

WINTER 2026

IBEW Local 773

LOCAL CONNECTION

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Business Manager Comments

Winter will be here soon, and with any luck, so will some of these larger projects. I have entered into discussions with Aecon about working with their U.S.A. division. Aecon is bidding on a proposed nuclear project in Wisconsin and has expressed interest in bringing some of Local 773's talented electricians on board.

I, with Local 252 Ann Arbour, have also been working on H2B visas for our members. Local 252 needs approximately 1000 more inside wiremen for the Data Centre they are working on (The Barn). Just around the corner, Local 58 will also be starting on their data centre, which requires many electricians.

The contractors primarily drive the process of obtaining these required H2B visas, as they must apply and prove the need for out-of-country workers. We are doing everything we can on our end to assist in the process. We have enlisted the help of our lawyers to try and help get this over the finish line.

I ask our members to stop calling other local unions inquiring about work. Work calls are dispatched from Business Manager to Business Manager. I have received a few complaints from other Local hiring halls about members calling directly to ask how they can get on a project. We dispatch our members in the order they are on the list. That's Dispatcher Jaret Wills' job, so if you're interested in calls outside our jurisdiction, please reach out to him.

Black & McDonald has an expansion at the Lakeshore TS starting in the New Year.

Nextstar has proposed some more work at their facility.

Our hospital has started, although the process is moving very slowly.

The new IBEW Training Centre is well underway and will be ready for students late next year. Local 773 has applied to the Provincial Government to be a Training Delivery Agent for our 309a electrical apprentices, as well as our 631a data communication workers. If we are successful, we will soon be teaching government trade schooling in our own facility. Currently, there is nowhere nearby for our Data Techs to attend the required schooling, so this will be well received by those members.

We are also looking into registering Journey-people and 5th-term apprentices as Powerline Technicians, if they are interested. If interested, this apprenticeship is another 4 years of schooling that will not affect your current 309A apprenticeship or status as a journeyperson.

On October 13th, I had the pleasure of co-hosting a roundtable discussion at Local 58 in Detroit, with the Official Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Pierre Poilievre. We discussed the effects tariffs are having on this region and how we can share electricians across the border.

In closing, do not let your E.I. claim expire. If you haven't travelled for work before, reach out to some of our seasoned members and ask them about the ins and outs. There is a lot of money to be made, and although you'll have to leave the area, it might not be comfortable; missing payments at home will be much more uncomfortable.

Remember, you are not employable without a valid Working at Heights certificate, an Electrical license, or apprenticeship registration. If your Working at Heights is expired or expiring soon, please contact Tanya. This also applies to any other license training that we offer at the Training Centre.

Happy Holidays from all of us at IBEW Local 773.

Fraternally yours,

Karl Lovett

Business Manager,
IBEW Local 773

From the desk of Jaret Wills

Electrical License Renewals

Reminder: Renew your Electrical License annually on the Skilled Trades Ontario website.

Member Training

If you are currently out of work and your **WORKING AT HEIGHTS (WAH)** is expired or expiring within 30 days, please send a picture of your certificate to Tanya (admin@ibew773.ca), and she will get you scheduled for a WAH refresher.

Also, if anyone is looking for any other training, please contact me directly.

Vacation Time while on the AWL

All vacation time notices, including your last day of vacation, must be emailed to jaret@ibew773.ca if you are on the AWL. Please note that you will not receive work calls while on vacation. Failure to notify me of your Vacation time could result in a job refusal if you are unable to take a job call. If you want to extend or cancel your vacation, please notify me by email.

While on the AWL, if you require or are currently on medical leave, please keep me informed of your return date. Medical documents are required and should be emailed to me directly.

Travel Work

The hall is working diligently to find travel work for our members in and outside of Ontario. All travel calls will be posted on our website as they are received. If you would like your name added to the travel list, please email me.

Jaret Wills

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Announcements

Union Hall News

Children's Christmas Party 2026

Our Annual Kids Christmas Party is **December 6, 2026,** at **12pm** at Caboto Club Hall. Thank you to all the members who registered their families.

We are looking forward to this year's event!



Retiree's Christmas Party 2026

Our Annual Retiree's Christmas Luncheon is on **December 11, 2026,** at **12 pm** here at our hall.

All IBEW 773 Retirees are welcome to attend!

IBEW Local 773 Mobile App UPDATE!

The mobile APP is currently being finalized and is in the final testing stages at the developer, Working Systems. We can confirm that we have successfully added a feature that lets members upload certificate photos and add expiration dates to their individual profiles. This is great for safekeeping and will help members keep track of expiring certificates. It is a great feature, and we can't wait to share it with you. Stay tuned!!

Member Dues Increase coming July 1, 2027, to $72.00

The increase was approved at the 41st International Convention to increase IO Per Capita ($1.00) and Pension Fund ($1.00).

Member Monthly Dues remain $70.00 per month until June 2027. E-transfer is available.

Send funds to: admin@ibew773.ca , Use password: local773

Sign up today for **monthly auto-withdrawal** for member dues. Never miss a payment again!
Email Tanya a PAD/VOID Cheque to register.

General Meetings take place the SECOND Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm sharp!
Tanya is here until 6:00 pm on meeting nights to accept dues payments.

Employee Benefits Office

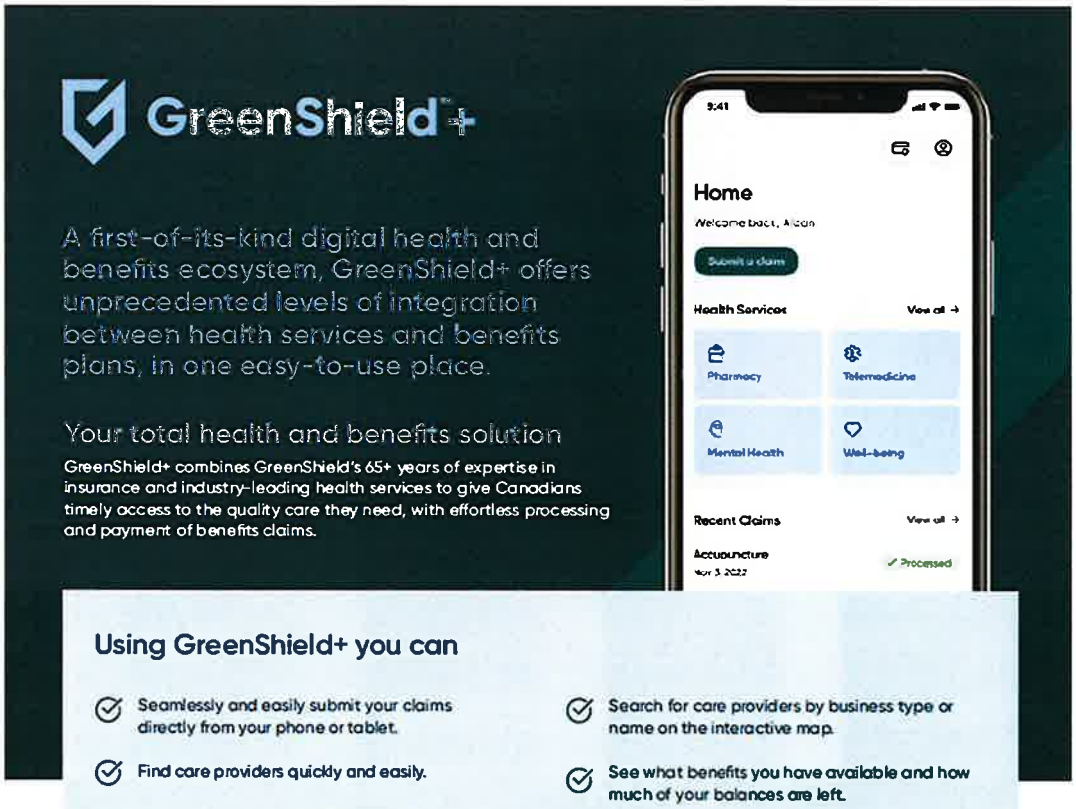
The next VACATION PAYOUT will be on Dec 1, 2026.

You can pick up your cheque until the end of the day Dec 4, 2026.

SUB DEADLINE DATE	SUB PICK UP DATE
DEC 11, 2026	DEC 16, 2026
JAN 15, 2026	JAN 20, 2026
FEB 12, 2026	FEB 17, 2026
MAR 12, 2026	MAR 17, 2026

You can submit your SUB requests to Sue by email.
sue@ibew773.ca

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From the desk of Nikko Sablone

To Members of Local 773,

In August of this year, I was brought on staff at Local 773 as a second organizer by way of the Ontario Electrical Industry Training Trust Fund (OEITTF) program. The OEITTF primarily focuses on organizing Network Cabling Specialists (NCS) Data Communication contractors. As an organizer, the OEITTF program will reimburse my full-time wages and expenses to Local 773. I will also help organize non-union contractors in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance division.

I've spent my entire career in the electrical trade as a member of IBEW Local 773. I am also heavily involved in revamping our Next Gen Committee and Outdoors Club. Before joining IBEW staff, I also volunteered my time organizing local IBEW events such as the OPC Annual Hockey Tournament in 2024 & 2026, and our IBEW Local 773 Annual Golf Tournament.

My goal is, and always has been, to strengthen all aspects of the Local:

- Protecting all workers' rights to ensure a safe and fair workplace for all electrical workers,
- Increasing member engagement to strengthen our unity as a brotherhood,
- Community outreach to support the community that supports us,
- And most of all, I will do everything I can to help secure a prosperous future for Local 773 and all its members

This is exactly what I intend to do with the new role and responsibilities that I've been entrusted with.

If you have any questions, or information that you think may help with organizing, or you want to assist the organizing department in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Holiday Season,

In Solidarity,

Nikko Sablone

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IBEW 773 ORGANIZING

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

With winter around the corner and the current work picture still a little slow, and with the number of Journeypeople and apprentices on the Available for Work List - I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we encourage any members willing and interested in working non-union in an effort to help organize open shops (SALT), to do so!

Please keep in mind that if you are interested in salting, reach out to me or Nikko prior to starting at a non-union shop so we can sit down and discuss the details to be cleared.

While you are working in conjunction with the Organizing department on an Organizing campaign, it's important to know that you still continue to participate in our benefits and stay on the available for work list while waiting for a call.

PLEASE REMEMBER – YOU NEED TO FILL OUT A CLEARANCE FORM PRIOR TO STARTING WORK AT A NON-UNION SHOP.

I also encourage any members interested in or considering opening their own shops to sit down with us to discuss voluntary recognition agreements. Among other things, this allows you to operate your own business while being a signatory IBEW Local 773 electrical contractor and maintain good standing with the union. This option lets you run your business while still being able to sign the Available for Work list and be dispatched to other signatory contractors when the timing suits your situation!

Maybe you want to chat about a friend or family member who works non-union and is interested in joining the IBEW but doesn't know how? Whether they are currently working in the trade or not, feel free to reach out; we're always willing to help guide individuals interested in the IBEW.

In solidarity,

Joe Logan

Membership Development Coordinator/Assistant Business Manager
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