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For the latest updates on COVID-19...

Click a link to get connected.

▶ **CUPE Saskatchewan** keeps track of provincial announcements and provides provincially focused resources for Locals here:

www.sk.cupe.ca/covid-19

▶ **CUPE National** keeps track of federal announcements and provides resources here:

www.cupe.ca/covid-19

▶ **Government of Canada**

[Direct link to the Economic Response Plan – Financial Support](#)

▶ **Government of Saskatchewan** – the latest health information and announcements:

www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID-19

▶ **Mental health**

[Direct Link to supports in Saskatchewan](#)

▶ [Direct link to the Re-Open five-phase plan in Saskatchewan and related announcements.](#)

Saskatchewan wage top-up doesn't go far enough, Application process not yet clear

The Saskatchewan government announced on April 30 a wage top-up for some frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, but CUPE Saskatchewan has concerns.

The government subsidy, which is mostly funded by the federal government, will provide \$400 a month for three months, retroactive to March 15. Only workers in the following facilities are eligible:

- Senior-care facilities, including private care homes and home care;
- Licensed childcare facilities;

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- Group homes run by community-based organizations; and
- Emergency shelters and transitional shelters.

CUPE is calling for additional funding to support front-line staff that are not covered by the current announcement and working to ensure all workers have access to proper personal protective equipment.

i Further information on eligibility and the application process will be provided by the government in the coming days. We will keep an eye on it for Locals!

Read more about what CUPE Saskatchewan is advocating for in the news:

👍 (CBC Saskatchewan)

[CUPE Sask. president says wage bump for low-income essential workers should be permanent](#)

Event Cancellations

Due to COVID-19 restrictions.

CUPE Saskatchewan:

- ▶ The annual **Back to Batoche Canoe Trip** this summer is cancelled. For memories of past trips, [click to view the photo album](#) (photos courtesy of Arthur Rachul and Tom Graham)

Saskatchewan Federation of Labour (SFL):

- ▶ The annual **Summer Camp** scheduled for August 8 - 14th is cancelled.

Have you organized a Labour event that is cancelled and you would like a notice posted in this section?

- ▶ Make a request through the Division Office.

CUPE members are keeping our communities safe



▶ Billboards placed by CUPE Saskatchewan recognize the dedicated efforts of CUPE members during the pandemic to keep us all safe.

CUPE Saskatchewan launched a province-wide billboard and radio campaign (with digital outreach as well) to build awareness of CUPE members on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic, working hard to keep Saskatchewan safe and to ensure valuable public services continue. The campaign also encourages everyone to do their part: to practise distancing and to self-isolate for safety.

All workers deserve recognition for their contributions, their commitment and their courage during this public health emergency.

It has unfortunately taken an unprecedented crisis of a pandemic for the government and employers to show more recognition to their front-line workers, to urgently invest in public services long starved of funds, and to finally recognize just how unsustainable a society is with low wages and precarious work.

Let's commit not just to fighting back against the coronavirus to keep our communities safe, but also to pushing forward to build a new system with robust public services and fairness for all.

Upcoming Events



Sector meetings are being held with greater frequency to share information and common experiences with Local Unions across Saskatchewan in our many sectors during this pandemic period. These meetings are held by teleconference (conference call) or by using videoconferencing systems.

Update Local Union contact Information:

To ensure your Local Union receives invitations to sector meetings, update your email address with CUPE Saskatchewan.

▶ Contact Jodi Reavley at the Division Office to make sure you are on the list at: j.reavley.cupe@sasktel.net

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

CUPE Saskatchewan hosted events and/or other CUPE-related events hosted by affiliates.

Boards & Agencies Sector All-Presidents

Organized by CUPE Saskatchewan
May 12, 2020 (7 pm)

CBO Sector All-Presidents

Organized by CUPE Saskatchewan
May 13, 2020 (7 pm)

Education Presidents Meeting

Organized by the EWSC
May 14, 2020 (morning)

Have an event notice or announcement to share?

▶ If you know about an important CUPE event in Saskatchewan you would like announced in this very section, you can make the request by contacting the Division Office.

Spotlight on front-line heroes

To shine a light on the hard work of CUPE members and their Locals during the COVID-19 pandemic – including the jobs and services often taken for granted or in the background, we have published several articles to spotlight our public service heroes:

- [CUPE 5430 members going above and beyond delivering long-term care across Saskatchewan](#)
- [Saskatoon Public School support staff making a difference during COVID-19](#)
- [CUPE Local 47 members keeping our community safe](#)

Have an idea that deserves the spotlight?

▶ Contact your Staff Rep or the Division Office.

HIGHLIGHT: Convention 2020

The Trustees of CUPE Saskatchewan following elections held at Convention 2020:

TRUSTEE
1 YEAR
REMAINING OF
TERM

Patricia Gausman (Local 4875)
Re-elected March 2018 for three-year term.
(Term ends March 2021)

TRUSTEE
2 YEARS
REMAINING OF
TERM

Sharm Dursun (Local 5430)
Re-elected March 2019.
(Term ends March 2022)

TRUSTEE
3 YEARS
REMAINING OF
TERM

Bob Kardal (Local 8443)
Re-elected March 2020 for three-year term.
(Term ends March 2023)



SNAPSHOTS OF CONVENTION 2020



• [View the photo album on the CUPE Sask facebook page](#)

- [Forum explores women in leadership](#)
- [P3s are dragging down public services in Saskatchewan: CCPA](#)

HIGHLIGHT: Convention 2020

The Executive Board of CUPE Saskatchewan following elections held at Convention 2020:

PRESIDENT	Judy Henley (Local 5430) Elected March 2020 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2022)
VICE-PRESIDENT	Dylan Breland (Local 456) Elected March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
RECORDING SECRETARY	Marcia Ray (Local 8443) Re-elected March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
SECRETARY TREASURER	Kent Peterson (Local 4828) Elected March 2020 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2022)
ABORIGINAL MEMBER	John McDonald (Local 4195) Elected 2018 at Ab. Conference for two-year term. (Term ends 2020)
ALTERNATE	Bonnie Kuppenbender (Local 4195) Elected 2018 at Ab. Conference for two-year term. (Term ends 2020)
DIVERSITY MEMBER	J.R. Simpson (Local 3730) Elected March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
ALTERNATE	VACANT (Original term ends March 2021)
YOUNG WORKER MEMBER	Deena Kapacila (Local 4828) Elected March 2020 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2022)
ALTERNATE	VACANT (Original term ends March 2022)
BOARDS & AGENCIES SECTOR	Dionne Duff (Local 4828) Elected March 2020 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2022)
ALTERNATE	VACANT (Original term ends March 2022)
CBO SECTOR	Tacey Goodsmann (Local 3364) Elected March 2020 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2022)
ALTERNATE	Vanessa Salyniuk (Local 4552) Elected March 2020 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2022)

EDUCATION SECTOR	Omar Murray (Local 4754) Elected March 2020 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2022)
ALTERNATE	Teresa Hitchings (Local 2268) Elected March 2020 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2022)
HEALTH SECTOR #1	Pearl Blommaert (Local 5430) Appointed March 2020 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2022)
ALTERNATE	Nancy Black (Local 5430) Appointed March 2020 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2022)
HEALTH SECTOR #2	Sandra Seitz (Local 5430) Re-Appointed March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
ALTERNATE	Jim Carr (Local 5430) Appointed March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
LIBRARY SECTOR	Debbi-Lynn Bateson (Local 1594) Appointed March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
ALTERNATE	Darla Nault-Tait (Local 1594) Elected March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
LOCAL 600	Jacalyn Luterbach (Local 600-3) Re-elected March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
ALTERNATE	Nancy Seman (Local 600-3) Elected March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
MUNICIPAL SECTOR	Rick Sielski (Local 47) Re-elected March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
ALTERNATE	Dan Suberlak (Local 287) Elected March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
UNIVERSITY SECTOR	Jamie Mellor (Local 5791) Re-elected March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)
ALTERNATE	Bob Jones (Local 1975) Re-elected March 2019 for two-year term. (Term ends March 2021)

HIGHLIGHT: Convention 2020

Judy Henley elected president of CUPE Saskatchewan; vows to keep up the fight for public services



Judy Henley, a health care worker and member of CUPE Local 5430 from Melville, was elected as the new president of CUPE Saskatchewan at the 2020 annual convention.

Henley has been active in CUPE since 1985. In that time, she has served in many leadership roles within CUPE at the local, provincial, and national levels. Since 2000, Henley has served as secretary-treasurer of CUPE Saskatchewan. Driven by a passion for the rights of workers to retire with dignity and her conviction that all workers should have access to good benefits and injury compensation, she remains an active member of the CUPE Local 5430 Pension and Benefits Committee and subcommittees with the employer.

“I am humbled by the support. I will be working hard to represent our members,” said Henley as she accepted her new role.

HIGHLIGHT: Convention 2020

Outgoing CUPE Saskatchewan president, Tom Graham, retires after 22 years of service



► **Gone Fishin' ...** Tom Graham holding a tie presented by Mark Hancock, CUPE's National President.

“We can make a difference in our workplaces and our world by standing together,” said Tom Graham in his final report to delegates at the annual convention of CUPE Saskatchewan held on March 4 to 6, 2020 in Saskatoon.

Tom Graham first became involved in CUPE in 1979 when he was hired by the City of Saskatoon Sign and Paint Shop. He was elected President of CUPE Local 859 (Saskatoon Municipal Workers) from 1996 – 2004 and served as the union’s provincial president since 1998. Tom also served several successive terms as a National General Vice-President and Regional Vice-President of CUPE.

- [View the photo album: Tribute to Tom](#)
- [View the video: Tribute to Tom Graham](#)