

# From The Hall

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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On January 15th, 2025 Business Manager Tyler Holmen, along with Assistant Business Managers Ken Hoste, Jon Snowden and Trent McClement, met with Minister Jeremy Harrison and Tim Highmoor VP of Crown Planning and Priorities from the CIC in Coronach.

We had a very positive conversation on the future of coal in Saskatchewan, the impact it will have on our membership, families, and communities in Saskatchewan. I.B.E.W. Local 2067 would like to thank Minister Harrison and the Government of Saskatchewan for the shared vision on the importance of the Saskatchewan coal industry.

Please see below Comments from Minister Jeremy Harrison:

“Across the country and indeed the world, there is a growing uncertainty around the future of power production. In Saskatchewan we are working hard to provide that certainty based on two primary lenses: affordability and reliability.

The question that is informing our decisions is a simple one: does our path keep your costs as low as possible and does it keep your lights on?

The province has already invested substantially into solar, wind, biomass, and natural gas generation along with planning and exploration for nuclear power which we see as being a central part of our long-term future.

But, we need to get there first. And that is why reliable baseload power generation is integral as we bridge to that nuclear future. Our strategy must take an all-of-the above approach for power production and that includes coal.

And make no mistake, the provincial government believes there is a future for coal. We have already announced that both Boundary Dam Unit 3, and Shand Power Station will continue to operate as long they are viable. In the case of Shand until at least 2042. SaskPower is currently seriously examining whether to extend the operating lives of other coal generation units at Boundary Dam and

Poplar River. I recently toured both of those facilities and committed to employees that we will have firm answers by summer as to what this future looks like.

Electricity generation is exclusively within our constitutional authority as a province, and it is imperative that we maintain a reliable and affordable power supply to support our regional needs and growth.

Saskatchewan has the resources, expertise, and proximity to be at the center of North American energy security. We are going to fully and unapologetically utilize our natural blessings to ensure we realize our full potential.”

***Jeremy Harrison is Saskatchewan’s Crown Investments Minister, which includes SaskPower, SaskEnergy, SaskTel, SGI and more.***

In Solidarity,

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