



BGMO Skilled Trades Area Council

Hello Skilled Trades Brothers & Sisters,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Skilled Trades Council (STC) and the Brampton, Georgetown, Milton & Oakville Skilled Trades Area Sub-Council (BGMO) and what they can do for you. The STC is a national body within our Union that maintains our distinct standing within the Union and provides a unified presence to the Unifor Council and the National Executive Board (NEB). The STC meets three times a year for the National Conferences. At these Conferences we receive various presentations of the issues that affect Skilled Trades across Canada (both within and outside of Unifor). We are made aware of the many charitable initiatives taken on by our National Union and communicate with Trades in all sectors.

The BGMO is one of our links to the STC. We attend the various National Skilled Trades Councils and report back to Skilled Trades at Union meetings and direct communication to the floor. We represent Trades in the Brampton, Georgetown, Milton and Oakville areas. The BGMO meets at least twice a year at Locals 1285 & 707. The meetings are at 5:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in April (707) and the last Tuesday in October (1285) and if any special occasions arise. Watch the Notice Boards for information.

The BGMO is made up of our President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Delegates from 707 & 1285 (2 each), 1 Delegate from 1285 that represents the smaller Units from within the Local and the Skilled Trades Chairs from 707 & 1285. The positions of President and Financial Secretary are elected every three years at BGMO meetings. The Delegates are elected at Skilled Trades meetings; also every 3 years.

The BGMO offers Members many benefits. One of the key benefits is the Unifor Skilled Trades Journeyman Card. This card shows all locations represented by Unifor that you have the necessary credentials (C of A, C of Q & have worked at a Unifor facility). We highly encourage all of our Skilled Trades members to apply for this important card. Please see your Committeeperson or any member of the BGMO for an application form. We also take great pride in a recent initiative of recognizing our recent graduates from the Apprenticeship Program. The Union and Skilled Trades Council each place a high value on the hard work that has been put into the training of these highly qualified individuals and the importance of them growing Skilled Trades. We provide a letter of congratulations and a small gift. We also encourage them to become involved in the Council and the Union.

Finally, the STC and BGMO are excellent gateways that show the importance of Skilled Trades in our Union, plants and communities. They are key paths to becoming more involved in your Union by providing knowledge and opportunities. If you have any questions, require further information or would like to contribute ideas for the BGMO; please see any of the Delegates or Committeepersons. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and encouraging your active involvement.

In Solidarity,

Mark McGregor, Financial Secretary,

On Behalf of the BGMO,

Duane Reay, Jason Watson, Dennis Wright & Ray Wintermeyer 1285
– Darrin Caerels, John Fitzgerald, Mark Luey & Chuck Paladino 707

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LOCAL 1285 AND SKILLED
TRADES COUNCIL WEBSITES**