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To All Friends of Peter Reed,

It's hard to believe it's almost been seven months since Peter's accident. Peter has come so far, it's hard to even put in words. The strength, stamina and perseverance that he has shown over the last seven months is truly remarkable and some days I'm still in disbelief on how far he has come. Not bad for a Sparky!

Now that's he's discharged, Peter has been able to get out and about and even attended one of his IBEW monthly membership meetings where the attendees were thrilled to see him. We've also had him here at the COBT office, we've been out for dinner, lunch, beers and Peter, as he always does, helped us receive the cheque for our Toronto Rock Hammer Heads Night on January 28th. It was great having Pete down at the ACC with us. As I sit here and write this, Peter is also coming down to the Rock game with us tonight.

I'm sure some of you are wondering, as often people do, he has not regained the use of his arms or legs and, sadly, nor do we expect him to. But as you can see from what we've written above, he's getting around very well and we look to have him at some more meetings and events in the future. As I've been telling everybody all along, his mind, his memory and the laughs that we've always shared are still the laughs that we share today.

The WSIB is continuing to modify his house and seemingly this is going to be a long, difficult process. But at least the work is continuing. Our next focus will be to assist Peter with a vehicle. Currently, he is getting around in a very well used and sometimes unreliable former Wheel Trans taxi. We are waiting for the WSIB to approve a vehicle that they will then modify, making it wheelchair accessible. Once we get the go-ahead we will look to the affiliates for some assistance.

As always, Peter would like to thank everyone for your well-wishes and support.

Sincerely,



James St. John
Business Manager / Financial Secretary

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