

## **KIM MANTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Labour Movement Across BC suffered a heartbreaking loss with the passing of Kim Manton. The BC Federation of Labour in partnership with the Victoria Labour Council, wish to honour and pay tribute to Kim for her contribution to the Labour Movement, the BC NDP and the broader community.

The Kim Manton Memorial Scholarship was established and supported by affiliates of the BC Federation of Labour, New Democrats, friends, and family, to honour Kim's legacy. This scholarship will support a woman, trans or nonbinary person in attending one of the following courses offered at the Harrison Winter School; "Women in Leadership" or "Labour Community Advocate Level 1."

As a union activist Kim became a delegate to the Victoria Labour Council for her CUPE Local 1979, with later becoming a member of the executive, a position which she held for many years. Following that, Kim accepted a position of Labour Coordinator with the United Way of Greater Victoria, as an active CUPE Local 50 member.

From her long service with CUPE Local 50 to her four years as Labour Coordinator with the Greater Victoria United Way, Kim lived her values as a believer in the strength and power of community. Kim continued her work for the people of British Columbia when she accepted a role within the BC NDP government.

Kim was just as at home at a municipal meeting, in her long successful campaign to obtain sewage treatment for Victoria, as she was in the halls of the BC Legislature, helping to deliver on a progressive agenda province wide.

As a social justice warrior and a trade union activist, Kim was a femtor to many with her infectious smile and boundless energy. Anyone who ever walked a picket line with Kim, knows the remarkable energy she brought to everything she did – and how she could see the good and hope in everything and everyone.

Her trademark jazz hands and cries of "WOOT WOOT" were more than just enthusiasm in the moment; they came from the deepest places in her heart, and they were irresistibly contagious.

All those who knew Kim miss her deeply, but her spirit lives on in all of us as we continue her work making the world a better place.