



Construction, Maintenance and Allied Workers Bargaining Council



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NEW ALLIANCES IN CONSTRUCTION Construction, Maintenance and Allied Workers Bargaining Council formed

Vancouver — The Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada and the BC Provincial Council of Carpenters today announced the formation of a joint council between the two unions.

The announcement follows the decision by BC carpenters in a referendum vote to sever relations with their former international union.

“This Council represents the solidarity between CEP and BC Carpenters. It is the beginning of a new relationship that will fulfill the long-held aspiration of carpenters in BC for a progressive, Canadian union,” said CEP President Brian Payne.

“BC Carpenters have now voted democratically and without any involvement by CEP or others to chart a new course for their membership,” said Payne.

“This partnership can mean more job security and employment opportunities for our members, said BC Carpenters Union president Len Embree. “It will help us address the growing problem of non-union contractors and gate hires doing construction and maintenance work in large industrial plants. It will also promote more solidarity and co-operation between our Industrial and School Board sectors.”

“It’s a win-win for both unions,” said Embree. “This alliance makes both unions stronger.”

CEP represents 150,000 Canadian trade union members across Canada, including many tradespersons in the forest industry, energy industries and other sectors.

The BC Provincial Council of Carpenters represents about 8,000 carpenters, industrial, school board employees and other workers in BC.

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