



MATTHEW WAYLAND, RSE

Executive Assistant to the International Vice President &
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Matt began in the IBEW First District office in 2011 and has played a key role in educating and engaging IBEW members across the country. Matt has raised the IBEW's profile with various levels of politicians of all party stripes bringing issues that matter most to our members, to the attention of these policy and decision makers. Matt led Let's Build Canada, a third party coalition in the 2015 Federal election that targeted ads to help progressive candidates at the same time leading IBEW Canada's ground game with election training followed by engagement of members in over 50 ridings across the country.

He is proud to be a 2015 alumni of the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference that assembles Canada's next generation of leaders in business, government, labour, and NGO's.

On April 25th, 2018, Matt was appointed by the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, to the Task Force on Just Transition for Canadian Coal Power Workers and Communities. The task force is responsible for providing knowledge, options and recommendations to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change on implementing a just transition for workers and communities directly impacted by the accelerated phase out of coal fired electricity in Canada.

In August of 2018, Matt was named the Executive Assistant to the International Vice President and Canadian Director of Government Relations by IBEW IVP Tom Reid.

Matt is a licensed red-seal electrician and is a proud member of IBEW Local Union 303 in St. Catharines, ON. Prior to his current role, Matt served his Local Union in several capacities including Apprentice Representative, Executive Board Member, Trustee, and President.