

CUPE/Management PD Day

May 9, 2025

On May 9th, CUPE Local 2773 and Management held a joint Professional Development Day. The day featured workshops on communication, workplace wellness, and team building. Members had the opportunity to connect across departments and build stronger working relationships.

Thank you to all of our presenters, organizers and participants for sharing their time and expertise to make the day such a success. As we begin planning for next year, please remember to complete the feedback survey that will be sent via Teams soon. Your input helps us continue improving future PD Days. If you are interested in joining next year's planning committee, we would love to hear from you.



CUPE in the Community



Volunteers from our membership joined the Kootenay District Council booth at Spirit of the Rockies this year and showed CUPE pride by connecting with the community and representing the strength of the membership. Thank you all for participating and representing our collective.



CUPE BC Convention

April 29th to May 2nd 2026



Representatives from our local, Kristy Brons, Rhonda Sheridan, and Emma Inman, gathered with other delegates from across British Columbia for the 2026 CUPE BC Convention.

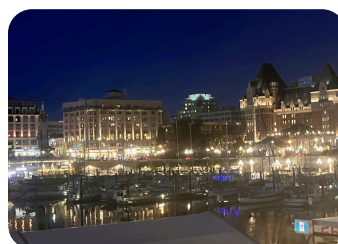
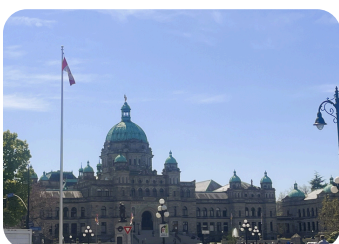
This year's convention focused on strengthening public services, improving workplace health and safety, supporting workers through bargaining, and increasing political engagement. Delegates passed more than 45 resolutions that will guide CUPE BC's priorities in the coming year.

Key priorities included:

- Protecting and expanding public services, particularly health care and transit
- Preventing workplace violence and promoting psychological health and safety
- Addressing post-secondary underfunding and improving access to mental health services
- Supporting living wages, accessibility, inclusive workplaces, and greater member and young worker engagement

A major focus was the upcoming municipal elections, with delegates encouraged to remain active in advocating for strong public services and workers' rights. Featured speakers, including Premier David Eby and CUPE National President Mark Hancock, reinforced the importance of solidarity and the vital role CUPE members play in communities across B.C. Representing more than 120,000 members across nine sectors, CUPE BC remains committed to building safer workplaces, stronger public services, and a more equitable future for all workers.

References: CUPE BC – Convention 2026
2026-CUPE-BC-Resolutions-Book_Final.pdf
Living Wage BC
Photos credited by Rhonda Sheridan



Farewell and Best Wishes

As we celebrate the contributions of colleagues who are beginning new chapters, we extend our heartfelt thanks to those who have recently retired or moved on to new opportunities. Their dedication, hard work, and positive impact have left lasting mark on our workplace and community. We are grateful for all they have shared and wish them every success, happiness, and fulfillment in their journeys ahead.



Retired and Departed Colleagues

- Jackie Hill
- David Quinn
- Brandt Wagner
- Sachin Bhandari
- Tessie Ward

Please note: if any names have been missed, please let us know so we can add them in the next letter!



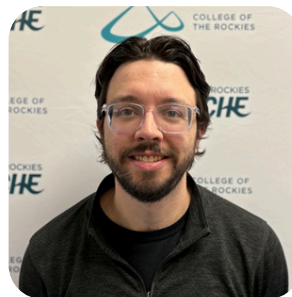
Explore Your Campus Perks!

Looking for a fun way to stay active this summer? The campus gym is a great place to stay energetic, recharge, and connect with colleagues. As a staff member, you have access to the gym and a variety of recreational activities including:

- Disc Golf
- Weight Room
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Table Tennis

Stop by the gym office to learn about drop-in times and activity schedules. Whether you're looking to work out, play a game, or try something new, there's something for everyone!

Meet the Gym Team



Dylan Thompson



Skylar Hennigar

You can find Skylar and Dylan in the gym office Monday to Friday, 8am - 4pm all summer!

Looking for more leisure activities?



The Learning Commons offers a wide selection of books, digital resources, and comfortable spaces to explore new ideas, catch up on reading, or pursue professional development.

Staff at satellite campuses can also take advantage, resources can be sent to you! Contact the Learning Commons for more details.

Celebrating Pride Month on Campus

Throughout Pride Month, CUPE 2773 celebrates the diversity, resilience, and contributions of 2SLGBTQIA+ students, employees, and community members. Pride is an opportunity to recognize the importance of inclusion, respect, and belonging while reaffirming our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment where everyone can thrive.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Pride events, displayed their support, and helped foster a culture of equity and inclusion across our campuses. Together, we continue building a college community where every individual feels seen, valued, and respected.



Attention Regional campus staff

Consider joining the College Pride Committee. Contact Aly Gustafson for details
agustafson2@cotr.bc.ca

CUPE CALENDAR

General Meetings

For meeting times and locations, please check your Outlook meeting invite for the most up-to-date info. Please note: Dates and times may vary due to room availability.

There are no meetings scheduled until Fall 2026. Stay tuned.

Board of Governors

September 10, 2026 - COTR BOARD ROOM

If you are interested in attending the public session of a board meeting please reach out to [Susan Woods](#) at least one week prior to confirm your attendance.

Upcoming Statutory Holidays

Canada Day - July 1, 2026

Labour Day - September 7, 2026

We Want to Hear from You!

Have something happening you would like to share? Or is there something you would like to see in the newsletter? We'd love to hear about it! If you have news to share, such as an event, project, achievement, PD activity or something interesting in your area, please consider reaching out for future newsletter editions. Your updates help keep our community informed and connected

Reach out to the Communications Officer anytime.

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YOUR NEXT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

Whether you're an Executive member, part of a CUPE committee, or a member interested in enhancing your skills or learning something new, we encourage you to explore these upcoming workshops. These sessions are conducted online via Zoom and cover a variety of topics.

Introduction to Stewarding – Part 1 & 2

July 8, 2026 | Online | Free | [Register here](#)

Duty to Fair Representation

August 18, 2026 | Online | Free | [Register here](#)

Anti-Harassment and Bystander Training

August 30, 2026 | Online | Free | [Register here](#)

[EDUCATION CALENDAR](#)

Professional Development Funds

Each CUPE member has access to Professional Development funds every year. These funds can be used for courses, conferences, workshops, and other learning opportunities that support your career growth. Speak to any of the members of the PD Committee for more info, or [Find out more about our PD Funds here.](#)

Puzzle Contest!

There's one thing clear about this community, they sure like their puzzles. So lets give the people what they want!

Complete all puzzles, name what it is, and send a screenshot of each in one email to the below address. All puzzle requirements must be completed for a chance to win.

Puzzle Challenge 1

<https://puzzel.org/en/jigsaw/play?p=-OshOGNvCWUIDgXLI2XT>

Hint: This entity is near a landmark in the region where many people from around the world visit to see a glimpse of the past.

Puzzle Challenge 2

<https://puzzel.org/en/jigsaw/play?p=-OshR5mSxCnKpP0GGjXT>

Hint: Doorway where people come and go

Puzzle Challenge 3

<https://puzzel.org/en/jigsaw/play?p=-OshTd5WwUdGImgl3TBq>

Hint: This area is used for walking, biking, and enjoying the outdoors as it winds through a forested mountain valley.

Complete and email your answers to:
cupe2773president@gmail.com by midnight, July 19th for your chance
to be entered into a draw to win a P-R-I-Z-E!

CUPE BC Headlines

[Colwood Municipal Workers Deliver Strong Strike Mandate](#)

[Fruitville Municipal Workers reach tentative agreement](#)

[Course set for CUPE BC as province's largest union concludes 2026 convention](#)

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