

Coalition Beat
Dave Loken, Liaison Representative

At the time of this writing I am sitting in a City Council meeting and I am listening to the City Manager, Mr. Maurer, describe the challenges ahead in his analysis of the 2009 budget. Growth and its accompanying partner, inflation, continue to be a challenge and double-digit tax increases may be a thing of the future. As employees, these words are somewhat comforting because it means that services will be funded adequately so we are able to do our work but the challenges ahead to balance the budget will play a role at the bargaining table.

The next round of bargaining which will be upon us in the fall when Coalition unions CSU 52, CUPE Local 30 and ATU 569 will be in the open period. EFFU Local 209 has just successfully ratified a collective agreement with consistent 5 % and above wage increases which will allow the other three bargaining units to build on. This is positive and it once again demonstrates the value of the Coalition that is actively communicating and strategizing with one another to deliver better collective agreements to our members. We are in communication with the Calgary civic unions and they are in the process of forming a coalition as well.

Since my last writing to you some other issues that we have been active in have come to positive conclusions. The Ft. Edmonton Park governance model and the Southwest Recreation Center (S.W.C.) P3 were two issues in which the coalition had been actively lobbying council. I am happy to report to you that council has reversed their decision to build the S.W.C. with a P3. The City will fully fund and operate this facility. The Ft. Edmonton Park governance structure will change but as a result of lobbying by the Coalition and the diligent work of some City Councillors, we were able to create a new seat on this board representing CSU 52 and CUPE Local 30. This is a historic moment for civic unions and hopefully it will set a precedent for future union board positions.

New City Council members, Sohi, Iveson, Catterina and Henderson are performing well and they have a very

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good understanding of the issues that affect civic employees. They have been solid on a number of issues. The Coalition presidents and myself continue to meet with the Senior Management Team on a monthly basis and the Mayor on a quarterly basis. It is at these meetings that we bring forward the issues of you, the members we represent.

In closing, I would like to thank Mia Norrie for her assistance and advice over the years regarding coalition issues and welcome Tamara Chivers to her new position.

Education Committee
Lanny Chudyk, Chair

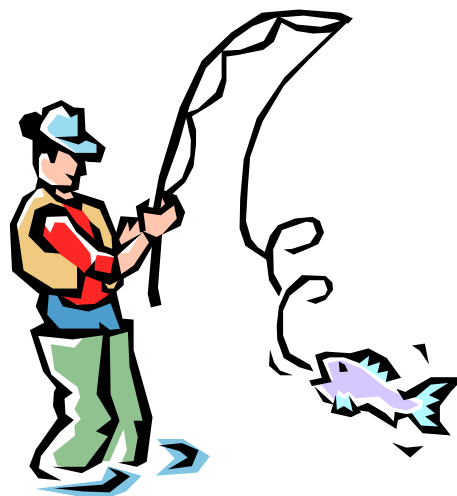
The Education Committee has been working with the Chief Shop Steward to provide training and educational opportunities to CSU 52 Shop Stewards and to help all members with costs incurred in taking courses and training.

The Committee will reimburse members fifty dollars (\$50.00) for non labour related courses and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for labour related and union counseling courses as long as these have not been fully paid for by the employer or another party. Members must supply documentation that they have successfully completed the courses they are applying for reimbursement for. Also applications for reimbursement should be made as soon as possible after receiving proof of successfully completing the course or training. To obtain an application form, please visit the CSU 52 website at www.csu52.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

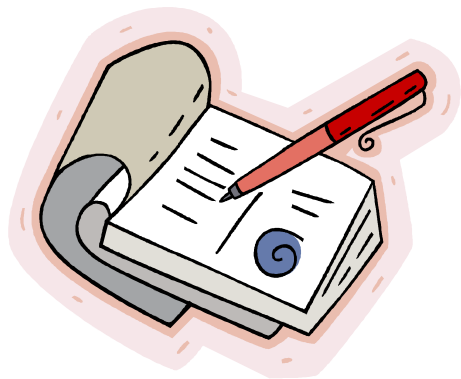
- There will be no Shop Steward or General Membership Meetings in July or August. Resume back in September 2008
- September 28, 2008—W.E.M. World WaterPark—More Information to follow.
- October 2008—Executive Board Elections
- November 2008—Committees Elections
- December 2008—Children’s Christmas Party—W.E.M. Galaxyland



**CSU 52 Represents
4 Contractual Units:**

- City of Edmonton (3,324 members)
- Edmonton Public Libraries (520 members)
- EPCOR, Edmonton (660 members)
Calgary (130 members)
- TELUS World of Science-Edmonton (103 members)

**Civic Service Union 52 has a total of
4,868 members as of May 2008**



Did You Know?

- On March 7, 1978, the Civic Service Union 52 membership voted to sever its affiliation with C.U.P.E.
- In the early 1980's the Edmonton Planetarium was approved by Edmonton City Council to become an authority, thus another contractual unit for CSU 52 was created. This Contractual Unit is now known as Telus World of Science.
- Civic Service Union 52 has been an independent labour union since 1978 with no ties to any National Union or International Union.

***The Office Staff of
CSU 52
wishes all of you a
Safe and Happy
Summer !***



DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 2/08—General Membership Meeting
- September 16/08—Shop Steward Meeting
- October 7/08—General Membership Meeting
- October 21/08—Shop Steward Meeting
- November 4/08—General Membership Meeting
- November 18/08—Shop Steward Meeting
- December 2/08—General Membership & Shop Steward Meeting

Meetings take place at the Norwood Legion, 11150—82 Street at 5:30 p.m.

Bring your membership card and a Union friend. Fabulous Door Prizes

Congratulations to these special 2007 retired members:

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 Karen Anderson
 June Andrews
 Robert Armstrong
 Fred Atkey
 Carol Bailey
 William Brokenshire
 Michael Brown
 Shirley Cairns
 Gordon Calvert
 San Chan
 Janet Chichak
 Glen Cumming
 Gail Dann
 Lavone DeSousa
 Domenico Dilullo
 Valerie Eiben
 Eveline Ewart
 Steve Friedenthal
 Lemuel Garin
 Lydia Goatcher
 Helene Gottstein
 Virginia Hall

Dorothy Hartt
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 Allan Hinton
 Donald Jesson
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 Romeo Johnson
 Wayne Jowett
 Norma Kinal
 Diane Ladouceur
 Janet Lammie
 Lois Lorenz
 Lucille Low
 Shirley Marchuk
 Donald Marler
 Carmen Martel
 Doris Mayes
 Garry Milne
 Miza Ko
 Lorraine Mudryk
 Karen Mulka
 Joan Murchie
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