

Welcome to CUPE Local 556!

As part of CUPE Local 556, you are now part of union family consisting of unionized members who work for the following units:

- City of Courtenay
- Comox Valley Regional District
- Town of Comox
- Village of Cumberland
- Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (recycle depot)

Our organization chart can be found [here](#).

Do you have an interest in getting involved as a Shop Steward or sitting on a committee? There are plenty of opportunities, which include Social, Goodwill, Bargaining, Labour Management, Health and Safety committees. Please reach out to one of the Executives for more information on how to become involved! The current list of Executives is available on our website: [Your executive](#)

Member education is encouraged and is a great way to become familiar with how a CUPE functions. The union will reimburse your employer for time booked off to take online and in-person CUPE courses. Please contact the Education Coordinator for details: [educationcoordinator.cupe556@gmail.com](mailto:educationcoordinator.cupe556@gmail.com)

We urge you to familiarize yourself with your collective agreement, a copy of which is available on our website: [Collective Agreements](#).

Local 556 holds general membership meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every second month six times a year (January, March, May, July, September, November). Aside from keeping you informed, these meetings are an opportunity to meet other members in our Local. Our primary method of communicating with members is by email. Please ensure we have your private email. You can scan the QR on display at your union board or pass along your email to our [Recording Secretary](#).

CUPE Local 556 not only strives to improve conditions for all working people in general, but we also believe in supporting our community. Every year, each unit donates \$2,000 to charities of their choice.

Any questions, concerns or suggestions, I am no further than an email away: [presidentcupe556@gmail.com](mailto:presidentcupe556@gmail.com).

In Solidarity,



Sonya Jenssen | CVRD Waterworks operator | she/her/hers

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