

MEMBER VOICES – September 2015

Domcor forges successful work partnership with Paul First Nation

Domcor Health, Safety, & Security Inc. worked closely with Paul First Nation (PFN) earlier this year to provide health, safety, and security services to industry partner, TransAlta, who work within PFN's traditional territory. Domcor hired and trained over 132 band members to provide crucial man watch services during scheduled spring shutdowns of TransAlta's Sundance 3 and Sundance 5 plants. With as many as 80 members working per day, the projects with TransAlta — and their contractor Alstom Power — were a resounding success.

The first stage of the project was providing PFN members with training and professional development. In addition to certifications for gas level monitoring and confined space watch, we trained members in specific radio protocols, and how to work safely and effectively in an industrial setting. We also arranged transportation to and from the community and each industrial. We were also able to assist the community: sponsoring both the Community Dinner and the Princess and Warriors Pow-Wow, and also gave funds for PFN youth to attend a cultural training summer camp.



From l to r: Mary Rain, Elder, daughter Dawn Rain, to her left, granddaughter Alex Roy and in front, son Francis Rain.



Charles Bearhead performs confined space monitoring

TransAlta has been an excellent industry partner for this project. Using their Aboriginal committee, they identified important revenue and employment opportunities that Domcor could give to community members. Furthermore, they demonstrated significant leadership, sponsoring a month-long bottle drive to raise funds for a PFN family whose sick child returned home after a lengthy hospital stay. Domcor and PFN are currently working this month on the shutdown of TransAlta's Keephills plant, and will be assisting them further when they perform unscheduled maintenance on their plants throughout the winter.

Domcor recently achieved Bronze level as part of its PAR certification process, but our ultimate goal is to go for Gold. We value deeply the relationship we've forged with Paul First Nation and look forward to bringing more funds and opportunity to the whole community in the near future.