



# Shoptalk



May June 2025

School District #43 (Coquitlam) / Coquitlam Public Library /  
Transdev Fraser Valley /  
Children's House Montessori Pre-School

## **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, June 14th, 2025—9:00 am  
Riverside Secondary—Cafeteria  
2215 Reeve Street  
Port Coquitlam

Greetings CUPE Local 561 Members,

With the summer coming up I hope that everyone will find some time to relax and enjoy the nice weather and have some time with family and friends. With the school sites getting ready for summer cleaning, please remember to stay safe if you are working alone doing summer cleanup. Our school district bargaining committee has been working on the survey results and proposals sent in by school district members. I want to thank everyone who participated and sent in proposals, this is a very important part of the process. As the Committee works on preparing the locals proposals, we still will have to wait for the provincial bargaining to wrap up before we get to the table with the employer. We have some dates set and will continue to work on this with the support of CUPE National.

We will be holding a unit meeting for both Transdev and the Coquitlam Public Library in June. With the Library collective agreement ending December 31st, 2025, we will be getting their bargaining committee together this fall to start our prep work.

We have just held a successful ratification vote for a letter of understanding on May 28<sup>th</sup> for our new varied members in Abbotsford and Chilliwack. This was a great opportunity, and I am grateful that both sides could come to an agreement. We will be monitoring how this letter of understanding is performing going forward so we can try to address any issues at Transdev bargaining next year.

As my first month as president is wrapped up, I am grateful for all the hard work our members do everyday. I want to thank all our Stewards, Union Officers and Executive Members for their commitment to our local.

Mike Myers  
President

### **CUPE LOCAL 561 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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Please contact the union to update your information.

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## Questions and Answers

### SD43

- Q:** Can a member in a temporary posting move to a different temporary posting if it is an upgrade in pay?
- A:** In Article 2.4 of the collective agreement, the last paragraph says “Employees who accept a temporary posting must remain in that posting for the duration of the vacancy unless posting into a permanent position” so even if it is an increase in pay you cannot go from a temp to a temp.
- Q:** If I go to a 12 month position from a 10 or 10.5 month position, do I get to keep extra minutes and take time off during Spring Break?
- A:** As per terms of reference for extra minutes, anyone leaving a 10 or 10.5 month position with extra minutes, will be paid out those minutes if they go to a 12 month position.

### Coquitlam Library

- Q:** Does the employer have to give notice if a shift is changed?
- A:** Yes, in the collective agreement on Page 7, Article 5.1.2.

**Have a question you would like to see in ShopTalk?**  
**Send it to [CUPE561@CUPE561.ca](mailto:CUPE561@CUPE561.ca)**

### REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:



If you have not already done so, please send your **PERSONAL email** to the union office to be kept up to date on the latest news and to vote in elections.

**Email to: [cupe561@cupe561.ca](mailto:cupe561@cupe561.ca)**

If you have provided your email and you are not receiving updates, please contact the office.



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Reminder to all School District employees, you have access to the EFAP program—Homewood Health.

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## *SICK AND VISITING & GOOD OF THE UNION*

### *Fruit Basket*

Crystal Clemens  
Donya Kiya  
Abhinesh Naidu

### *Get Well*

Crystal Clemens

### *Cards of Thanks*

Sherril Berg

### *Sympathy Cards*

Dayna MacDonald—Son  
Carol Matthews—Father

## *Retirements*

### **April**

Nazeer Ali  
Jennifer Benoit  
Belinda Harris  
Pam Virdi

### **May**

Stefan Fronea  
Tracy Kandborg  
Maggie Narkiewicz

*Congratulations!*

## **Initiations**

*Welcome*

### School District 43

Farishta Ahangerzada (EA)  
Eri Baillie (LISW)  
Dolma Barungtang (CT)  
Manjinder Bhangal (EA)  
Hailey Carruthers (CL)  
Lap Ki Chan (LISW)  
Hye Yeong Choi (LISW)  
Serena Dhesi (EA)  
Sujin Han (CT)  
Ryann Hoxsey-Pilon (EA)  
Xinna Huang (NHA)  
Yumi Im (LISW)

Yu Kyung Jeong (CT)  
Kirin Kaur (LISW)  
Michelle Lacombe (EA)  
Jae Sun Lee (CT)  
Jeong Eun Lee (EA)  
Yoon Lee (CT)  
Claire Lindsay (SSF)  
Sovanmoly Meas (EA)  
Sooah Na (LISW)  
Emily Nelson (EA)  
Wendy Nystrom (PR)

Nikka Peredo (LA)  
James Richardson (CT)  
Majdalin Sata (EA)  
Azadeh Shakeri (EA)  
Yu Yeon Shin (CT)  
Myeong Ho Whangbo (CT)  
Quiyan Yang (CT)  
James Ylarde (CT)  
Maryam Zamani (LISW)