

# **Report from Vancouver Island District**

## **Council Meeting November 26 2016**

In attendance from CUPE 2081 Michel Turcotte, Susan Rudiger, Keith Todd, Earle Thompson also in attendance were Paul Faoro CUPE BC President as well as Trevor Davis CUPE BC Secretary Treasurer, and Robin Jones CUPE National Regional Director.

The council continues to be in good financial shape. 100 dollars was donated from the Anti-Poverty Committee to a local resident in need as well as an additional 150 dollars from the VIDC Executive on the spot contribution for a total of 250. The NDP Provincial main campaign will also receive a 500 dollar contribution from the VIDC Political Action Budget. All locals are encouraged to get out volunteer and to make contributions to their constituency.

The council issued a notice of motion to accept the updated constitution at the next meeting of VIDC which is February 18. VIDC Pension Chair was happy to report that Municipal Pension Plan members would receive a 2.1% increase this January.

The council put on a very successful Stewards Conference from Wednesday November 23 to the 25<sup>th</sup> with 113 participants attending various workshops with CUPE 2081 sending seven of our members to receive further education.

Every meeting VIDC does a Community Fundraiser this time it was handbags for hope a total of 70 handbags were put together with various items for women and were delivered to a local Women's Shelter next meetings Community Fundraiser will be for the Port Alberni Shelter.

On behalf of CUPE 2081 in Solidarity Keith Todd