

## CANDIDATE PROFILE

NAME: Matthew Brown

POSITION BEING SOUGHT: Vice President

LENGTH OF TIME WITHIN THE UNION: Four years, '12-'14 and '16-'18

### UNION EXPERIENCE:

Current Shop Steward, District 2, since July '17

Current Unit Chair, Unit 2 – New Glasgow/Antigonish

Stood on the Resolutions Committee at the ALM in both '17 and '18

Attended Unifor's Grievance Handling Workshop in November of '17

Attended additional Shop Steward training in May of '18

### WORK HISTORY:

I first hired as a temporary CST in April of '12, and travelled to all four Atlantic Provinces as part of the FiberOP Project Term workforce.

I left the company to seek other opportunities in March of '14, and consider myself quite fortunate to have had the opportunity to return as a CST in January of '16.

### COMMENTS:

I offer myself in service as Vice President of the Local's Executive.

I'd not worked as part of a union prior to joining the company in '12. During the two years I was away from the company I worked as both an independently contracted sales agent (I was effectively self-employed), and later as a piecework installer for one of Eastlink's regional contractors.

My time away made it clear that our union is a precious thing. Since returning in early '16 I've become a Shop Steward and more recently Unit Chair for Unit 2. I understand the importance of these roles to our ability to represent ourselves as a union.

I've recognized that I have an obligation as a member to serve our union, and that is my reason for offering. I'm confident in my ability to perform the functions of the office.

I hope you will consider my candidacy.