



Labour Council Report March-April 2011



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Membership

- Fortis/Terasen merger/amalgamation – Fortis bought Terasen in 2007, COPE 378 represents workers at both. Discussions underway.
- BC Hydro – outsourcing – may break outsourcing contracts between numerous suppliers, which could threaten members.
- History book project released March 25
- COPE 378 Elections underway. Ballots due in April 29, count completed May 2. David Black and Lori Mayhew acclaimed as President and Secretary-Treasurer

Bargaining

- BC Computerized Dispatch – Parties agreed to a number of changes and now down to monetary items
- BCGEU – ratified agreement – 74% in favour
- Berlitz – notice to bargain served March 1st; proposals have been drawn up and approved by President; met with members mid-March to provide update
- Burvic Holdings – agreement expires April 30th
- Canadian Freightways – exchanged proposals
- CNS – close to a tentative deal in late March
- Columbia Hydro Constructors – bargaining commenced; contract covered by PSEC
- Community Savings Credit Union – no bargaining dates set yet
- DA Townley & Assoc. – exchanged proposals
- Ecojustice – exchanged proposals March 31
- Gulf & Fraser Credit Union – bargaining dates set for May
- ICBC – meetings tentatively scheduled for end of April
- IWA Forest Industry Pension Plan – meetings scheduled for mid-April
- Island Savings Credit Union – tentative agreement ratified
- MTU – tentative agreement ratified
- NDP – bargaining ongoing
- TWU Pension Plan – no date yet for meetings
- TransLink – tentative agreement ratified – 88%



Events

- Job Steward Seminar – Mar. 25th – 27th
- NDP Labour Caucus Liaison Mtg. – Apr. 1st
- Wisconsin Rally – Apr. 2nd
- HSA Convention – Apr. 8th - 10th
- CUPE BC Convention – Apr. 13th -16th
- United Way Spirit Awards – Mar. 9th

