



METRO VANCOUVER LUNCHTIME MEETING

Thursday, August 17, 2017

Minutes

Offsite Participants

- Seymour
- Parks East

Statements of Income and Expenses

- Information provided for June and July 2017.

Bargaining Update:

- The Union and the Employer met on July 17th and 27th; meeting again on August 28th.
 - The Union is preparing a response to present to the Employer.
 - Discussion over the process, Health Spending Account (HSA), dental visits and PBC benefits in the proposals.
- *The Bargaining Committee would like to thank you for your ongoing support and will keep you updated during the negotiating process.

Move Update

- Discussion of parking in the new location, space issues, dates and how the move will proceed.
- Have received confirmation that there will be bulletin boards for Union use as per the Collective Agreement.

Pension

- Contact the MPP when you plan to retire and your contract has not been renegotiated or ratified and/or you have received retroactive pay as a result.
- The MPP advises that retro payments in excess of \$1000 is the threshold, however it is the choice of the plan member whether they want to pay the contributions or not.
- The following are the instructions given to employers:

“Plan members can request to have retroactive salary paid after retirement treated as pensionable earnings. We will not amend a pension where the additional contributions are less than \$100 because of the insignificant impact on the pension created by the additional salary. Before automatically deducting contributions, you should ask the member if they want it treated as pensionable salary.”

Teamsters Canada Scholarships

- Teamsters Canada is offering 4 scholarships of \$2,500 each for *members*.
- The deadline is October 31, 2017.
- Application forms are available on the Teamsters Local 31 website.

Q&A

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Future meeting dates:

- Thursday, September 21, 2017 (room TBA)
- Thursday, October 19, 2017 (room TBA)

*dates and locations are subject to change