

Next General Membership Meeting

Saturday November 6, 2021

Meetings start at 10:00 am

Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC

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If your contact information has changed please make sure you notify the union office as soon as possible (ph. 604-876-6287). The local union uses the most up-to-date information in our database for communications.

Feel free to use the form below and **fax to: 604-876-5687**

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International Union of Operating Engineers Local 963

Collective Bargaining Preparation

The Newsletter For VSB Operations Staff Supervision Aides Cafeteria Staff

Thanks to all the members who have provided the local union with a non-VSB email address so that we can communicate directly with you during upcoming collective bargaining with the Vancouver School Board ("local bargaining") and the Provincial government's representatives, the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association ("provincial bargaining").

To date, close to 400 members have registered their non-VSB email address with the local. This is the email address the local will use to, among other things, distribute a collective bargaining survey so that members can have input regarding the proposals raised at the bargaining table.

If you have not provided the local union with a non-VSB email address you can still do so by sending an email to tdevivo@iuoe963.ca or by calling 604-876-6287 (IUOE Office).

Existing Collective Agreement Remains

A reminder that even though there is an end date to our collective agreement (June 30, 2022) it remains in full force and effect subject only to a strike, lockout or a renewed collective agreement. This includes the **Provincial Framework Agreement** that sets out broader matters including wage increases.

In other words, while we are in bargaining with our employer—whether the VSB locally or BCPSEA provincially- the existing contract stands. Rates of pay and working conditions cannot be unilaterally changed by an employer while parties are engaged in collective bargaining, regardless of how long that process may take.

COVID Cleaning

The VSB Operations Department has clarified our role with respect to COVID cleaning for this Fall. In summary, we are back to "regular cleaning" on afternoon and graveyard shifts with "high touch areas" being wiped down on dayshift. **In cases where the school is requesting daily wipe-downs of student desks Building Engineers and Head Custodians should reach out to Operations as extra help has been provided to a number of elementary schools.**

If you require assistance contact your Job Steward or the union office.

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IUOE Canadian Conference/Local 963 Educational Bursary Winners



Congratulations to Anureet Samra, daughter of Narinder Samra, on winning a \$750 Educational Bursary from the Canadian Conference of the International Union of Operating Engineers!



Congratulations also to the winners of a \$1,000 Educational Bursary from Local 963 (photo not available) awarded in June 2021:

- Nicole Francisco, daughter of Sonny Francisco
- Anja Morrell, daughter of Ellen Saenger
- Anureet Samra, daughter of Narinder Samra



Annual Children’s Christmas Event

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, it appears that our annual Children’s event will again be in the form of a drive-through, similar to last year. Look for bulletins with more information in the coming weeks.

Annual United Way Breakfast Fundraiser

As with the Children’s Christmas event, it appears that we will be unable to hold a *United Way* fundraising breakfast this year. Last year a motion was carried that made a donation to the *United Way* in an amount similar to the previous year’s. It is anticipated a similar motion will be moved this year to help this worthy cause.



United Way
British Columbia

Working with communities in BC’s Interior, Lower Mainland, Central & Northern Vancouver Island

FoodSafe Training

The Local Union has arranged for FoodSafe training and there is still space available of the **November 27/21** course, held at the Union Office. Should interest expand beyond this second class we will offer more opportunities to renew your Food Safe certification.

Please contact Judith at 604-876-6287 (Monday to Wednesday) for more information to get your name on a waiting list for further course offerings.

and



Remembrance Day*

Remembrance Day is a day for all Canadians to remember the men and women who served and sacrificed for our country. It is a day we encourage every individual, young and old, to pause, to give thanks and to remember.

Honour and Remember

The Remembrance Day Ceremony has played a major role in Remembrance since 1931. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we gather in memorial parks, community halls, workplaces, schools and homes to stand in honour of all who have fallen.

Pandemic restrictions have meant smaller ceremonies, or their outright cancellation. Other gatherings are being replaced with virtual ceremonies.

Nevertheless, the tradition of Remembrance will continue, and Canada’s Fallen will not be forgotten. The Royal Canadian Legion encourages all Canadians to observe a moment of silence on November 11, to mark the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in the service of their country, and to acknowledge the courage of those who still serve.

*Royal Canadian Legion (legion.ca/remembrance)

