

# SKILLED TRADES WORKING GROUP REPORT

**NOV 2016 VIDC**

**November 18th, 2016 local 23 board rm 9:30-3:15**

Reports,

## **CLC apprenticeship working group TPP**

**Chapter 12 of TPP includes skilled trades workers.**

**Canada has Chapter 12 annexes with 7 of the 12 TTP countries, the US did not sign with anyone.**

**Major problems with chapter 12**

- **No requirement to hire Canadians first**
- **No Labour Market Impact assessment**
- **No certification test allowed as a condition of entry**
- **Can't impose any limit on how many workers enter Canada**
- **No expectation to speak English or French**

## **BC FED Apprenticeship & Skills Training Working Group**

**We reviewed meeting minutes' highlights from Feb to Sept out of this there are 5 resolutions that CUPE's working group would support going to the Fed Convention around Compulsory Trades, Apprentice to Journeyman Ratios, Practical Assessments, Funding Supports, Local Procurement.**

**We heard a report back about the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum that brothers Randy and Kirk attended and the need to become a voting member of this group. We are asking CUPE BC for funds to become a member.**

**We went over the results of the survey from Convention and our next steps are to seek more information from locals that were not represented.**

**Next was Western Municipal Conference in 2017 in Canmore Alt and how we need to build more awareness about our group. The working group will ask CUPE BC for funding to send one member with our banner stand to hand out info and participate in the conference.**

**Respectfully submitted  
by Kirk Mercer STWG member.**