

CANADIAN UNION OF SKILLED WORKERS



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**Welcome to the
CUSW Newsletter
from the National
Communications
Committee**

This quarterly newsletter will bring you news from all corners of the CUSW world. Please send your content, news, pictures, feedback, questions, suggestions, or whatever else you want to share with your fellow CUSW Members to us at

communications@cusw.ca

All units and committees are encouraged to use this newsletter as a resource for communicating to the entire Membership.

For those unit and committees that may still be forming, or do not have their group email set up, please email the committee the contact email(s) you would like us to use when we solicit your news.

Communications Committee Members: Pauline Cranston, Janet Crowther, Mark Keyes
NEB Liaison: Kevin Forbes

CUSW SWAG STORE

Have you had a chance to browse through the CUSW Swag Store?

It's got CUSW clothes you can order online and have shipped right to your door!

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CUSW CONVENTION

OCTOBER 1st - 3rd, 2021 at the Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin

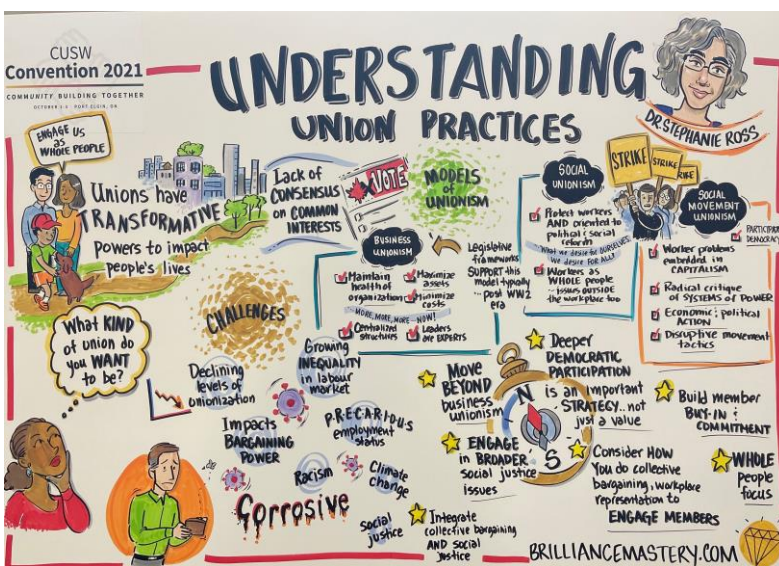
CUSW Convention 2021

COMMUNITY BUILDING TOGETHER

OCTOBER 1-3 / PORT ELGIN, ON

The 8th CUSW Convention took place over the first three days of October 2021 at the UNIFOR centre in Port Elgin, Ontario. Over the course of those three days CUSW delegates gathered for the first time in a long time for a convention like no other. We had to overcome the unique challenges of COVID-19 while holding a convention to strengthen our Constitution.

We began on Friday with a very well-organized workshop, designed to begin the communication, cooperation and brainstorming needed to engage the minds and voices of our members. This was an excellent team building exercise that proved to produce many unique and exciting ideas to improve CUSW. Friday night followed with a social gathering where we were able to catch up and talk in person with fellow members, we had known only through email for so many months now.



Saturday began with us getting down to business. Beginning with the opening ceremonies lead by our President John Wabb. Opening Ceremonies included Traditional Territory acknowledgement, the National Anthem, and a call to order. Equity and Human rights policies were read followed by a presentation by our guest speaker Dr. Stephanie Ross. Dr. Ross spoke about Understanding Union Practices: Business Unionism,

Social Unionism and Social Movement Unionism. Her expertise expanded our knowledge of Unionism and opened our minds to ideas for a more progressive approach.



Next, we began the reports from the Committees, followed by a meet and greet. During the meet and greet members could engage in conversation with committee members one on one. We had a presentation by the Tradeswomen Committee next followed by a presentation and update from The Confederation of Canadian Unions. A health,

safety and wellness moment followed and then lunch. After lunch we began by bringing forward the Resolutions, we had 59 resolutions to address during the convention, this would make it a tight schedule. After our first resolutions had been addressed, we heard a presentation from the Workplace Building and steering committee. More meet and greet followed which included time for a break. Fresh from break we were ready to address more resolutions.

A presentation from the growth and opportunities committee concluded the business part of the day. What better way to finish off a productive day than with cocktails, networking, banquet dinner and a dance with a live band. The UNIFOR centre prepared a fabulous meal for us, and the staff was excellent the entire weekend. Live music for the evening was provided by the Dirty Pioneers. They are talented and very entertaining!



The final day of convention would begin with a delicious breakfast followed by opening remarks and then back to resolutions. A presentation from the Membership committee, then break and meet and greet and back to resolutions. Joe Mulhall then gave a financial review from the Power Sector Benefit Trust and the Power Sector Retirement Trust. After lunch we welcomed a financial review of the Education & Training Trust. Then the Operating fund financial review. After which, continued with resolutions. We were able to discuss all the resolutions within our allotted time. At the conclusion of our Convention, we drew for door prizes and listened to closing remarks from our President John Wabb. The Constitution Committee would like to sincerely thank all the delegates for the hard work and effort you put forward to make the Convention a great success. The proof it was a success lies in the positive changes that were implemented to the constitution by our voting delegates. More detailed information to follow.



UNIT UPDATES

KINGSTON - OTTAWA

Going forward the Kingston-Ottawa Unit will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The zoom link can be found on the Kingston-Ottawa Unit webpage online and emailed out monthly. [Click here to join](#)

Anyone interested in unit news, is asked to join the [CUSW KO Facebook group!](#)

We are currently looking for interested individuals to participate and help fill our vacancies on our unit committees and on our unit executive.

Chair: Cody Quan

Vice Chair: Matt Young

Recorder: Clay Dumoulin

Treasurer: Alex Edwards

Executive: Brendan Lalonde

Executive: Tyler Steele

Executive: Vacant

GREATER DURHAM REGION

The Greater Durham Region Unit meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Please see the link on our committee webpage to join the meeting.

We send out reminder emails the week of the meeting. [Click here to join](#)

Chair: Kyle Davey

Vice Chair: Vacant

Recorder: Vacant

Treasurer: Jeff Gagne

Executive: Jon Fry (acting recorder)

Executive: Jesse Parrington

Executive: Paul Deck

NIAGARA FALLS - HAMILTON

Greetings from the Niagara Falls-Hamilton Unit. Please visit our Unit webpage for unit meeting dates and details. For non-unit Members, if you are interested in receiving our communications, please email the unit, via the button on the webpage or nhunit@cusw.ca and we will add you to the distribution list.

We are reviewing member designed logos for the unit, and will have the unit members vote on it early next year. We are also working on a training module for our grievance committee.

NORTH EAST

Hello! From the North East Unit. Our Unit Committees require Members to run them, so we are calling for participation!

We will be meeting on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

WORKING RULES & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Mission is to develop fair and equitable policies for all categories of Membership as they pertain to working rules and Membership participation.

Committee Members are : Jeff McGowan, Tyler Postill, Chris Godda, Cody Quan, Matt Hurley, NEB Liaison: Pete Baird

To learn about the various types of Membership participation in CUSW, please visit the Membership matrix located on our committee webpage.

If anyone has any questions or concerns surrounding out of work dates or national dispatch rules, please email workingrules@cusw.ca.

If you have a question concerning the Job Centre, please feel free to send it to us at jobcentre@cusw.ca

NATIONAL TRADESWOMEN COMMITTEE



Hello all CUSW Members! Here is an update on the newly formed CUSW National Tradeswomen Committee (NTWC).

This committee was formed to mentor, support, and empower CUSW Tradeswomen through all levels of their career and to encourage participation in paying it forward! Our [committee webpage](#) is now available online.

Please email us at tradeswomen@cusw.ca any issues or ideas you may have. We are putting together a file of photos to be used for promotional material at events, so please send us any photos you have of CUSW Tradeswomen at work or play.

***This email address can be used to reach out if you require immediate support.
We are here to help.***

DID YOU KNOW?



HOMEWOOD HEALTH



Member & Family Assistance Program

Members and their families have immediate access to a wide range of confidential counselling services offered 24/7 over the telephone. Guidance, support, and counselling are available to Members and their families in several life areas that can sometimes feel overwhelming. Each of us has home-life and Workplace related issues that we need help with from time to time. MFAP is available a part of Power Sector Benefit Trust. [PSBT.ca](https://www.psbtc.ca)

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for More Information

OUT OF WORK DUES

Don't forget to keep your dues up to date! Out of work dues are \$25 a month and can be paid through your online banking directly to CUSW. It will appear as an OTC (over the counter) payment when you [view your contributions online](#).

SECURITY CLEARANCE

You can check your security clearance status on the CUSW website. [CUSW Security Clearance](#) Make sure your information is accurate!

CUSW CALENDAR

Remember to take pictures throughout the year that can be used in the CUSW calendar. Pictures can be submitted anytime to communications@cusw.ca Please include member names and locations for captions.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN THE CUSW HEAD OFFICE?

Watch this space next newsletter for bios!

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2021 GRADUATES

Adam Herd - 309A
Alykhan Walji - 309A
Andrew Weir - 434A
Ben Kalotai - 434A
Blake Whalen - 434A
Brandie Casemore - 309A
Brendan Douglas - 309A
Brendan McCartney - 309A
Bret Harris - 309A
Brian Barkwill - 309A
Christopher Doan - 434A
Cody Bowes - 309A
Cody Britton - 309A
Colin Clinkinboomer - 434A
Conner Tafertshofer - 309A
Connor McGregor - 434A
Corey Dallaire - 434A
Courtney Farinha - 309A
Dylan Sproule - 434A
Eric Aubin - 309A
Frank Sullivan - 309A
George Martin - 309A
Gregory Dunham - 309A
Haydn Boucher - 309A
Hon Kit (Keith) Cheung - 309A
Jacob Day - 434A
James Scott MacMillan - 309A
Jared Wright - 309A
Jason Dubblestein - 309A
Jeffrey Cooper - 309A
Joe Bell - 434A
Joel Gale - 434A

Jonathan Hood - 434A
Joshua Girard - 309A
Joshua Hunsberger - 309A
Julia Herrick - 309A
Justin Greig - 309A
Kahler Thacker - 434A
Leslie Irvine - 309A
Matthew Deeks - 309A
Michael Young - 434A
Micheal Kilroy - 309A
Micheal MacNay - 309A
Mitchell Myers - 434A
Mitchell Rushlow - 309A
Morgan Megraw - 434A
Nicholas Gallant - 309A
Robert Scongack - 309A
Ryan Hoffman - 309A
Ryan Lennon - 434A
Shawn Filion - 434A
Stefan Samuels - 309A
Steven Alakas - 434A
Tanner Cardiff - 434A
Tarran Romyn - 434A
Taylor Te Raa - 309A
Travis Murray - 309A
Travis Payne - 309A
Trent Trubela - 309A
Tyler Postill - 309A
Tyler Stevens - 434A
Tyson Soers - 309A
Zak Young - 309A



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