

Are you an Alberta tenant struggling to pay rent or utilities due to a change in your income level related to COVID-19?

Attached is an info sheet from one of our law firms, Chivers Carpenter, about the protections and resources for those affected by COVID-19

## **CUPE**

We had an Executive Board meeting last week and we:

- decided to try and have an online meeting (see attached poster)
  - If we get quorum then we will try to have votes. if we don't get quorum or the voting doesn't work the meeting will be information only where members can ask questions.
- talked about committees,
  - with the complexities of the situation, the committees will be remaining the same for the next year (we chose the same members that are currently on the committees)
  - we decided that they will continue for one year while we move through the process to change our bylaws

## **City of Edmonton**

I met with the City Auditor about their Snow and Ice audit. We talked about the concerns that the members expressed to me in site visits.

They have already interview ~ 20 people and will be reaching out to others in the area. If you know of someone who would like to talk to the auditor in confidentiality, please let me know.

On Fridays the city and the Unions meet to discuss issues.

Last Friday we talked about:

- the upcoming layoffs; that it would involve more administration positions than local 30 positions
- that members who have conditions that would make getting COVID a lot more risky currently don't fit under any of the leaves. There is a new leave for those people that will get them close to their normal pay
- Most importantly, the federal government changed everyone on layoff for COVID from EI to the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). This has different rules that don't allow for a 75% top up for everyone. The city is allowed to add \$1000/month to the \$2000/month CERB payment. The City is still trying to get the federal government to accept the plan.

The local has reached out to the national organization to get them to contact the federal government about this as well.

If you have any questions that you would like answered, please send them to me.

Thank you,  
John