

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 11, 2020

Good Day,

Once again, I hope all are keeping safe and healthy. Today, I would today like to recap a number of ongoing issues.

We continue to work with our bargaining unit employers in lobbying the Federal Government to allow usage of the Sub Plan, that was approved in order to top up wages in our City and EPL bargaining units during temporary layoffs. CSU 52, along with our Coalition of Edmonton Civic Unions' partners, EPL, the City and other unions across the country are all working on this issue.

Last Friday during our meeting with senior City Labour Relations representatives, we discussed how travel bans may be affecting employee vacation plans. While there was no agreement regarding things like being able to reschedule vacation or increase carryover allotment into next year, we are hopeful that something can be worked out that would allow some flexibility, considering how the pandemic has changed many peoples' plans. This is an issue throughout all of our bargaining units and we hope to have some definitive answers soon.

CSU 52 continues to work on platforms that would allow virtual membership meetings in the near future. For our City bargaining unit, it has become apparent that there are a number of problems as how layoffs have been conducted. We are continuing to review how layoffs have been done and have brought our concerns to the City of all cases we have been made aware of. We are trying to resolve these quickly through informal talks but are prepared to file grievances if necessary.

I certainly understand how difficult this is and continues to be for you, our Members, and commit to providing information to you as it becomes available to us. Once again, do not hesitate to reach out to us for guidance and any help that we may be able to provide.

***Thank you and stay safe,
Lanny Chudyk***