

HAPPY NEW 2023 YEAR

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A WORD FROM YOUR UNION

Welcome to 2023! To the members of our Association who worked extra hours doing snow removal and responding to emergency calls for damage due to flooding during the holiday season, a big shout out of thanks. That nasty piece of weather that we had during the winter break did not leave us unscathed, for the second year in a row there was a flood in the office. We are fortunate that the damage was not extensive.

The next couple of months look busy with bargaining and training opportunities. With the successful completion of Bargaining with School District 45 in December, the focus is on the expired contracts with the Library, Police and District of West Vancouver. There will also be Shop Steward training in February, facilitated by the President of the Vancouver and District Labour Council, Stephen von Sychowski. We are looking into other activities that can bring us together. Stay tuned for further updates. Together “when we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better to.” – Paulo Coelho

UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next **General Membership Meeting** will be held virtually, **via zoom**, on **Monday February 6, 2023** at **5:00pm**. In addition to the two **\$100 door prizes**, there will be a draw for a **Meinhardt Gift Basket** full of tasty treats. Members must be in attendance for the entirety of the meeting to be eligible to win a prize.

This is the last of five meetings for the year (April 2022 to March 2023). As such, we would like to remind all members that the **Assessment Fee** is in effect. Per Article 1.2 of the Constitution & Bylaws, members who do not attend a minimum of one (1) General Meeting per year (April to March) will be required to pay an assessment of \$25. (A seven-month grace period to the attendance requirement above will be granted to any new member initiated September 1st or later of the previous year). Anyone making less than \$50 net pay on the paycheque from which the assessment is deducted will be exempted from said assessment.

Contact the office at info@wvmea.com to be added to the meeting attendance list. We hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL PLANNING & MPP SEMINARS

We have compiled a document with Handy Financial Planning Facts for our members. This document is available on our website, you may also follow the link below.

- [2023 Handy Financial Planning Facts](#)
- [MPP Learning Resources](#)

A reminder that the Municipal Pension Plan website offers a wealth of resources, as well as online courses and webinars. Members will find information on varying topics from ‘Getting to Know Your Pension’ to ‘Approaching your Retirement’. We have provided the link to these resources above.

KEEP US INFORMED

We ask all members to keep the information we have for you up to date. Please let us know of any changes to your employment status, home address, telephone and/or email address. Reach out to us by telephone 604-925-7447 or by email info@wvmea.com.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Save the date! Our Annual General Membership Meeting will take place on Monday, April 3, 2023. This will be the first meeting of five for the 2023 - 2024 year. This will be an in-person meeting, further details will be provided closer to the date.



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