



Shoptalk



June 2023

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

GENERAL MEETING Saturday, September 9th, 2023 In-Person



Your Executive Team!
Unavailable at the time of photo:
Melani Williams—MAL Library

Greetings 561 Members!

I hope everyone is doing well and planning some quality time this summer with their friends and family, and getting some much needed rest that we all deserve. My first month in the President's position has been a busy one indeed, but I have enjoyed every bit of it. With folks at First Transit on strike, Library division still in bargaining, and the school year is winding down for SD43, our Executive and members are busier than ever.

The bargaining committee for First Transit has now entered into mediation with an appointed Mediator by the Labour

Minister and is working diligently to ensure our members get a fair deal that addresses regional wage disparity, and lack of a pension plan. Thanks again for the strength of our members of First Transit standing their ground and remaining united for the future members moving forward. Please come and join us on the picket lines—the support of all 561 members means a great deal.

I'm looking forward to working with all the members of this local, and as promised, I will continue to reach out to many of you for support, information, knowledge and your involvement in our local. This teamwork is what will make us stronger than ever! Please don't hesitate to contact myself or the executive for any inquires or if you wish to be involved.

Thank you for all the support and have an amazing summer!


In Solidarity,
Randy Kootte
President

CUPE LOCAL 561 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Randy Kootte	Member At Large	Debby Cowan (SD #43)
Vice-President	Lisa Gregory	Member At Large	Karin Leathwood (SD #43)
Recording Secretary	Jill Allen	Member At Large	Melani Williams (Library)
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Senior Shop Steward	Mike Myers		



Support your Brothers, Sisters and Friends of First Transit! Go to weneedalift.ca and Pledge Your Support or use the QR code.



Mission Rally — June 1st



CUPE 561 June BBQ



Thank you to the Social and Picnic committee for organizing the BBQ. Even with a little rain, it was well attended right up until the end. A big thank you to Mike and Angela for cooking all the food! The kids certainly enjoyed the very entertaining magician!

Stay tuned for more events to come!



BURSARIES 2024

Students graduating from High School in 2024 who are the sons, daughters, spouse of members or members of CUPE Local 561 shall be eligible if member has **attended not less than 50% of the regular Union meetings during a twelve-month period - May 2023 to April 2024 inclusive**, may be eligible for a General Bursary in the amount of \$350.00 to attend a post secondary institution. The Elizabeth McKnight Trades Bursary and Colin Gray Trades Bursary in the amount of \$500.00 are for applicants attending an accredited Apprenticeship Training Program or Trade School. ***In order to be considered for a Bursary you must stay for the duration of the each meeting (approx. 2hrs). Deadline to apply for a bursary is May 1, 2024. Please check the website for more information.***

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 from your union.

Email to: cupe561@cupe561.ca

If you have provided your email and you are not receiving updates, please contact the office as there have been many returned in the last few months.

Returned email examples: @shaw.ca and @telus.net

Questions and Answers

Q: Does the Employer have the right to know what medical condition my spouse or parent has in order to use ill spouse/parent day?

A: No, your spouse or parent's medical situation is private and personal information and the Employer is not entitled to this information.

**Have a question you would like to see in ShopTalk?
Send it to CUPE561@CUPE561.ca**

REMINDER

Warmer weather is upon us and proper footwear should still be worn. Flip flops are not suitable in the work environment as they cannot protect feet against a wide variety of injuries.



SICK AND VISITING & GOOD OF THE UNION

Fruit Baskets

Neil Baerg
Rajvir Dhesi
Gail Knechtel
Andy Noyon
Jason Washington

Cards of Thanks

Gail Knechtel
Susan MacRae
Jason Washington

Sympathy Cards

Gil Morgato
Pat Bandet

Death of a Member

Marjorie Staples—SD43

RETIREMENTS

Wendy Basler
John Del Monte
Bettina Leduc

Barbara Cassie
Judy Gwynn
Dan Poland

Tracy Cunningham
Kathleen Kiely
Donald Tse

Congratulations!

Initiations

School District 43

Brent Amano—HVAC
Ena Fernandez—EA
Lindsay Holbrook—LISW
Parampreet Kaur—EA
Jessica Krieger—EA
Kin Ping Lam—NHA
Neelofar Nurani—CDF
Ron Thom—PL/HVAC
Olivia Szpakowski—LISW

Sonia Bahni—EA
Chelsea Giesbrecht—NHA
Shahadat Hossain—CT
So Ra Kim—EA
Siu Lai—NHA
Darina Mishkova—STF
Nicole Nonis—LISW
Kelly Robinson—EA

Celia Chan—NHA
Kaljit Gurm—EA
Eunhyung Hur—EA
Tomoko Kohno—EA
Muneera Lalani—EA
Sabrina Myran—YW
Afsaneh Pourzaker—EA
Anita Roessle—CL

Welcome

Door Prize Winners at the May General Meeting

#30—Mike Myers

#64—Neda Madarion

#45—Coral Crawford

#25—Melani Williams

#70—Neda Moazami

Door Prize Winners at the June General Meeting

#63—Neelofar Nurani

#49—Cindy Vallee

#11—Shayna McCormack

#43—Hong Yang

#19—Elizabeth Roux

#42—Jung Won Shin