

August 17, 2016

To All Affiliates and Friends,

The well wishes and prayers keep pouring in for Brother Peter Reed and he has been thankful for all of the messages we have relayed to him. Peter still remains in the ICU unit and seemingly grows more alert with each passing day. Peter remains on his ventilator but is slowly making steady progress in strengthening his lungs. We are pleased by his progress and I spend time with him every day encouraging him to work hard at his breathing exercises.

There is increasingly more talk of Peter being moved to another facility that would be more suitable to his current condition. We are hopeful that in the next few weeks Peter might be able to accept more visitors. As his condition changes we will do our best to update you but we ask everyone to keep Peter in their thoughts and prayers. Something that has helped to raise Peter's spirits, a friend of his reached out to the Tragically Hip (Peter's favourite band in the entire world) and shared Peter's story with Gord who, in turn, wrote Peter a personalized note signed by the entire band. I can't put into words how happy Peter was to have received this and what a good, quality Canadian band the Hip is that Gord, going through his own difficulties, took the time to reach out to Peter. Wow, that was impressive!

This has helped Peter remain in good spirits and we will continue to do everything we can to support him. In saying that, I want to share a recent conversation I had with Jamie Bourne, a Rep with the Insulators Local 95, who, like all of us, was devastated by Peter's accident. Not knowing what to do and willing to do anything if it could fix the situation, Jamie generously decided to personally donate a week's salary to Peter's trust, which I thought was amazing and I would like to offer this up to all Business Managers, Reps and Organizers for your consideration. Both Laura and I have also donated a week's salary along with COBT's President and Business Rep for Elevators Local 50, Sean McCormick.

We would also like to thank those who have already donated to the trust for Peter, Brody and Mason. For those who haven't, here again is the information: the account is with CIBC, Transit Number 00212, Account Number 1040014. Cheques can be made out to **James St. John in Trust for Peter Reed** and sent to 2088 Weston Rd., Toronto, M9N 1X4 or electronic money transfers can be e-mailed to PBMTrust@cobtrades.com. If you are doing an electronic money transfer, please remember to e-mail your password.

Sincerely,



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