



September 6, 2017

ATTN: ALL AFFILIATES
RE: SUPPORT FOR PETER REED

It's hard to believe it's been almost 1 year and 2 months since Peter's tragic accident. It's been a whirlwind year and, from the date of his accident until now, has been an unbelievable change. I am still asked often if there has been any change in his condition and the honest answer is no. But the real answer is yes. Peter's voice has essentially come back fully and we're able to carry on conversations as we always did and we've been having Peter to the office seemingly every other week. I would never have imagined that would be possible a year ago.

Peter has adjusted to his new way of life better than anyone could have anticipated. His inner strength and determination is absolutely remarkable and unwavering. Earlier this summer we even had Peter attend the Canadian Building Trades Conference in Ottawa, just like in the past. He also joined us at Local 506's Annual Bocce Ball Tournament and we would like to thank Local 506 for their hospitality at this great event. Peter also joined us and the Hammer Heads at the Labour Day Parade and was a value-added judge and was also a great asset at our Golf Tournament helping run the putting contest. As time goes on, we will continue to engage Peter and bring him as a guest to more and more events. He really enjoys connecting with the industry and it was great seeing some of his colleagues getting a chance to reconnect with him.

As mentioned in our last correspondence, Peter has been getting around using a former Wheel Trans taxi which has been a complete disaster. The van, which is truly a beater, used to break down every other month; now it breaks down a few times a week with over-heating issues, transmission issues and the list goes on and on. Many of his trips to our office, Peter can't even take the vehicle on the highway as the tranny can't handle it and those of you who know, Peter lives in God's Country as it's a million miles from the office.

After numerous back and forths with the WSIB, they have finally approved a vehicle for Peter which they are going to modify to ensure it is wheelchair accessible. The process will take anywhere from 6 – 12 weeks and these modifications are extremely expensive so selecting the right vehicle was critically important. After a great deal of debating, Peter has selected a van.

We appreciate a lot of the affiliates donated to Peter in the past and those donations were truly appreciated and very well received. We humbly ask for your support once again as we would like to do our best in trying to raise the funds necessary to help Peter purchase his new van. Peter is a dear friend and still family here at the COBT and having him interact with us on a continual basis is something that I firmly believe in and something that we will continue to do, however, to get around, whether it be doctor's appointments or anywhere, he needs reliable transportation. So, once again, I'm asking for your assistance to help our dear friend. If each affiliate donated between \$3,000- \$7,000 we could easily cover the cost of the vehicle.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James St. John". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

James St. John
Business Manager / Financial Secretary

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