

SECTOR COUNCIL MEETINGS NOTICE

QUEBEC CITY CONVENTION CENTRE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

National Sector Council meetings will be held immediately prior to the National Convention on Sunday, October 22nd.

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 TBD**

1. CHILD CARE

These past two years have seen major changes in child care, including the implementation of \$10/day on average child care across the country. This meeting will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of that program and offer a chance to consider how CUPE can advocate for high quality child care. We will also discuss how wage and benefit shortages are causing a crisis in the child care sector. We will discuss resolutions for convention.

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2. COMMUNICATIONS

This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the anti-scab legislation in the federal jurisdiction promised by the Liberals with the help of the NDP, a major issue relevant to the whole sector. We will also have time to discuss other matters of interest to members of both the sub-sectors of telecommunications and media, such as the difficult bargaining with Canadian telecom giants, the subcontracting of our jobs, the regulatory review following the modernization of the *Broadcasting Act* and the hardship of protecting the Canadian news ecosystem. Time will also be set aside to discuss key national convention resolutions.

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3. EDUCATION

With soaring inflation and provincial fiscal austerity, education members are in a tight spot to win fair wages. Despite this, we have witnessed exciting and inspiring fights by education workers. The session will offer members an opportunity to compare experiences and share strategies to cope with issues around funding, school closures, and increased workloads. We will be sharing some best practices on key issues of concern to education workers.

4. 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 us to connect about issues affecting the sector across the country. Members will have an opportunity to discuss the promotion of paramedic work, mental health injuries, workers' compensation, EMS funding, pensions, regional issues, bargaining, and other issues of interest.

5. ENERGY

We will continue our discussion around privatization and reorganization in this sector across the country. There will be discussions on issues of interest to members such as contracting out, pensions, 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.

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6. HEALTH CARE

Across the country, public health care is fighting for its survival against the constant threat of privatization, insufficient funding, and wage shortages. 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 it faces. Delegates will participate in discussions about mental health, public pharmacare, and a national continuing care strategy, as well as discuss the health care resolutions which support these initiatives.

1 p.m.
Room TBD

7. LIBRAIRIES

This meeting will provide a forum to discuss the challenges and successes that affected library workers across the country in the last two years. We will consider the new directions in which work took some of us, and the various trends facing library workers across sectors and across the country. Time will also be set aside to discuss key national convention resolutions.

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8. MUNICIPALITIES

This meeting will focus on the privatization and contracting out of our services. In this age of rising inflation and wage shortages, workers need space to discuss what we see happening on the front lines of our communities. We will talk about ongoing tax cuts and service cuts in our sector and discuss ways to campaign against these perpetual assaults on our work. We will also consider resolutions submitted to national convention.

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9. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

We will discuss 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. We will also discuss key resolutions at this convention.

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10. SOCIAL SERVICES

In this era of inflation, our community members are facing crisis situations- unable to afford food or housing. While on the frontline to assist our community, our wages are also falling behind. Our services are underfunded and the push to privatize programs will further erode our sector- which is already pushed beyond capacity. For members, this means increased concerns about recruitment and retention of qualified staff, workload, and burnout. We will discuss trends experienced across the country and share stories. We will discuss how to protect both our working conditions and quality public services.

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11. TRANSPORTATION

CUPE members in this sector work in airports, ferries, port authorities, rail, roads, and highways, as well as transit systems. While many of our sectors of work are finally recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic, government funding is not keeping paces with demand and privatization remains a very viable threat. This meeting is an opportunity for members in the sector to talk about the threats of privatization, discuss national and regional trends in bargaining, and highlight any key resolutions at convention.