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President's Report

Good Morning All Relations:

I would like to start with welcoming everyone that made it to this meeting in Red Deer. I would like to share how grateful that you have taken time to travel to this meeting and participate in the local general meeting.

These past months have been very busy with bargaining, we have ratified tentative agreements at Cascade Carriers (company drivers) the Palliser Hotel, and TST Overland and scheduled next is Cascade Carriers (dependant contractors).

I attend the court hearing for 707A vs Suncor and Unifor 707A was successful in getting a court injunction to stop random testing till the arbitration is reheard. This was not only holds significant meaning for the members working full time on site but also our members at Cascade Carriers that haul to the site and Waste Management and Loomis that also go on site.

I attended a Pharmacare event put on by the Canadian Labour Congress in Edmonton that was very educational. I've printed off some information to go back to the work sites including the following:

Recently, <u>21 percent of respondents in Alberta</u> said they or someone else in their household hadn't taken medication as prescribed because they couldn't afford to. An estimated <u>one in three of the province's 2,301,100 workers – 767,033 – don't have health benefits</u>. This patchwork coverage leaves many Albertans without access to the medication they need, either because they don't have a prescription drug plan or have plans that don't cover the cost. Everyone should have equal access to the prescription drugs they need regardless of where they live. It's time for a universal prescription drug plan.

I attended the Alberta Federation of Labour Dec 6 brunch at the NAIT campus (observed on December 3, 2017); it was a very emotional event with the mother of a lady that was killed over two years ago in Morinville speaking on domestic