



February 2023

# Shoptalk

School District #43 (Coquitlam) / Coquitlam Public Library /  
First Canada Transit Services-Fraser Valley /  
Children's House Montessori Pre-School



## GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, March 11th, 2023

VIA Zoom—Register on line at [cupe561.ca](http://cupe561.ca)

9:00 am

No initiations

## President News

It has been a very busy February. First finalizing the collective agreement and benefit plan for SD43. Finalizing proposals for CPL and first meeting with the employer.

In February we gave 72hrs notice to First Transit starting our strike action by not collecting fares and then 2 days (Feb 27 & 28) of picketing. Please show your support for our fellow members by going to the website on the following page. If you are out in Abbotsford or Chilliwack and see the picket lines please stop and show your support for CUPE 561 members.

Snow to end the month is not what picketers we're hoping for but maybe the sun will begin in March and bring the employer back to the table with a better offer.

Spring break is coming for SD 43 employees, make sure you have put in your CADS. Remember Second week of spring break is extra minutes, alternate calendar days.

Nominations will be taken for AGM at the March 11th virtual meeting. All members with 4 meetings are eligible for all positions that are up for election this year.

We are working with CUPE National on a new website. More inclusive information for members. It should be running by April, check it out and if you have any suggestions, email [cupe561@cupe561.ca](mailto:cupe561@cupe561.ca).

Waiting for Spring.

In Solidarity

Jane Gibbons

President CUPE561

## CUPE LOCAL 561 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	<b>Jane Gibbons</b>	Member At Large	<b>Debby Cowan</b> (SD #43)
Vice-President	<b>Lisa Gregory</b>	Member At Large	<b>Karin Leathwood</b> (SD #43)
Recording Secretary	<b>Jill Allen</b>	Member At Large	<b>Donna Clark-MacMurchy</b> (Library)
Treasurer	<b>Darin Nielsen</b>	Member At Large	<b>Arthur Lilley</b> (First Canada)
Senior Shop Steward	<b>Wendy Meston</b>		



Support your Brothers, Sisters and Friends of First Transit! Go to [cupe561.ca](http://cupe561.ca) and Pledge Your Support or use the QR code.



Abbotsford City Hall Rally. Many honks and cheers from the community in support!



Thank you Picket Captains for all the hard work you have put in to support your fellow members!



Chilliwack Members on Strike Duty



CUPE National President, Mark Hancock speaking at the February 27th rally in support of First Transit Strike!



Dr. Charles Best students sought support from Coquitlam's City Council for the Pride flag and Community Pride gathering as a way to build support and acceptance of the queer community. Karin Leathwood, CUPE 561 Member at Large and School Board Trustee Jennifer Blatherwick attended to show support. The Pride flag flew for the very first time in the council room on Feb 27, 2023.

## Questions and Answers

**Q:** If I post into a new classification for the first time, is there a probation period?

**A:** As per 7.5 D, E—there is a trial period, an employee shall be considered an employee “on trial” for a period of thirty (30) working days exclusive of holidays, leaves of absences and illness. If the employee proves unsatisfactory or is dissatisfied during the period, they shall be returned to their former position or to a position of equal status if the former position no longer exists.

**Q:** What day is the November 11th Stat and DNIS for 10 month employees?

**A:** Friday November 10th is the DNIS and Monday November 13th is the STAT.

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

# SICK AND VISITING & GOOD OF THE UNION

## Cards of Thanks

Cindy Carlson

## Sympathy Cards

Ronda Lindsay

## Congratulations

Karissa McLellan—new baby

## Initiations

### School District 43

Mikaela Adolph EA	Eugene Bhani CAS CT	Natasha Barber CAS EA
Melanie Boyle CAS EA	JaydaCallaghan CAS EA	To Tsun Chau CAS NHA
Constance Chow NHA	Sim Clarke CAS CT	Minako Dallas NHA
Garth Desjardins CAS EA	Mckenna Evans CAS EA	Nancy Fogliato CAS CL
Melissa Funes Fedosenko CAS CL	Simin Ghaffari CAS NHA	Ilana Hoegler NHA
Lauren Holmes-Hannah CAS EA	Jenn Ivison CAS EA	Amy Jones NHA
Niroojan Kaneshalingam CAS CT	Marla Kehler EA	Michelle Klug CAS EA
Savannah Mcintyre CAS EA	Marjorie McQuarrie CAS YW	Klaudia Menic CAS CL
Neda Moazami CAS EA	Daniella Munroe NHA	Sharon Nakamoto CAS CL
Emily Nelson CAS EA	Stacey Neuman NHA	Sandra Oben CAS EA
Jaclyn Ongaro CAS CL	Michael Pais CAS CT	Nicole Persuhn CAS EA
Kayla Peters YW	Jennifer Pownall NHA	Kyla Richardson CAS EA
Melina Sarantopoulos CAS NHA	Peshauquet Shognosh CAS YW	Tanya Sowden NHA
Julee Stewart CAS EA	Mi Sun Kim CAS CT	Riley Tran CAS EA
Joycelin Valera NHA	Grace Villarey CAS EA	Katherine Wallace SSF
Brienn Webner NHA	So Young Kim NHA	Ka Yuen EA

### Coquitlam Public Library

Hayley McLeary



### First Transit

John Addison	Harprit (Raj) Nerwal	Shawn Olay
Karanpreet Randhawa	Gurpdeep Sidhu	Sahibdeep Singh
Jesse Ware		

## JANUARY RETIREMENTS



Kelley Culley	Tom MacDonald	Christine McLennan
Judy Parsons	Casimiro Sabarre	

Mr. Tom MacDonald at the February General Meeting being recognized for his years of service to the Union and School District 43.

