

# CANADIAN UNION OF SKILLED WORKERS



# CUSW

## **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](mailto: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**

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Honouring  
NATIONAL DAY  
for **Truth** and  
**Reconciliation**



Truth and  
Reconciliation  
Commission of Canada

## 2021 Marks The First Year That We Will Acknowledge September 30<sup>th</sup> As The National Day For Truth And Reconciliation.

"...the new national day will honour survivors, their families and communities. It will also ensure that public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process."

"We recognize that there is still much work to do as a country to make progress on our shared path of reconciliation. By establishing a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we will have a day every year to reflect and honour the survivors of residential schools, ensuring they are never forgotten." *—said Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Heritage*



## CUSW Would Also Like To Acknowledge November 16<sup>th</sup>, Louis Riel Day

Louis Riel Day is held every year on November 16 across the Métis homelands. November 16 is the anniversary of Riel's execution in 1885. During that year, Riel led Métis people in the Northwest Resistance, which was a stand against the Government of Canada because it was encroaching on Métis rights and our way-of-life. The Métis were defeated at the siege of Batoche and the Canadian government captured Riel. He was eventually put on trial where he was convicted of treason and executed. As a result, Métis people across Canada were labeled as traitors and for generations many felt the need to hide their Métis culture and heritage. Despite this oppression, many Métis people found a way to preserve their way-of-life and passed it on to current generations. Today, the strength of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is a testament to the courage of our ancestors.

For more information visit the links below.

[Metis Nation of Ontario – Louis Riel Day](#)

[Louis Riel Information Sheet](#)

# IT'S A CUSW CONVENTION YEAR!

**OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at the Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin**

This is your chance as Members to make a difference to our Constitution. Please visit the [Convention 2021 website](#) to see all of the Committee and Unit presentations.

## CUSW Convention 2021

COMMUNITY BUILDING TOGETHER

OCTOBER 1-3 / PORT ELGIN, ON

### CUSW 2022 CALENDAR

#### THE TIME IS NOW!!

Please send your photo submissions for the 2022 CUSW calendar by October 15<sup>th</sup> to [communications@cusw.ca](mailto:communications@cusw.ca)



# UNIT UPDATES

## KINGSTON – OTTAWA

Going forward the Kingston-Ottawa Unit will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6pm. 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:** Jeff Gagne

**Vice Chair:** Kyle Davey

**Recorder:** Vacant

**Treasurer:** Janet Crowther

**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](mailto:nhunit@cusw.ca) and we will add you to the distribution list.

## 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. Next Meetings will be:

September 29<sup>th</sup>

October 27<sup>th</sup>

November 24<sup>th</sup> (last one of the year)

# 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](http://PSBT.ca)

## NOW ACCEPTING JOURNEYPerson & APPRENTICE APPLICATIONS

Please share with your family and friends that CUSW is now accepting applications for Journeypersons and Apprentices:

- ELECTRICIANS
- POWERLINE TECHNICIANS
- CARPENTERS
- IRONWORKERS
- PLUMBERS
- AND MORE!

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[Apply to CUSW](#)

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](mailto:communications@cusw.ca) Please include member names and locations for captions.



## CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

### Union Election Call for Nominations

In accordance with [Article 7.06 \(vii\)](#) of our constitution the National Executive Board causes an election to fill a vacancy on the National Executive Board for the balance of the 2020-2023 term. Craig Batty, our current Treasurer, has accepted a position offered by the Trustees of the Power Sector Benefit Trust and has resigned from the role of Treasurer. The first stage of the process is a Call for Nominations. We encourage members to read the background information on the Treasurer's role and download a [Nomination Form](#).

#### About the National Executive Board:

[Article 7.06 \(vii\)](#) states that the role of the NEB "shall be to see to it that the affairs and business of the Union are being properly conducted in accordance with the Constitution." The role of the NEB is to provide oversight and Governance and to ensure that the Model outlined by the Constitution and Policies is being implemented. It is not the role of the NEB to do this work themselves.

The National Executive Board shall be the highest authority in the Union between meetings. The purpose of the National Executive Board is actually to ensure that this Constitution is implemented. The NEB members have a direct role in bringing the Constitution to life.

The National Board does not tell the Union what to do. That topic doesn't even come up at the National Board Meetings. The NEB works on behalf of the members and carries out the duties that are outlined under "National Executive Board" in the Constitution.

#### About the Treasurer's Role:

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the handling of all monies of the Union. Shall keep records of monies received and approved disbursements. Report to monthly meetings of the NEB, the Union audit committee and external public auditor as required. The time required to carry out these responsibilities is in addition to the time spent at NEB meetings. Lost wages are reimbursed.

[NEB and Officer's Background](#)  
[Nomination Form](#)



**CCU/CSC John St-Amand / Madeleine Parent 2021 Bursary Notice**

Our partner, the Canadian Confederation of Unions (CCU/CSC) provides annual bursaries of \$1000 to dependant children of union members belonging to CCU affiliated unions. The bursaries are for the purpose of furthering their post-secondary education. This is a great opportunity to supplement your child's education.

Applicants eligible for the \$1000 bursaries are those who are 'attending a post secondary school' and must be 'dependent children'. There will be a lottery for these bursaries at the CCU Executive Board meeting on October 19th, 2021.

The deadline for submitting the bursary application is October 1st, 2021.

Learn More and download an application form via the CCU website link below.

[Canadian Confederation of Unions – CCU-CSC Bursary Information](#)  
[CCU-CSC Bursary Form – English](#)

Applications to be sent by email as follows:

**Central affiliates (AESES, CUSW and YUSAPUY)**  
members should send their form to:

**Matt Trump**  
[ccucscvpcentral@gmail.com](mailto:ccucscvpcentral@gmail.com)



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