

General Presidents' Maintenance Committee National Maintenance Council for Canada

The General Presidents' Maintenance Committee for Canada is a Council of Unions in which all of the Building Trades Unions participate at the International level of the Union.

The Committee, working in a cooperative and positive way with industrial maintenance contracting firms, negotiates and administers multi-craft collective agreements which cover maintenance work at many major resource and industrial facilities in Canada.

The system is long standing and secure. Our system has an enviable 58 year track record of providing skilled maintenance workers from the various local unions to meet the on-going maintenance needs of major industrial owners.

The Committee delivers two types of maintenance agreement. The General Presidents' Maintenance Agreement (GPMA) - providing on-going long-term maintenance work in a single contractor, multi-trade environment and the National Maintenance Agreement (NMA) (through the vehicle of the National Maintenance Council) providing a multi-craft collective agreement for short duration/intermittent maintenance work in a multi-contractor setting.

Market Overview

Multi-craft maintenance agreements delivered by the General Presidents' Maintenance Committee (GPMA's) or the National Maintenance Council (NMA's) are established and operating successfully at facilities in many industries and locations across Canada. Industries served at present include:

- Oil Refining
- Chemicals and Petro-chemicals
- Oil Sands, mining, extraction and upgrading
- Electricity Generation, conventional and nuclear
- Mining, metals and potash
- Offshore Oil and Gas Development



- Pulp and Paper
- Steel, integrated, mini-mills, pipe mills
- Gas Processing and Transmission
- Consumer Products

Maintenance work, either as an on-going service, task specific or maintenance shutdown service in these industries equates to full time employment for over 11,000 craft workers each year. Contact this office for a complete list of maintenance projects and client industries.

The Maintenance Story

In 2002, the General Presidents' Maintenance Committee reached 50 years of continuous operation as a trades council. The first multi-trade maintenance collective agreement in North America was negotiated between the unions forming the Committee and Catalytic Construction of Canada in Sarnia, Ontario to cover maintenance work at what is now the Shell refinery.

This beginning has developed into a system that covers many industrial facilities in 8 of the 10 Canadian provinces. The maintenance work covered by the GPMA and NMA collective agreements provides the equivalent of 11,000 full time, high paying jobs for skilled building trades workers. There are currently 20 maintenance employers using the GPMA at various locations while over 100 employers regularly work under the NMA. Copies of many of these collective agreements can be downloaded from the Library section of the site.

The unions that compose the Committee are committed to preserving for their members the maintenance work developed over the last 55 years. This will be accomplished by negotiating and administering fair but competitive agreements. The committee is also committed to establishing new maintenance sites in areas where it is advantageous for the unions, employers and owner-clients to do so.

In recent years, the Committee has invested significant resources to spread the message as to the benefits of using skilled building trades' union members for maintenance work. The Committee has partnered with the Alberta Building Trades Council, the Mainland Nova Scotia Building Trades Council, the New Brunswick



Building trades Council and the Canadian Office of the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department to name a few, in marketing activities to get this message across to interested client organizations.

