

# From The Hall

## I.B.E.W. Local 2067

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Brother and Sisters of IBEW Local 2067; on June 11, 2018 labour leaders from Saskatchewan including myself met with the federal Just Transition Task Force to discuss the impacts of the federal government's initiatives to escalate the phase out of traditional coal fired generation by 2030.

The committee was looking to get direction on what would be needed to soften the impact to the communities and employees. While we gave them a lot of information on what would be required, we also wanted to give them a better understanding this wouldn't just impact a few communities it would affect all residents of Saskatchewan. I wanted to make it abundantly clear that it is absurd to believe that a carbon footprint should be measured in per capita and that method should not be the acceptable method that is in place. Current reporting on carbon footprint has us among some of the worst polluters in the world, and that premise is simply not accurate. Our province and membership should not have to see significant undue hardship because we lack population density.

On June 12 and 13 of 2018, members had the opportunity to voice concerns of their own at the open houses and I wish the timelines would have permitted the committee to meet in all areas of the province. It is important that all members have the ability to voice their concerns to the committee as the closure of transitional coal fired generation facilities in Saskatchewan will not just impact a handful of members but all members.

In the coming weeks we will continue to lobby the federal government for an equivalency agreement and support the current provincial government in the attempt to secure one. We would ask all members to reach out to your Members of Parliament as well as those in the Legislative Assembly to voice their concerns. Contact information will be sent out in the coming days with a list of the elected officials and the areas they represent.

I have attached a copy of the presentation that was tendered to the committee on behalf of all members of our local union.

In Solidarity,

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