



Local 527 Summer 2024 Newsletter

OPSEU/SEFPO Region 5 Weekend Educational

The next OPSEU/SEFPO Region 5 educational weekend is scheduled for September 28-29, offering both in-person and online courses **free** for all members. This event is an excellent personal and professional development opportunity for you to gain valuable training and network with other union members.

Courses Offered

The in-person sessions will be held at the Chelsea Hotel, 33 Gerrard St W, Toronto, and include:

- Stewards 1: Making a Difference in the Workplace
- Stewards 2: Facing the Employer, Building Member Involvement
- Stewards 3: Dealing with Discipline
- Health and Safety: Level 3
- Mental Health: Challenging Stigma in the Workplace
- The Indigenous Journey: Walking Together – Part Two
- Duty to Accommodate: A Tool for Inclusive Workplaces
- Local Treasurers Course

The online sessions will take place via Zoom and include:

- Organizing for Worker Power
- Making Composite Locals Work
- Political Action for Union Activists

Members can also access various supports, including family and childcare, and human rights accommodations. Meal per diems, travel expenses, and hotel

accommodations are eligible for reimbursement for in-person attendees. In-person attendees may be eligible for cash advances and full reimbursement for travel and hotel stays.

- **Application Deadline:** Monday, **August 19, 2024, at 4 PM**
- **Application Process:** To apply, download and complete the necessary forms [here](#). Send completed applications to r5educationals@opseu.org and cc president@opseulocal527.org by the application deadline.

For more information including detailed course descriptions please visit:
<https://opseu.org/news/apply-now-for-region-5-weekend-educational-sept-28-29/240216/>

Join OPSEU/SEFPO at the Labour Day Parade



You are invited to join OPSEU/SEFPO at the annual Labour Day Parade on Monday, **September 2, 2024**. This is a fantastic opportunity to show solidarity, celebrate our collective achievements as a union, and support the broader labour movement.

We'll be meeting starting at 8 AM on the west side of University Avenue, south of Armoury Street. The parade starts at 9:30 AM. Free t-shirts and admission to the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) are available for all marching members and their guests. Sign up [here](#) to march or volunteer today!

Local 527 Ice Cream Day!



Celebrate summer with a sweet treat! We're hosting a fun Ice Cream Day on August 21 from 12:30-1:30 PM. This is a perfect opportunity to cool off, enjoy delicious ice cream, and connect with fellow members.

Tickets are almost all gone! If you haven't reserved your spot, grab one of the few remaining tickets today. Be sure to come promptly to redeem your ticket and enjoy a delightful treat with us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Local 527 Bargaining Updates

Ontario Public Service (OPS) Bargaining Survey

By now, OPS members of Local 527 in good standing should have received a link to the phase 1 bargaining survey. This survey is essential as the data collected will play a crucial role in shaping and influencing the eventual demand-setting survey. If you did not receive the link please reach out to us. Your participation is vital in ensuring that your collective voice is heard and that your demands are accurately represented.

Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal (WSIAT) Bargaining

After many delays and obstacles to bargaining due to the now-defunct Bill 124, the WSIAT bargaining team is looking forward to the resumption of bargaining. Tentative dates are scheduled for early October. The team appreciates the patience and support from members throughout this process, and looks forward to making progress on negotiating a new contract which meets the current and future needs of all WSIAT members.

Canadian Mental Health Association - Ontario Division (CMHA-ON)

The current CMHA-ON collective agreement expires on December 31, 2024. Please stay tuned for updates on the next steps in the bargaining process, which will include electing a bargaining team and surveying of members to determine priorities for demand setting and bargaining. Your active participation is crucial in shaping a collective agreement that meets your needs.



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