

# From The Hall

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

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#### Federal Fair Wage

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

In the lead up to the 2015 federal election, the IBEW had worked with both the NDP and Liberal parties to advocate for certain items to be included in their election platform, one of those items was restoration of the Federal Fair Wages Act. After winning the 2015 Federal election, the Prime Minister issued mandates to each Minister. The Minister of Employment, Workforce Development, and Labour has completed 4 out of 5 asks that the IBEW and the labour movement advocated for. The only issue not yet accomplished is restoring the Federal Fair Wages legislation that was axed by the Harper Conservatives for their friends at the Merit Shop; a small but powerful group of anti-union contractors.

The Government of Canada's Labour Program is seeking input on what a modern fair wages policy should look like – please complete their [online survey](#) by **Friday December 7, 2018** to have your say, and help the federal government gain a better understanding of how best to move forward with a new policy.

A fair wages policy typically requires that contractors pay their employees at least the prevailing wage for their occupation in a given region. The goal of such a policy is to prevent suppliers from competing for government contracts on the basis of substandard wages. Reintroducing this legislation would help even the playing field for our union contractors bidding against unscrupulous open shop contractors who pay their employees the bare minimum.

The federal government is seeking the views of Canadians in three different areas:

- Who should be covered by this policy?
- What should the policy require?
- How should this policy be enforced?

Link to survey: [Click Here](#)

Also see attached; official correspondence from IBEW 1<sup>st</sup> District: [Click Here](#)

In Solidarity,

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