

CUPE 459 CONNECTION

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President's Message

Hello, to all our members in all departments...

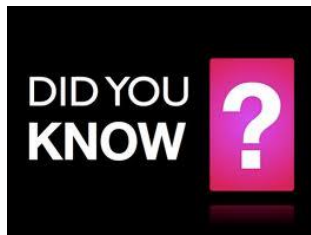
I hope everyone had an enjoyable long weekend with friends and family.

Yes it is true, we are all experiencing new year start-up challenges in our departments. Your Executive is working diligently to correct any issues that have risen since September, we do appreciate your confidence and patience.

Some upcoming matters I want you to be aware of are, Pro d day has been switched, as we did last year, with a Non-Instructional day in November. Our Pro D day will now be **November 20, 2015**... This agreement has aligned well for trading our Feb Pro d Day to April, hoping this may open up favorable weather, for some outside activities as well as giving the committee time to organize.

In the new year, as mentioned at earlier meetings, you will be asked to vote on an updated medical plan, or keep the status quo. We will have our National rep put on a presentation outlining the pros and cons. Stay tuned for more info...

Respectfully, Cameron Gordon-Findlay – President



General Meeting Update ...

CUPE Pro D will now be on November 20th, 2015. We will hold a general meeting at the lunch break. Snowball Draw (Must be in attendance to win)



CUPE 459

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE...

www.459.cupe.ca

There is a complete list of Executive Contacts, Committee members, links to relevant websites as well as all of our CUPE 459 Connection Newsletters.

Check it out...



Thank you Responses from Scholarship & Bursary Recipients...

Dear CUPE 459,
Hello, this is Aiden, a recipient of the CUPE Bursary. I am greatly thankful for giving me this wonderful gift. This Bursary will help me unmeasurably during my first year in McGill. I am planning on using the money to buy supplies like books and some for tuition too. Thank you all once again, and I hope everyone there have a beautiful summer!!

Sincerely, Aiden Lee

Hello, I would like to thank the donor of this scholarship for awarding me with the CUPE scholarship, I greatly appreciate the chance to further my education using your kind donation. This scholarship will make a great difference to my education as it will allow me the opportunity to focus solely on post-secondary school instead of working. I am attending UVIC in the fall to obtain a degree in the field of exercise science. I hope to use the degree to help high level athletes excel in their chosen sport. This career will help me stay involved in the sports community and allow me to have a career in something I am passionate about. Thanks for your generous donation, Brianne Sleivert

I really appreciate being the recipient of the scholarship from CUPE 459 and wanted to thank you. It was extremely helpful in me being able to attend The Westcoast Adventure College this past year and obtain my Adventure Tourism Certifications. I am sorry it took so long to write to thank you. It has been a really busy year and I am now heading off to work on the sunshine Coast as a Kayak guide. I really love working in the outdoors and thoroughly enjoyed my courses at the College which I couldn't have done without your help.

Austin Wilson

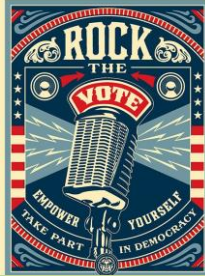
I would like to thank you very much for the generous scholarship that you have given me to assist in furthering my education. I truly appreciate receiving the scholarship from CUPE 459 and it was instrumental in me being able to attend the Westcoast Adventure College this past year. I'm sorry it has taken me so long to write, it has been a whirlwind year and I am now heading off to work on the Sunshine Coast as a kayak guide. I have a real passion for the outdoors and never could have obtained my Adventure tourism certifications without your assistance.

Brandon Wilson




OCTOBER 19TH


CANADA VOTES 2015





Voter's checklist

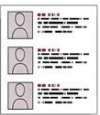
Get ready to vote in the **2015 federal election**


- Make sure you're registered 

- Watch for your voter information card in the mail 

- Check that you have the right ID 

- Choose one of the many ways to vote 

- Find out who the candidates are in your riding 

- Mark your calendar with key dates 



Contact Elections Canada for everything you need to know to be ready to vote.
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CRD Sewage Campaign Update

The Capital Regional District in Greater Victoria is once again engaged in planning for a new sewage treatment. CUPE is working to ensure that public control and operation of any new sewage treatment is a priority issues for local communities and politicians. Public control of water and wastewater makes sense. In the CRD, public sewage treatment offers more transparency and accountability, better environmental protection, support for the local procurement and jobs, and public is more affordable.

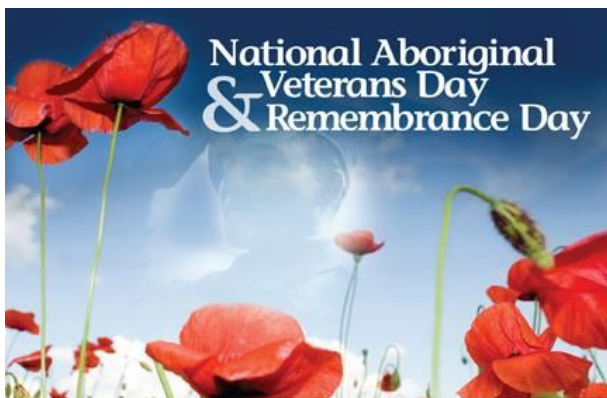
We know that residents of the Core area are supportive of public sewage treatment. Every time public opinion has been tested on this, it is clear that whatever new plans are developed, residents do not want privatized treatment. They want public control and operation of sewage treatment.

The CRD has committed to amending the liquid waste management plan and having a new solution for sewage treatment by March 2016 to meet federal funding requirements. With a tight timeframe and a good deal of public involvement, it is important that CUPE members and allies ensure that our voice for keeping sewage treatment public is heard at sewage-related meetings and events. If you are interested in working with us on the campaign, please email publicwaterworks@gmail.com

- See more at: <http://www.cupe.bc.ca/campaigns/water-watch/3906#sthash.N30nHcwe.dpuf>



Remembrance Day
November 11th
Lest we forget



CUPE 459 will lay a wreath at each of the local cenotaphs on Remembrance Day

Events & Dates to Remember



October 17th – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

October 19th, 2015 – Federal Election

November 8th – Aboriginal Veterans Day

November 11th – Remembrance Day

November 20th – National Child Day

December 1st – World Aids Day

December 3rd – International Day of Disabled Persons

December 6th – Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women

December 10th – International Human Rights Day