

February 2019



## Bargaining

- **BCAA - RACC** – Parties met January 21; little progress made; committee met February 13 to discuss next steps.
- **BCAA - Service Locations** – Parties met January 10; little progress made; committee met February 13 to discuss next steps.
- **BCFED** – Committee met for prep January 21 & 22; will meet again March 14 to finalize strategy.
- **BC Hydro** – Committee met February 13 & 15 to review proposals; dates for bargaining tentatively set for middle of April and May.
- **BC Regional Council of Carpenters** – Tentative agreement ratified February 13.
- **BC Transit** – Membership town hall held February 7; committee scheduled to meet in March to draft proposals.
- **Boilermakers 191** – Tentative agreement reached January 24; ratified February 15.
- **Burnaby English Language Centre** – Membership meeting scheduled in March.
- **Canadian Freightways** – Employer attempted to avoid bargaining in March; they have agreed to come to the table but will not respond to our proposals or be tabling their own; we prepared to file an unfair labour practice however we received confirmation that bargaining was back on.
- **Capilano University** – Membership meeting February 21.
- **Cascades Casino (Langley)** – Parties met February 12, 19 & 20; continue to negotiate monetary items.
- **Cascades Casino (Penticton)** – Tentative agreement ratified February 8.
- **CIATU** – Tentative agreement going through approval process; ratification to be scheduled thereafter.

## Summary

Since the start of the new year, our union has been very campaign focused. We have engaged in member-to-member contact to support the provincial by-election in Nanaimo which saw the successful election of the BC NDP's Sheila Malcolmson, as well as with the federal by-election in Burnaby South which saw the successful election of Canada's NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh.

Another major item on our agenda is public service bargaining, specifically with ICBC and BC Hydro. It is a sensitive for both of these organizations given the news that has surrounded them in recent months referencing the ICBC "dumpster fire" and the news of the deferral accounts at BC Hydro as well as the ill-advised purchase of unnecessary power from IPPs by the former BC Liberal government which will now cost the people of British Columbia \$200 more a year for the next 20 years.

Our table officers will also be active at the end of February as we head to Ottawa to lobby with Members of Parliament.

Our annual Job Steward Seminar will take place from March 1 to 3, while our communications staff are busy preparing for the next edition of the Local Voice that will be coming out in April.

## Bargaining cont.

- **Coast Mountain Bus** – Town hall held February 7; bargaining committee to meet in March to draft proposals.
- **Coastal Community Credit Union** – Process of electing bargaining committee; survey results have been tabulated.
- **CRNBC/CRPNBC/CLPNBC** – Successorship (s. 35); mediation set for February 20 & 21.
- **CUPE BC & Locals** – Parties met January 17 & 18; Employer declined any proposals with monetary changes; parties ended at an impasse; in discussions with employer to get back to the table.
- **FortisBC Inc. (Electric)** – Parties' sub-committees met in late January/early February; planning to meet as a group on March 8.
- **FortisBC Energy Inc.** – Parties' sub-committees met in late January/early February; planning to meet as a group on March 8.
- **Gulf & Fraser Fishermen's Credit Union** – Committee selected; will be meeting to review survey sent to membership February 13.
- **Hertz (Victoria & Midtown)** – Final stages of bargaining; wages are last item; met with employer February 19 & 20.
- **ICBC** – Committee reviewed survey results February 19 to 22 and drafted proposals.
- **Island Savings Credit Union** – Committee selected; survey completed by membership; dates to be arranged to review survey results.
- **IWA Forest Industry PP** – Bargaining 101 and survey to be sent out shortly; committee has been appointed.
- **Lu'Ma Native Housing** – Proposals exchanged; waiting for employer to confirm bargaining dates.
- **NDP BC** – Committee has met and drafted proposals.
- **Sheet Metal Industry Training Board** – Tentative agreement ratified February 8.
- **Teamsters 155** – Proposals complete; next step to hold membership meeting to review them and then to schedule bargaining date(s) with employer.
- **TransLink** – Town hall meeting with members held January 31; committee is scheduled to meet in April to compose proposals.
- **WAVAW** – Tentative agreement ratified February 21.
- **Westminster Savings Credit Union** – Members walked off the job January 22; **CorporateGreed.ca**; employer has not contacted the union to return to the table.

## Picket line at WSCU

On January 22, MoveUP members working at the Westminster Savings Credit Union Shaughnessy Station branch in Port Coquitlam set up a picket line.

The workers there are fighting for retirement security, and against inequity in the workplace. The employer has been unwilling to budge from a proposal to two-tier their pension that would allow, for the time being, existing employees to retain their existing pension plan but for new employees hired after July 1, 2018 to only have access to an inferior plan.

We are hoping that affiliate members can help support our members on the picket line by:

1. Visiting the picket line during normal hours. Although the employer has chosen to "close" the branch and not serve any of their credit union members there, the picket line is in operation during times that the branch would have normally been open. The hours are as follows:

**Monday to Thursday:**  
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Friday:**  
9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Saturday:**  
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Sunday:**  
Closed

The branch is located at:  
#6108 - 2850 Shaughnessy St.,  
Port Coquitlam.

2. Visiting **CorporateGreed.ca** to send an email to Westminster Savings Credit Union CEO Gavin Toy urging him to treat workers fairly so they can go back to work.

