

## GENERAL REPORT – VICE PRESIDENT

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Greetings,

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Like many of you I am eagerly awaiting the implementation of Covid vaccine being distributed to the population, so that one day we can come back together safely. It won't come fast but I'm certain that we will one day arrive there. Until such time we mustn't let our guard down in terms of diligence to keep ourselves and each other safe. We have come so far and 2020 was certainly a memorable year.

I am keeping myself busy attending the usual committees that I have been involved with for quite some time. I participate monthly in Labour Management and Contracting Out meetings. I also am part of the JOSH committee and the JEIP committee which also meet monthly. That is a whole lot of acronyms!

I am also part of a CUPE BC environment committee which meets quarterly. We work together to draft motions on the environment that end up being voted on at the CUPE BC annual convention. The motions can be brought forward to lobby the government to make changes or to influence policy. I found going to conventions to be a very empowering situation. Where we have the ability to see a fair and efficient democratic process demonstrated. The empowerment is that we are able to participate.

Recent events in the world have certainly illuminated how fast the processes can be eroded and dismantled. In the spirit of direct participation and democratic process, it would be myopic to not mention our own local CUPE 2081. We allow our members to vote, have a say, and we run clean elections too! Which will be occurring soon. I have many things to say but I am trying to be concise and not merely ramble. So in the spirit of simplicity I close.

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