



Local 002

<http://local002.aupe.ca/>

NEW VP!

Our very own James Hart from Local 002 was successfully elected as VP. Thank you, James, for all your contributions to Local 002 and we look forward to working with you in the future. James has been assigned to Edmonton.



Ask Not What Your Union Can Do For You

Or perhaps we should? One of the great benefits of AUPE is the opportunity to take courses at no direct cost to members. There are several interesting courses coming to Calgary including Contract Interpretation, which I have enrolled in. The Collective Agreement can be somewhat daunting and this will help me navigate the pages of legalese! If you haven't taken Introduction to Union I certainly recommend it. Find out exactly what your Union can do for you and who knows? Maybe it will inspire you to find out what you can do for your Union. Visit www.aupe.org/training to register today!

~Brendan Baklay



Upcoming Events

January 26-27, 2018

Local 002 Council Meeting-
Edmonton Headquarters

January 13

Bursary submission deadline



Convention 2017



Family event in Spruce Grove



Edmonton Area Council

Area Councils

Do you know about YOUR Area Council? Most areas throughout Alberta have an area council, run by Volunteers. You belong to the one in your area, no matter where you work. Area Councils are the **FUN** arm of the union and provide members with discounted tickets, adult and family events, and more. Get to know other AUPE members in your community!

<https://www.aupe.org/my-aupe/member/area-councils/>

Spruce Grove Area Council <http://ssac.aupe.ca/>

Calgary Area Council <http://cac.aupe.ca/>

Edmonton Area Council: Meetings are held first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. on the 3rd Floor of AUPE Headquarters, 10451-170 St. Please subscribe to Edmonton Area Council site. This ensures you receive any update of events as soon as they are posted.

<http://edmontonareacouncil.aupe.ca/events>



Training

Winter/Spring 2018 schedule will be released and open for registration on January 3, 2018. Members can request notification by signing into the registration system and selecting "Notify me of upcoming courses".

<https://www.aupe.org/my-aupe/benefits/education/>

Chapter 002

Members have been organizing Union info meetings during the lunch hour. Talk to your Chapter Chair, John Lomas, if this is something that you would like to hold or plan on your worksite. aupe.002.002@gmail.com

Please update your personal contact information at aupe.org/update-me so that the Bargaining Committee may be able to reach you at short notice regarding issues related to bargaining/negotiations.

Wellness And Personal Development



RECEIVE UP TO
\$200

AUPE LOCAL 002 WELLNESS & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT BURSARY

Check out <http://local002.aupe.ca/member-forms> for more information on how to apply and qualifying expenses.

Priority may be given to those who have taken an AUPE course. Course information is available online at: <http://www.aupe.org/training/>.

Bursary Application deadline: **January 13, 2018**

Preference for the bursary is given to those who have completed **Intro to the Union or other AUPE activities**.

Eligibility-must to be able to show what the member paid and must be paid in 2017. Company name needs to be clear.

Food, pills and supplements are not eligible.

Medical expenses covered by the employee insurance plan, including health spending account are not eligible

Receipts and bill of sales **MUST** be in the member's name.

Receipts must have the name of the business and name and contact info of service provider (ie piano teacher.

Gym memberships-must show proof of payment for all months claiming.

**Deadline for Submissions is:
Jan 13, 2018**

Bargaining News

Agreement on many of the union's priority items like job security, And workload, job classifications, hiring practices, contracting out more have yet to be seriously discussed and are tied to a monetary agreement. Your committee has met with the employer 28 times since bargaining began. Read the Bargaining Update for a comprehensive overview of the headway made in that time.

<https://www.aupe.org/news/bargaining-update-government-services-locals-001-002-003-004-005-006-009-012/>

Merry Christmas and Seasons Greetings, sisters and brothers! The Executive of Local 002 wishes you all the best of times during the Christmas break. AUPE negotiated the days between Christmas and New Years as paid time-off at the last bargaining round. Enjoy yourselves and we will see you next year!

Dennis Coulthard
Chair
AUPE Local 002



Newsletter from your Membership Services Committee...watch for the spring issue.

Happy Holidays from your PE Rep Desiree Williams.

I just wanted to provide you with a couple things from your Provincial Executive.

1) Bargaining is heating up! Our General Service Bargaining Committee is scheduled to meet with the employer December 11-13 and the 19-21st. All indications are that the employer wants the negotiating completed so they can focus on other things (like election 2019).

2) Pensions - Our PSPP is in excellent shape. It is now 101% funded. The actuaries have done their jobs and as a result our rates are finally being lowered!!!! In 2018 rates up to the YMPE (yearly maximum pensionable earnings aka CPP limit) will drop from 11.70% to 10.47%. Above the YMPE rates will drop from 16.72% to 14.95%. These drops will mean less will be deducted from your paycheck! So for a person earning \$85,000 you will take home about \$1200 more per year!

3) Early stages of a new AUPE Headquarters in Edmonton is underway!

4) Last, Fentanyl is a crisis that can affect many members. If you have any direction from your employer regarding Naloxone kits or concerns about access to them, please contact new VP James Hart or myself so that we can compile information.

Please enjoy the Holiday season with the extra days off during the Christmas closure. Although Bargaining is still going on, the article for these days has already been signed off.