

Local News

Community Recreation Centre Ratifies New Agreement

A new agreement has been reached between our local and the community recreation centre. The four-year agreement was ratified by members on December 3. It calls for a wage increase of 2 per cent in 2013 and 2014, and 2.5 per cent in 2015. Members will also receive a $0.20 to $0.60 hourly increase plus 1 per cent, effective July 1, 2013.

Other highlights include improvements to vacation, uniforms and vehicle allowance, and the merging of maintenance staff with the arena attendants to form one collective agreement.

Find more details on our website at localwebsite.ca

Events

Membership Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Legion hall, 937 Legion St.

Rally for Rights and Democracy

Saturday, Jan. 26, 1:00 p.m., Legislative building

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 9:00 a.m., Downtown City hotel, 123 Hotel St.

Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job

Sunday, April 28, details TBD

Annual Local BBQ

Saturday, June 1, details TBD

Check out localwebsite.ca for more details

President’s Message

Reflections on a Year of Public Engagement

Welcome to the first issue of our new newsletter, which will be produced three times a year.

First of all, I’d like to wish all our members a happy and healthy New Year. Last year was very special for us, as we celebrated our 70th Anniversary. It was also a challenging year, opening with tense negotiations with an administration that simply refused to negotiate. The bargaining committee would like to thank all our members for your strong support and encouragement during that difficult process.

However, 2012 was also a very special year. Our publicity campaign reached new heights through a award-winning advertising and community engagement that helped build awareness of, and support for, our local’s members.

Our members’ services were also a visible presence across the city as we lent our support to community events like the Canadian Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, the Pride Flag Raising at City Hall, the Pride Parade, the Dragon Boat Races, the Festival of South Asia, our70th Anniversary Summer Picnic, and more. Our misting tent was a hit, and people loved the water bottles that we gave out with information about the many services that our members provide.

Last year saw the highest-ever level of engagement by our local’s members. Hundreds of our members got involved in advocacy and political campaigns, and our first-ever e-mail campaign resulted in increased provincial funding for child care.

Engaging with the public and working with community partners makes a difference.

Enjoy reading the new newsletter! Participate in our competition to win prizes, and please give us feedback. By working together in solidarity I know we will continue to grow and face whatever challenges lie ahead. 

In solidarity, your president   
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