

WVMEA NEWS BULLETIN

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AGM SUMMARY

It was great to connect with members in person at last month's AGM. We announced the details of the 2026 WVMEA Scholarships and advised members that 2027 is an election year for the Executive Board. Along with the usual AGM proceeding of presenting and approving budgets for both the Association and the Building Society, the First Year Trustee position was appointed by acclamation. We are happy to welcome Justin Fong back to the Trustee group. Please join us in thanking Justin for once again stepping up and volunteering his time to the WVMEA.

WVMEA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Get to know your Executive Board! The Officers of the Association consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Warden, three Trustees and as many Executive Members-at-Large as required. Use the following link to access the contact list: [2026-2027 WVMEA Executive Board](#)

UPCOMING GM MEETING

Did you know that every member who attends a membership meeting has the chance to win one of two \$100 door prizes? Your next chance to win is coming up on **June 2, 2026** at **General Membership Meeting #2**; this meeting will be held at **5:00 pm** online via **Zoom**.

All members interested in joining this upcoming meeting must [register online](#) in order to receive the meeting link. Once your registration is approved, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please click on the links below to access the Meeting Registration, the Meeting Agenda and the list of meeting dates for the 2026-2027 year.

- [GM Meeting #2 Registration](#)
- [Agenda - GM Meeting #2](#)
- [2026-2027 Meeting Dates](#)

WVMEA SCHOLARSHIPS

A reminder that the WVMEA is offering three **\$2000 scholarships**: the **WVMEA Academic Scholarship**, the **WVMEA Trades Scholarship**, and the **WVMEA Visual Arts Scholarship**. These scholarships are available to WVMEA members or their dependent children. Applicants must be current Grade 12 students or a previous year graduate who took a gap year. Full eligibility requirements and descriptions of each scholarship were shared in the: [2026 WVMEA Scholarships Notice](#). **Completed scholarship applications must be submitted by no later than 1:00 pm on June 15, 2026.** Contact the WVMEA office at info@wvmea.com to receive a scholarship application package.

MUN/LIB/POL BARGAINING UPDATE

We started negotiating new Collective Agreements earlier this year with the District of West Vancouver, The West Vancouver Police Department and the West Vancouver Memorial Library. All three sets of negotiations are happening at the same time and are moving forward, albeit slowly. So far, we have had several meetings, with two more scheduled in May. We are following our usual bargaining process as we work toward new agreements for WVMEA members in the Municipal, Library and Police groups. Once we reach an agreement at the table, we will share all the details with members and organize a ratification vote for all members to have their say about the settlement.

SCHOOLS BARGAINING UPDATE

The Provincial portion of the Schools Bargaining process concluded mid-April. The K-12 Committee (representing support staff across the province) reached a new four year agreement with the employer, running through June 30, 2029. This agreement includes 3% wage increases in each of the four years, as well as several improvements in multiple areas that affect the working conditions of support staff in schools. With the Provincial Framework Agreement in place, the stage is set for the next step; local bargaining in each school district. In West Vancouver, local bargaining is scheduled to start on May 20, 2026. Once we reach a local agreement, we'll share the details and all WVMEA members working in West Vancouver Schools will have the opportunity to review it and vote on ratification.

INCLUSIONS FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

The inclusions for Municipal non-union employees in Community Services continued through March and April. During this time, we signed several Letters of Understanding to bring Fitness, Yoga and Spin Instructors into the WVMEA. We are now in the final stages of completing these inclusions and expect the process to wrap up soon. The next step will be to begin working on the inclusion of Sports Instructors and Aquafit Instructors. Please join us in welcoming your new Union colleagues into the WVMEA members group!

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

As many of you know, municipal Elections will be taking place across British Columbia this October. Whether you live in West Vancouver or not, the WVMEA encourages all members to stay informed about the candidates running for office and to take part in the voting process. Voting is one of the most important ways we can have a say in how our communities are governed. By staying engaged and by participating, we can help shape not only our own future, but the future of our workplaces and communities as well.

COPS FOR CANCER

WVPA Detective Constable Tyler Tschritter and Constable Alexandra Harriman will be participating in two Cops for Cancer cycling events this year; the **Sea to Sky Spring Tour and Alumni Event** in May followed by the **Tour de Coast** main event in September. They are raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society, supporting pediatric cancer research and helping send children and teens affected by cancer to Camp Goodtimes; a medically supervised summer camp program for kids and their families. Your support can make a meaningful difference. If you would like to contribute, donations can be made online through the Canadian Cancer Society using the following link: [Tour de Coast 2026: West Vancouver Police Department - Canadian Cancer Society](#)

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