

UNBREAKABLE SOLIDARITY

**CUPE ALBERTA
CONVENTION 2020**
Virtual Platform
October 7 & 8



DAY 1 October 7, 2020

09:30

Convention opening

09:50

CUPE AB President Rory Gill

13:20

National President Mark Hancock

SIGN IN TO CONVENTION

You should have received an email from Carla Cooper on Saturday. That email contains a link to the convention portal and your password. Note that your password is case sensitive.

If you did not receive this email, or you are having technical difficulties - contact

cupe.ab.north.gvp@gmail.com or
cupe.alberta.secretary@gmail.com.

Include a phone number to reach you at.

The convention portal opens at 8:00 am today.

Tutorial

There will be a tutorial for those delegates needing extra help with the technology. The tutorial will be at 8:30 am at the same link as the convention itself.

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CUPE AB CONVENTION - ONLY SEVEN MONTHS BEHIND SCHEDULE

Sure, we've run a little late before. But seven months has to be a new record, right?

Welcome to CUPE Alberta's 70th Annual Convention - and the first to be held completely online.

To keep everyone safe from COVID-19, this year's convention will be a lot different from previous years.

Some things will be the same. We will still have speeches from our executive, from our National Officers, and NDP Leader Rachel Notley will drop by. Elections will happen as per our constitution.

But some things will be much different. Voting and elections will happen electronically. Newsletters like this one will be sent by email.

On line meetings have a more..informal feel.



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BENEFITS OF HAVING CONVENTION ONLINE

Feeling a little blue about not having an in-person convention? Fair enough. We feel much the same. There are a lot of benefits to online conventions.

- The food is a lot cheaper. You don't have to tip.
- Free parking.
- You can show up in your pajamas and slippers.
- The seating is more comfortable.
- No long drive to convention.
- Pets and kids can watch too. In fact, keep the kids nearby - you'll need them for technical issues.
- We'll (probably) drink less.
- No line ups for coffee or bathrooms.
- No one gets COVID-19.

 **WE WORK FOR
ALBERTA**

We work for Alberta - our fightback

This convention will include a lot of discussion about Bill 32 and 'fighting back'.

Bill 32 is a law passed by the Kenney government designed to break unions. It will bog us down in red tape and legal challenges.

Bill 32 is unconstitutional. CUPE is working with other unions to challenge the bill in court. But the case may take years.

"Fightback" is the term we are using to challenge Bill 32 and the Kenney government. Our legal challenge is part of this effort. As are tactics we use to live with Bill 32 in the meantime.

But the Kenney government has to be defeated in 2023. To that end, CUPE is engaging in the largest campaign in our history. Our campaign is aimed at educating and engaging voters about the damage Kenney is doing to public services, pensions, health care and education.

CUPE has engaged in numerous 'micro' campaigns to educate the public and pressure MLAs. Please visit our campaign sites and sign on!

www.WeWorkForAlberta.ca/ - Support for public services.

www.JobKillerKenney.ca - Against the lay off of 20,000 EAs in the spring.

www.SupportFrontlineHeroes.ca - Give long term care workers the raise you promised.

www.MoreWorkLessPay.ca - Bill 32 makes overtime harder to collect.

www.DontTouchCPP.ca - Don't take Alberta out of the Canada Pension Plan.

www.KeepSchoolsSafe.ca - Make schools safer for students and staff.



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