

CUPE BC 2022 CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

CUPE BC's Transportation Committee continues to work on a number of issues and areas of concern that affect all members in the transportation sector.

The committee has outlined and continues to work on the following areas of focus and concern within the transportation sector, both regionally and provincially:

- Vehicles passing school buses while stopped continues to be a major concern for the safety of our members and the children in our communities. The committee is working on a campaign with CUPE BC on strategies to create awareness about this concern. We call on the government to increase enforcement and fines against drivers that violate these laws.
- Employers must be required to install dashcams on all school busses to protect our drivers, students and passengers.
- Work rest rules/fatigue management continues to be a hot topic of discussion within the committee. The committee will continue to monitor the new work rest rules and how employers are implementing them.
- Translink having oversight and governance of its subsidiaries continues to negatively impact our members. Centralization of services continues to pose a threat to our members' jobs.
- The committee is calling on school districts to provide satellite communications devices for drivers working in remote and rural areas without radio or cell phone service.

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- The committee calls on the employers to increase protections for our members against violent incidents in the workplace.

CUPE BC Transportation Committee meetings

Our committee met virtually in October and November of 2021 and in January of 2022.

We engaged in a lively round-table discussion and the sharing of strategies regarding issues that are prevalent amongst our locals and district councils. We discussed the use of file sharing technology that will allow committee members to communicate more effectively with each other and with CUPE BC. This strategy will also reduce the use of paper at meetings.

The committee has submitted the following two resolutions to convention:

- Lobby the Provincial Government to require that forward facing dashcams be installed in all school buses
- Lobby the Provincial Government, the Ministry of Education and WorkSafe BC to require school districts to provide satellite communication devices to school bus drivers operating in areas where cell phone or radio services are not available

Conclusion

CUPE members in the Transportation Sector are facing many ongoing and emerging issues. The Transportation Committee looks forward to working with the CUPE BC members to tackle these important issues.

We remain committed to raising the profile of the important work that our transportation sector workers do in our communities. We look forward to the work ahead.

The committee will continue to support transportation workers by participating in campaigns and lobbying politicians at all levels of government across the province and the country.

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