

# From The Hall

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

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Brothers and Sisters,

In the past year, many of you took the opportunity to attend the Town Hall meetings in Regina, Estevan and Coronach to provide input on the Federal Government's decision to phase out conventional coal fired generation by 2030. Based on those meetings and others around the country, the Task Force on Just Transition for Canadian Coal Power Workers and Communities ([The Task Force](#)) was responsible for providing knowledge, options, and recommendations to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change on implementing a just transition for workers and communities directly impacted by the accelerated phase out of coal fired electricity in Canada.

The task force was given a mandate by the Government to:

- engage with relevant stakeholder groups, provinces, and municipal governments to receive information and suggestions on:
  - the scale and types of impacts the accelerated phase out of coal-fired electricity may have on directly affected workers and communities
  - opportunities to transition affected workers and communities toward new economic opportunities (for example, to the renewables sector)
  - leveraging existing allocations of infrastructure funds, economic development funds, employment and training supports, and any other programs to enable workers and communities to succeed through the transition
  - gaps in policy and programs to support the transition
- provide a summary of what was heard from stakeholders, provinces, and municipal governments
- based on this engagement, provide options and recommendations to the Minister on what could be included in a just transition plan for coal power workers and communities to enable workers and communities affected by the phase out to identify economic opportunities for the future, capitalize on those opportunities, and minimize impacts as the transition is made
- provide options and recommendations to the Minister on how to structure a subsequent phase of consultation and analysis concerning just transition, specifically the skills, training and other planning necessary for Canada to prosper throughout the global transition to clean growth and a low-carbon economy

The Task Force was appointed by Minister Catherine McKenna on April 25, 2018 and the IBEW was proud to have our very own Bro. Matt Wayland appointed to the Task Force. The Task Force met with

various stakeholders in the summer of 2018, including many IBEW Local Union Business Managers and members impacted by this policy decision. The Task Force continued to meet and put together their recommendations to Minister McKenna and the Government of Canada which was officially released on Monday, March 11, 2019. (see links below)

Over the next several weeks we will be reviewing the findings of the report and engage in lobbying with the Federal Minister's office to ensure that our members and our communities receive what has been recommended.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/task-force-just-transition/final-report.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/task-force-just-transition/what-we-heard-report.html>

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