

Welcome to CUPE Local 556! With fall quickly approaching, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the first half of 2025.

In April 2025, we started bargaining Collective Agreements that expired December 31st, 2024. The Comox Valley Regional District then the Village of Cumberland have been at the table with their employers throughout the spring and summer. As we move into the fall, Comox and Courtenay units will be joining us in the bargaining process.

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

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 [here](#).

We urge you to familiarize yourself with your collective agreement, a copy of which is available on our website: <https://556.cupe.ca/resources/collective-agreement/>.

Local 556 holds general membership meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every second month six times a year, apart from spring break where the meeting may occur one week early or after spring break. Membership meetings are held in January, March, May, July, September, and 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 email. You can scan the QR on display at your union board or pass along your email to our Recording Secretary: cupelocal556@gmail.com

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, we offer six bursaries to the children of CUPE 556 members about to enter a post-secondary education program.

In Solidarity,



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

I respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather and work is the traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation.