

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 19, 2020

Good Day,

As we move into the second half of May, we are still struggling with the health and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In our City of Edmonton, TELUS World of Science - Edmonton (TWOSE) and Edmonton Public Library (EPL) bargaining units, many of our members have been laid off and face uncertain employment futures. CSU 52 continues to work on your behalf. We, along with our Brothers and Sisters in the Coalition of Edmonton Civic Unions (CECU) and labour organizations across the country, continue to lobby the Federal Government to allow the use of Supplementary pay plans that have been established by many employers across the country to help mitigate the financial hit to laid-off employees.

Discussions continue with our bargaining unit employers regarding vacations that have been impacted by the pandemic and hope to achieve some flexibility for those whose plans have been affected. We also continue to try to work through layoff seniority issues and are prepared to file grievances on behalf of those who may have been improperly laid-off.

CSU52 will be holding a virtual Shop Stewards Meeting this evening – Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. We are also in the preparation stages of setting up virtual General Membership and Contractual Unit meetings in the very near future. The dates and times of these meetings will be shared as soon as they are available. Once again, your Union is here to assist you in any way we possibly can. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

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