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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Sisters & Brothers,

I would like to express my gratitude to our membership for the fantastic work you have done over the past 23 months. Our membership stepped up during this pandemic and showed other municipalities how the City of Calgary employees handle a crisis. Well done!

With sadness, this will be my last newsletter submission as I will be retiring as of March 4th, 2022. It has been my absolute pleasure serving the members of Local 37 for the past 8 years as your President. Thank you very much for all of your support, and I look forward to seeing everyone out in the public. Matthew Sjogren, currently your Vice President, will be the new President of Local 37. To the best of my knowledge, Matt is the first President, in our Local's history, that has won his position by acclamation.

Congratulations Matt! I know the Local will be in good hands.



Your President,
Cyril Wilson

Treasurer's Report

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

The last few months have been a huge challenge with having to contend with the new policies, reorganizations and the City's corporate realignment. 'Interesting times' is a reference that comes to mind. Rest assured, we have not stopped fighting and we are working as best we can in these trying times and we will continue to do so.



Good luck to the members running in this election and congratulations to those acclaimed!

In solidarity, Jody Sallans, Treasurer

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Recording Secretary's Update

Hello Everyone,

I would like to remind everyone that we will be conducting our CUPE Local 37 Election. It is so very important that we all vote. Everyone's vote counts. I'd like to extend best wishes and good luck to all candidates. Let's build a strong team!



Sincerely,
Robin Orsulak,
Acting Recording Secretary

All CUPE Local 37 Members:

Please be sure to vote by filling out your mail-in ballot, or call the CUPE Local 37 Office to make an appointment to vote at the Union Hall on Election Day, Saturday, March 5th, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Appointments to vote must be made prior to Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Voting at the Union Hall will be pending COVID-19 restrictions, that may be in place at the time of the election.



CUPE Local 37 2022 Election



CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF **PRESIDENT**

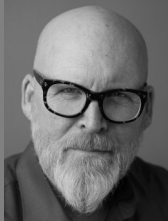


MATTHEW SJOGREN — Wins by acclamation.

I am honoured and humbled by the faith and trust the membership has placed in me. Being acclaimed into the position of President is a true statement of the amount of support I have received from the membership. I have been involved in CUPE 37 in a series of increasingly important roles over my career, all of which have shared the common focus of improving the working conditions and the lives of our membership. I pledge to work on your behalf in an atmosphere of transparency and honesty.

Thank you for this opportunity and please contact me anytime.

CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF **TREASURER**



DAVID FAWCETT

Currently Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

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Reach out to me at dfawcettlocal37.com. Thank you.



ROBIN ORSULAK

CURRENTLY CUPE LOCAL 37 ACTING RECORDING SECRETARY

- * Former Acting CUPE Local 37 Treasurer
- * Past Chair of Calgary Stampede Committee
- * Toastmasters International Member
- * Educated in Labour Legislation & Labour Law

I pledge to, and shall continue to fight for, represent, and above all, defend you.

Help me, help you, help us together. My message is clear.

Sincerely, Robin



JODY SALLANS

RE-ELECT JODY SALLANS FOR TREASURER

It has been my honour to serve you as your Treasurer for the last 3.5 years. I am seeking your endorsement for re-election in this position. I have been on the Executive Board for 14 years. I have been on the MEBAC Board for 15+ years and am currently the President of MEBAC. I have learned the position of Treasurer, and I have the experience and the dedication. I would like your continuing support to keep working for you. Thank you.

VOTE!

VOTE VOTE VOTE
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All CUPE Local 37 Members:

Election results will be posted on the CUPE Local 37 website on election day, Saturday, March 5th, 2022, as they become available @ www.cupe37.ca.



CUPE Local 37 2022 Election



CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



DAVID FAWCETT

Currently Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

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BILL HANYCZ

Water Services

My involvement with CUPE Local 37 began on the day I signed my Union card in 2015. I was committed to do all I could to instill in our members the importance of what the Union is, what it does and how we all benefit by being members. This included becoming a Job Steward, Trustee and most recently an Executive-At-Large. It is truly a privilege to represent you and I now ask that you trust in me to represent you in a greater role as YOUR new Sergeant-at-Arms. Thank you for your support.



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PAUL VARGIS

Thank you for the opportunity to run again and be one of your representatives. I appreciate all of the support I have received in the past, and look forward to working with you again to pursue our common financial goals. Obviously, this is a challenging time for CUPE Local 37 members and I need your support in order to properly represent you during investigations, grievances, arbitrations, and at the bargaining table for our collective agreement negotiations. Further to that, we need to set aside our personal differences to promote and protect our jobs, our safe working conditions, as well as our health care and pension plan. Thank you.

CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE-AT-LARGE



DAFYDD URQUHART — Wins by acclamation.

I am proud to continue to serve the membership of Local 37 through acclamation. This will be my third term as an Executive and I look forward to the future. Keep an eye out for our voting ballots, as we still have two important positions to be filled. My wish is that we start to see more of the membership become more active and involved with our Union. The Union has so much to offer and I would love to see more members commit to it more. Our General Membership Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. Thank you to all the members that continue to support me and again I look forward to hearing from all of you. Also, feel free to go to www.calgarysfuture.ca to learn more about me and my involvement. Thank you.



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BRADLEY WILSON — Wins by acclamation.

- ◆ Current Job Steward with Waste & Recycling for the past 3 years.
- ◆ Very excited to become part of Calgary's future and help make a difference.
- ◆ Born and raised in Calgary and very proud of where we live.
- ◆ Looking to represent the membership to the best of my abilities and answer any union related questions promptly.
- ◆ 20+ years in construction, on safety committees, organizing work for the crews and being a liaison between workers and management. Thank you.

CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF TRUSTEE : No Candidates.

MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE	* February 1, 2022 (Zoom) * March 1, 2022 (Zoom) * April 5, 2022 (Zoom)	SOCIAL	* February 15, 2022 (Zoom) * March 15, 2022 (Zoom) * April 19, 2022 (Zoom)
REGULAR	* February 8, 2022 (Zoom) * March 8, 2022 (Zoom) * April 12, 2022 (Zoom)	OHS&E	February 2022 (Cancelled) March 2022 (Cancelled) April 2022 (Cancelled)
JOB STEWARD	February 2022 (Cancelled) March 2022 (Cancelled) April 2022 (Cancelled)	* Please note, at this time, the Executive, Regular and Social Meetings have been scheduled to be held virtually, via Zoom.	



IN MEMORY OF

Thankfully, we have had no members who have passed away in recent weeks.



C.U.P.E. WORKSHOPS

C.U.P.E. Education is now offering **free** online workshops, via **Zoom**.
C.U.P.E. Local 37 Members are welcome to sign up for these courses.
Please review the instructions to check out the available online workshops...

Go to the 'cupe.ca' website and click on the following:

'Union Education'
'Workshop Calendar'

C.U.P.E. will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and when safe to do so, face-to-face workshops will resume.

C.U.P.E. LOCAL 37 RETIREMENT BANQUET

DATE: *4th or 5th Saturday in April of 2022*
**Pending COVID-19 Protocols/Restrictions*

PLACE: *Glenmore Inn & Convention Centre*
1000 Glenmore Court SE

TIME: *Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.*
Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Dance at 9:00 p.m.



Please join us for this special event and celebrate with our Honoured Retirees of 2019, 2020 & 2021!