows, skilled tradespeople will continue to play a vital role in building the infrastructure, industries and communities that will shape our future. Recently, our Premier joined with Bell Canada to announce one of the largest investments ever made in our province. A new \$12 billion data centre will be built just outside Regina, creating opportunities and strengthening Saskatchewan's economy for years to come.

Across the province, major projects including new uranium mines, the world's largest potash mine, a new copper mine, canola crush plants, agricultural value-added projects, forestry, oil and gas developments, and manufacturing investments are creating opportunities today and into the future. The foundation of Saskatchewan's success is the people who build and maintain the infrastructure that keeps our province moving. From energy and mining to agriculture, manufacturing and major industrial projects, skilled tradespeople help ensure Saskatchewan remains competitive and positioned for continued growth.

Saskatchewan's decision to refurbish its existing coal fleet will support communities such as Estevan, Coronach, and Bienfait while helping maintain a reliable and affordable supply of electricity for families and businesses. These projects are made possible through the expertise of the skilled building trades community, including pipefitters and welders, who deliver complex work safely, efficiently and on time.

Reliable energy has always been a foundation of Saskatchewan's economy, supporting homes, businesses, farms and industries across the province. As Saskatchewan evaluates future energy opportunities, including nuclear technologies, the expertise of skilled trades will remain critical to building and maintaining a secure and reliable energy future.

As an elected member of the Legislative Assembly, my colleagues and I remain focused on growing Saskatchewan's economy and creating opportunities so future generations can build their lives and careers right here at home. There is a bright future ahead for Saskatchewan, and the skilled trades represented by Local 179 will continue to play an essential role in building that future. Your dedication, expertise and commitment have helped shape this province for 120 years.



Travis Keisig, MLA for Last Mountain-Touchwood

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Congratulations to United Association Local 179 on celebrating 120 years of Excellence!

From the Executive, Staff and Members of UA Local 56 Halifax.



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120TH Anniversary

Best wishes on behalf of the officers,
members and staff of UA Local 46 Toronto.



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SUPERIOR PIPING SKILLS SINCE 1890

Happy 120th Anniversary

UA Local 179

Local 254 is proud of our long-standing relationship and looks forward to standing strong together for many more years to come. Cheers to your success!

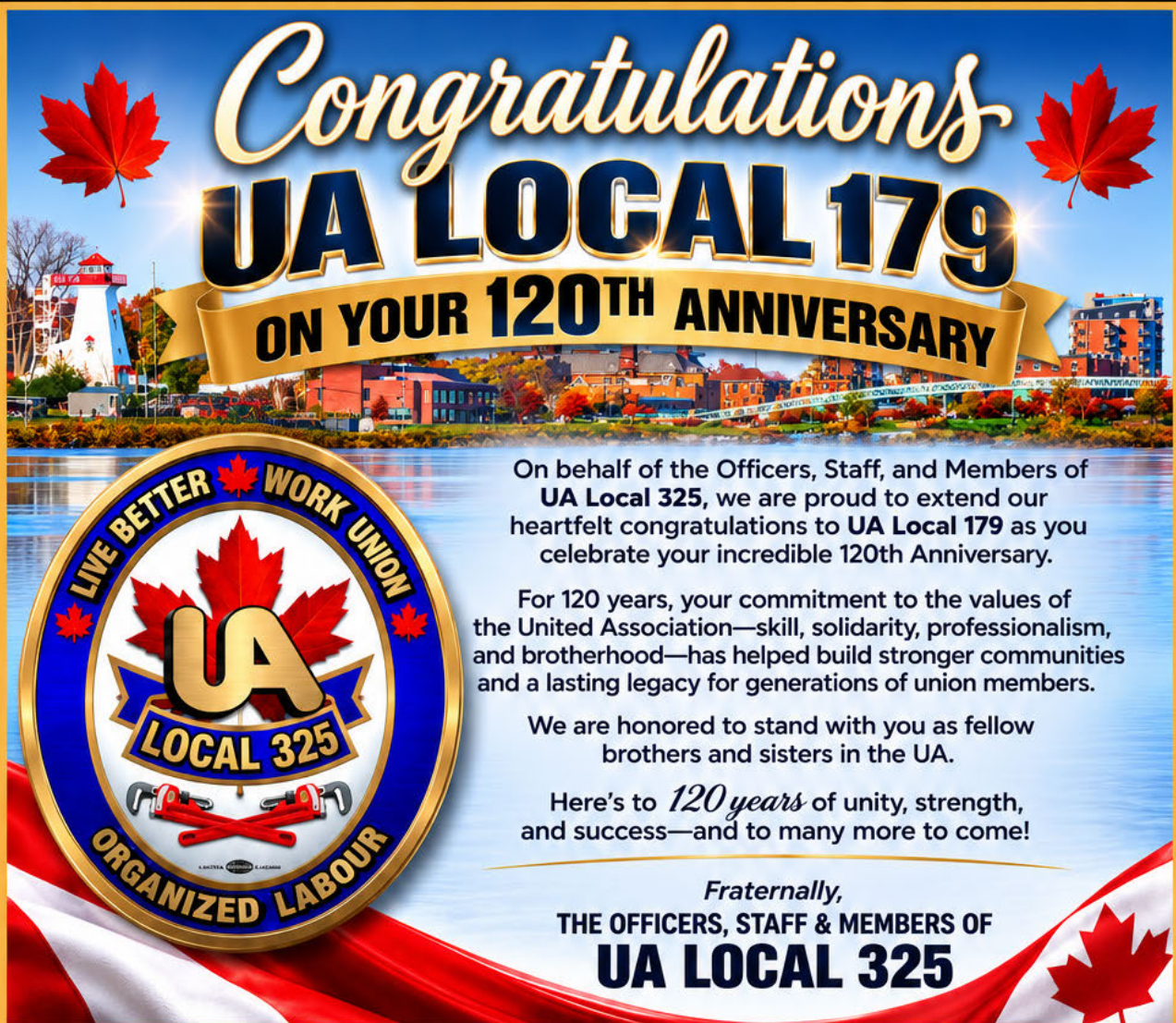
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The Officers, Staff
and Members of
UA Local 67 would
like to congratulate
UA Local 179 on
120 years of excellence.



Congratulations **UA LOCAL 179** ON YOUR **120TH** ANNIVERSARY



On behalf of the Officers, Staff, and Members of **UA Local 325**, we are proud to extend our heartfelt congratulations to **UA Local 179** as you celebrate your incredible 120th Anniversary.

For 120 years, your commitment to the values of the United Association—skill, solidarity, professionalism, and brotherhood—has helped build stronger communities and a lasting legacy for generations of union members.

We are honored to stand with you as fellow brothers and sisters in the UA.

Here's to *120 years* of unity, strength, and success—and to many more to come!

Fraternally,
THE OFFICERS, STAFF & MEMBERS OF
UA LOCAL 325



CONGRATULATIONS

UA 179

120 YEARS

FROM THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF UA LOCAL 170





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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF UA LOCAL 179 ON THE REMARKABLE MILESTONE OF 120 YEARS OF SERVICE.

For six scores', Local 179 has represented the values of solidarity, professionalism, and excellence while helping build stronger communities and creating opportunities for generations of skilled tradespeople.

On behalf of the Officers, Staff, and Members of UA Local 488, congratulations on this incredible achievement. We wish you continued success and many more years of strength, unity, and pride in the United Association.



FROM YOUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AT
UA LOCAL 488
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

Congratulations

UA Local 179

Here's to another 120 years from the Officers,
Staff and Members at UA Local 800



In Memoriam

Passing of UA Local 179 member Ron Usselman June 4, 2026
Passing of UA Local 179 member Jerel Corpe April 6, 2026
Passing of UA Local 179 member Rodney McKinnon March 23, 2026
Passing of UA Local 179 member Dennis Meyers March 13, 2026
Passing of UA Local 179 member Garry Eberle March 6, 202
Passing of UA Local 179 Life Member Harvey MacDonald January 24, 2026
Passing of UA Local 179 admin. assistant Lori Lipinski January 21, 2026



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UA LOCAL 179 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Saturday, **Sept. 19, 2026** at 11:00am at the UA Local 179 Union Hall, 402 Solomon Drive, **Regina, SK**

OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Saturday, **Oct. 17, 2026** at 11:00am in the **Saskatchewan Room at the Ramada Hotel, 806 Idylwyld Dr. N. in Saskatoon, SK**

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Saturday, **Nov. 21, 2026** at 11:00am at the UA Local 179 Union Hall, 402 Solomon Drive, **Regina, SK**

DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Saturday, **Dec. 19, 2026** at 11:00am in the **Saskatchewan Room at the Ramada Hotel, 806 Idylwyld Dr. N. in Saskatoon, SK**

JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Saturday, **Jan. 16, 2027** at 11:00am at the UA Local 179 Union Hall, 402 Solomon Drive, **Regina, SK**

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Saturday, **Feb. 20, 2027** at 11:00am in the **Saskatchewan Room at the Ramada Hotel, 806 Idylwyld Dr. N. in Saskatoon, SK**

MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Saturday, **Mar. 20, 2027** at 11:00am at the UA Local 179 Union Hall, 402 Solomon Drive, **Regina, SK**

APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Saturday, **Apr. 17, 2027** at 11:00am in the **Saskatchewan Room at the Ramada Hotel, 806 Idylwyld Dr. N. in Saskatoon, SK**

MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Saturday, **May 15, 2027** at 11:00am at the UA Local 179 Union Hall, 402 Solomon Drive, **Regina, SK**

JUNE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Saturday, **June 19, 2027** at 11:00am in the **Saskatchewan Room at the Ramada Hotel, 806 Idylwyld Dr. N. in Saskatoon, SK**

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GLOBAL BENEFITS

Global Benefits is changing your Claims Processing System.
Set-up or Log in using the new Global Benefits App January 1, 2024.

Please Note:

You will receive a new drug card in the mail before December 22nd, 2023. Your current Global Benefits drug card will no longer work for claims submissions as of January 1st, 2024.

Android Phones Users: Before January 1, 2024, you will need to download the new Global Benefits Mobile App from Google Play.

iPhones require an update from the App Store.



Clear Navigation

The new Global Benefits Mobile App makes submitting claims through your smartphone a breeze. The App has all your information including a virtual drug card.



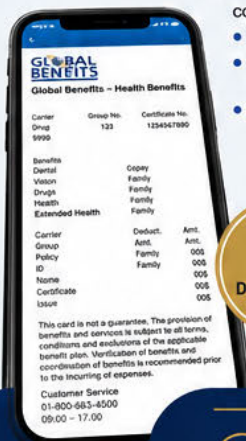
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Once you have the new Global Benefits App downloaded, sign up using your current log-in and password you use for your existing Mobile App.

In minutes, you will be ready to start submitting claims online effective January 1, 2024.



What do I need to do once I am Registered?

You will need to show your new drug card to your pharmacy, dentist, and all health service providers that are paid through your benefits plan. There will be no lapse in your pharmacy coverage. Your dental office will now be able to submit claims and pre-determinations and report exactly what is covered by your Plan.



Will I get a new drug card?

Yes. You will receive a new drug card in the mail before December 22, 2023.

Your member certificate number will not change.



Can I still submit paper claims if I want?

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Do I still need to keep my claims receipts?

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