# **April 2018 Newsletter**

# CUPE Local 997

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Important Dates	
April 15, 2018	Deadline for CUPE 997 Student
April 20, 2018	Bursary applications Orientation day for new
, ,	support staff hires.
April 28, 2018	Day of Mourning in recognition of Workers Killed or Injured on the Job.
	https://cupe.on.ca/cupe/day-of- mourning/
	Regular General Meeting start time 10:00am.
May 5, 2018	Adult Education Centre. 230 Angeline Street St. South. Lindsay.
May 5, 2018	Nomination meeting and by- election (if necessary) for Chief
	Custodial Steward. Held during
	the Regular General Meeting noted above.
May 21, 2018	Victoria Day
June 15, 2018	Deadline for OTIP Student bursary applications.

# CUPE 997 STUDENT BURSARIES (Deadline for applications April 15, 2018)

Attention 997 Members who have a son/daughter (dependent) who will be attending College/University in the Fall of 2018.

From CUPE 997 By-Laws - Section 22 - #9

"On an annual basis 2 bursaries in the amount of \$500.00 each shall be allotted to a son/daughter/ dependent of a CUPE 997 Member in good standing."

Recipients shall be students who are entering or returning to full time studies at an accredited post-secondary public Canadian college or university." (Recipients are paid in 2 installments of \$250.00 each, upon proof of completion of each of 2 semesters).

Application forms and further details are available on our web by clicking here or by visiting our website at www.cupe997.ca > Resources > Student Bursary.

The random draw will take place at the May 5th Regular General Meeting.

#### **OTIP STUDENT BURSARY**

Do you know a student who could use an extra \$1,500 for tuition? They could WIN a bursary from OTIP. For more information please go to: <a href="https://www.otip.com/bursary">https://www.otip.com/bursary</a>



For more information regarding the extension to the enrolment deadline please refer to the full release on our website or by clicking here.

### **Custodial Chief Steward By-Election**

As many of you know Herb Pounder is retiring prior to the start of the 2018-19 school year. Herb has been the CUPE 997 Chief Custodial Steward for over 18 years and has been a tremendous asset to the Local and to the Custodial members. Herb's knowledge, experience and fair approach will be missed. We wish the best for Herb and Annette as they approach retirement together.

At the Regular General Meeting to be held on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> we will conduct nominations and if necessary a by-election for the position of Chief Custodial Steward to replace Herb for the remainder of his current term. (To August 31, 2019).

If you are a permanent Custodial employee of the TLDSB and are interested in standing for nomination and would like more information please contact <a href="mailto:info@cupe997.ca">info@cupe997.ca</a>.

Only Custodial members present at the May 5<sup>th</sup> RGM will be eligible to vote if a by-election is required.



Do you know someone with Cancer? CAREpath Inc. is a Canadian company providing services to help you navigate the complex heath care system so you and your family members who are newly-diagnosed with cancer or have a cancer recurrence can receive the very best cancer-related treatment and support.

To be eligible for this no charge service you must either have LTD or CUPE Health and Dental / Life Insurance benefits.

For more information please follow the following links:

http://otip.carepath.ca/index.asp

http://carepath.ca/carepath-what-does.asp

# FeelingBetterNow

Connecting Mental Health Problems to Solutions

FeelingBetterNow® is a web-based mental health care program that guides members and their care provider (whether it be a counsellor, psychologist, or family physician) to identify emotional and mental health issues as early as possible. Getting the right diagnosis and treatment will help members feel better sooner. To learn more about FeelingBetterNow®, go to www.feelingbetternow.com/otip.

### **OMERS AVCs - Payroll Deduction Option!**

OMERS, your pension provider has for a few years now allowed members to contribute extra money to an AVC (Additional Voluntary Contributions) RRSP account. Now you can contribute regularly if you setup a preauthorized payroll deduction directly at OMERS.com through your MyOMERS login.

If you don't have a MyOMERS login you can easily set one up by going to: My OMERS all you will need is your OMERS membership #, which can be found on the first page of your annual Pension Report and the last three digits of your social insurance number.

Some additional info to consider:

- Your income tax will be reduced at the source meaning that you will get the tax benefit right away.
- The T4 you receive from TLDSB will include any payroll deductions sent to your AVC account which means that OMERS won't need to send you a separate tax receipt and,
- In 2017 the rate of return was 11.5% after expenses.

For more info please click: More info on AVCs
Or go to OMERS.com



## Five clever car cleaning tips

Everybody loves a good hack—a little trick that makes your life just that much easier. That's why we've rounded up this list of car cleaning tips that are so clever you might actually look forward to cleaning your vehicle. Even better, these simple hacks involve ingredients and materials you probably already have at home.

As an education employee, you may be gearing up for a road trip once school's out for the summer. Why not try these cleaning tips to get your vehicle looking in tiptop shape before you hit the road?

To learn more, visit www.otipinsurance.com/article19