

Hi, I'm Tim Johnston and I am running for Vice President of our ATU Local 1724. I'm running to better our local union membership!



I have been with HandyDart for 29 years. My union experience started with the Longshoreman's Union at age 17, working on the New Westminster docks, and since have been with 5 unions throughout my working career. I've seen the difference between good union representation and dysfunctional, even dirty union leadership.

I was hired in 1992 with Surrey HandyDart. Was Chief Steward and on the Negotiation Committee for 7 years under the (CAW) Canadian Auto Workers Union. In 2009 when all HandyDART services was merged by Translink, I eagerly campaigned to join ATU Local 1724 with Dave Watt as president. In early 2009 I became Vice President and I worked closely with then President Dave Watt prior to the strike in Oct 2009. Dave took leave, I

was acting President when ending our strike with our first CBA with MV Transportation, with the help from arbiter Vince Ready in Jan 2010. Shortly after President Dave resigned to which I became President of local 1724 till mid 2012. Dave was always a champion of telling the members more, not less and I support that union directive. I thank Dave Watt for the training he gave me!

Whether you are able to attend the monthly meetings or not, all our members deserve to be made aware of our local's grievances, business and finances. I support our members, upon request, getting mailed yearly financial statements from our local office. It's unfortunate this election is called when many of our members are on holidays. **I hope you get to vote!**

- **I believe a open, honest, transparent union is a stronger union!**
- **Our local executive needs less passive conformity and more union objectivity.**
- **I will keep on being outspoken for better union leadership and company management. I will always ask the tough questions!**
- **I will work on your behalf in general meetings, with the ATU International, the ATU Constitution to bring about a better union experience for all members.**
- **Let's get rid of pre-qualification and restore union seniority!**

I support Laura Wylie in her run for Financial Secretary. Laura has accredited bookkeeping certificates that surpass all former Financial Secretaries. She is open, honest and has extensive union experience. Good luck Laura!!!

Due to the sudden election call at this time, I will be away and unable to communicate and meet you at the yards and listen to your feedback. I wish all members a great summer and holiday!

I thank you for your support!!!