



CUPE NATIONAL CONVENTION  
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## SECTOR COUNCIL MEETINGS NOTICE

### PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

National Sector Council meetings will be held immediately prior to the National Convention on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Locals are encouraged to attend these meetings and take advantage of this opportunity to meet, share strategies, challenges and stories with others from your sector from across the country.

Locals can register for as many sector meetings as they wish for only \$60. If you wish to attend any of the meetings, please complete and return by email to the convention office.

**1 p.m.**  
**Room 515ABC**

#### 1. COMMUNICATIONS

Rapid technological and organizational shifts are constantly changing the way the communications sector works in Canada. This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss issues relevant to both the sub-sectors of telecommunications and broadcasters. We will also have time to discuss other matters of interest to members in the sector, such as increased centralization of production in news, subcontracting to subsidiaries, jobs losses, precarious work, and mental health. Time will also be set aside to discuss key National Convention resolutions.

**1 p.m.**  
**Room 517D**

#### 2. MUNICIPALITIES

Municipal workers face a range of issues across the country from the continued impacts of privatization to contracting out of our services. Various provincial governments are engaged in downloading services and our members are at the forefront of this attack on public services. Join CUPE members from every province to talk about the impacts of tax cuts, service cuts and ways to campaign against these perpetual assaults on our work. We will also have an opportunity to consider resolutions that have been submitted to National Convention.



**1 p.m.**  
**Room 512CDGH**

**1 p.m.**  
**Room 510**

**1 p.m.**  
**Room 516C**

### **3. SOCIAL SERVICES**

Social services agencies are experiencing the negative effects of chronic government underfunding. Legislative changes, underfunding and the push to privatize programs and services are eroding a sector already pushed beyond capacity. The current climate has contributed to increased concerns about recruitment and retention of qualified staff, workload, burnout, and erosion of workers' wages. We are also experiencing difficult bargaining. Delegates will discuss trends experienced across the country and share campaign success stories that mobilize members and build power at the bargaining table. We will discuss how to maintain working conditions and decent wages while pushing for quality public services for the vulnerable and often marginalized people we support.

### **4. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Delegates from university and college locals will have an opportunity to share information on national, provincial, regional and local trends. Topics will include precarious employment, privatization and contracting out, PSE funding and the impact on staff and students, collective bargaining, raising the profile of the sector within CUPE and supporting each other on a national level.

### **5. EMERGENCY AND SECURITY SERVICES**

The Emergency and Security Services Sector Council includes members in emergency medical (ambulance), correctional, fire, police and security services. This meeting will allow delegates to connect about issues affecting them across the country. Delegates will have an opportunity to discuss the promotion of paramedic work, mental health injuries, workers compensation, EMS funding, ER overload, ambulance offload delay, pensions, regional issues, EMS bargaining, community paramedicine and other issues that are of interest to them.



**1 p.m.**  
**Room 513DEF**

**1 p.m.**  
**Room 517C**

**1 p.m.**  
**Room 513ABC**

## **6. ENERGY**

The Energy Sector Council will be discussing privatization and reorganization in this sector across the country. There will also be discussions on issues of interest to members such as demand-side management, contracting out, pensions, health and safety campaigns, demographic shifts and training, modernization of infrastructure, climate change as it relates to just transition and other bargaining priorities. There will be time allocated for group discussions on local priorities and campaigns.

## **7. HEALTH CARE**

Room 517C This meeting will be an opportunity for delegates from hospitals, long-term care facilities, home care, and community health agencies to discuss many topics including the current state of public health care and the challenges that it faces: legal attacks, cuts in federal and provincial funding and the expansion of private clinics. Delegates will participate in discussions about public pharmacare and a national continuing care strategy in the next years, as well as discuss the health care resolutions which support organizing for these initiatives.

## **8. LIBRARIES**

This meeting will provide a forum to discuss current challenges and successes that affect library workers across the country through small group discussions. There will be reports from the National and Provincial Library Workers' Committees. Time will also be set aside to discuss key national convention resolutions.



**1 p.m.**  
**Room 516DE**

**1 p.m.**  
**Room 514ABC**

**1 p.m.**  
**Room 511**

## **9. CHILD CARE**

This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss key issues facing this sector including privatization and the relationship between adequate funding, good wages and working conditions, and quality child care. Delegates will also hear first-hand about the work of CUPE's National Child Care Working Group. We will discuss priority resolutions for convention.

## **10. TRANSPORTATION**

CUPE members in this sector, working in airports, ferries, port authorities, rail, roads and highways, as well as transit systems, will meet to talk about ongoing threats of privatization, deregulation, workplace violence and attacks on pension plans.

## **11. EDUCATION**

Education workers across Canada will have a chance to discuss emerging threats to their sector at this meeting. The session will offer delegates an opportunity to compare experiences and share strategies to cope with and counter funding cuts, school closures and increased workloads. We will be sharing some best practices on key issues of concern to many education workers, including health and safety and communicating with members.