

OUR LOCAL 1479 NEWS

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT....

Thank you so much to **Jennifer Connor**, Vice President-West for your tireless work and dedication to CUPE Local 1479! Not only has Jen been doing a fantastic job as VP, she has been the voluntary acting Chief

Stewart for both Units 1 & 2 since the end of January.

At the April 12th, 2014 General Meeting there were new members elected to positions in the local. Liz James was elected to the position of Chief Stewart for Units 1 & 2, Sharon Wilson was elected to the Health and Safety Committee and

Kevin McFadden was elected to Stewart for Custodial/Maintenance East. All contact information was updated on the website and sent out on a updated CUPE Local 1479 Contact List.



CUPE Bill 122 Update – Very important!

We need you to come out and VOTE!

Provincial Bargaining!

Bill 122 passed on April 8, 2014. This bill establishes a framework for Central and Local Bargaining.

We need members to come and vote on the future of provincial bargaining

Our Vote – Our Future!

Central Table

Issues common to all Locals across the province

Local Table

Issues unique to each local.

Tuesday April 29th 11am or 5pm
Day's Inn, 33 Benson Street, Kingston

Monday April 28th 1pm and 7pm
Centennial Secondary School, Belleville

For more information contact Richkf2002@yahoo.com or jenconnor2013@outlook.com



Congratulations to Tina Duffin and her husband Tim on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Elliot Royal Duffin on April 9, 2014!

Let's Celebrate Our Administrative Assistants and Secretaries!

Wednesday April 23, 2014 is designed to recognize the important contribution of office support staff on an annual basis as well as to promote the profession as a great choice for aspiring students. Outside of holidays and employees' birthdays, Administrative Professional Day is the largest celebration of workplace recognition. Thank you to all of our Administrative Assistants and Office Staff for your continued commitment to our students and their families. You are an integral part of the school system and we appreciate how hard you work.

HAPPY OFFICE ADMINISTRATION DAY!!!

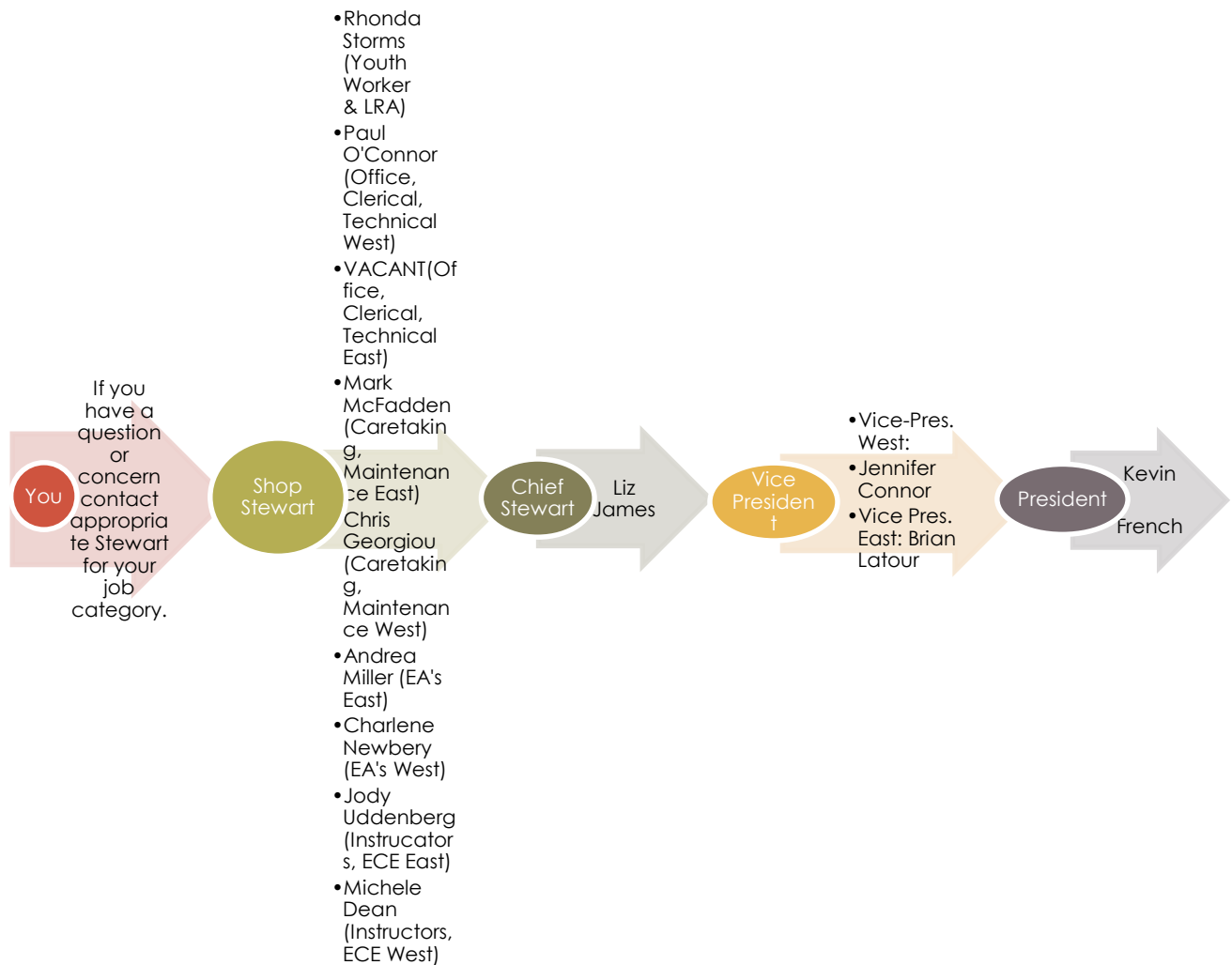


We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Nesta Wiskin, mother of Andrea Guindon, Secretary at Holy Name Catholic School and mother in-law of Brian Guindon, Supply Caretaker.

We regret to inform you that Donna Lightbody, mother of Kate Lightbody, Supply Educational Assistant with the Board, passed away on April 9, 2014.

Do you have a question or concern? Not sure who you should contact? You are not alone, your union is here to support you!

If you need to access your Stewart for support they will get back to you with appropriate information or have the appropriate person contact you back.
Following this process will ensure a timely and most accurate response.



Ottawa-area school bus firms quit talks; Stock, First Student want 10-12% raise in rates

By Paul O'Donnell, CUPE Ontario

This kind of showdown was inevitable. The ministry has been squeezing school boards on transportation funding for years, forcing most school boards to get out of the business of school busing years ago.

The only good that I can think has come out of the province's approach is the formation of multi-board consortia, which eliminated some duplication in the system. But clearly the ministry's approach has had some bad consequences. Small independent operators have been unable to compete with the likes of First Student and Stock, who could low-ball initial bids, absorb the losses for a few years, and now, play hardball now that most of the competition--the smaller independent operators--have been forced out of business.

The association representing independent operators has posted a copy of the letter Stock wrote to the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority, and says the development represents the "chickens coming home to roost" for the province's RFP approach to funding student transportation.

<http://home.isboa.ca/docs/StockLetterToOSTA-April112014.pdf>

This following quote from the letter illustrates everything that is wrong about the province's approach, which has forced out of business independent operators who have much less need to "provide value and security" to investors and banks.

"In addition to the duty that Stock has to the boards, consortia, parents and children that we service, we also have a duty to our investors and financial institutions to provide value and security for their investment."





Non-Teaching Internal Job

Postings: There are

currently no job postings for internal CUPE positions. ECE's may be interested in an external position that is currently posted for a Child Care Manager.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**JUNE 14 @
9:30A.M.**

JJ O'NEILL

We hope to see as many people at the union meeting as possible.

CUPE Socials?

Would anyone be interested in starting to do some fun things together as a local? Maybe some would be involving our family members as well? Some ideas maybe sports leagues, picnics, card games.

Please contact:

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