

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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2025-2026

CTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Congratulations to the following people who were acclaimed, elected, or had their Committee Chairperson appointment ratified at the Year End General Meeting on May 8, 2024.

President:

Ken Christensen

1st Vice President:

Diether Malakoff

2nd Vice President:

Meggan Crawford

Local Rep to the BCTF:

Amanda Roberts (Pinetree Secondary)

Ben Whipps (Lord Baden Powell)

Professional Development Chair:

Sherina Chandra (COL 10-12)

Labour Relations Officer:

Ronak Pahlevanlu (CTA Office)

Members At Large:

Ashley Collier (Maillard Middle/TTOC)

Andrea Klockenbrink (Continuing Ed.)

Ryan McMahon (Banting Middle)

Rebecca Mueller (Port Moody Secondary)

Halen Schoenhals (Riverside)

Member At Large - Indigenous:

Vacant

Member At Large - Black or Person of Colour:

Pali Mann

Local Specialist Association Chairperson:

Vacant

Teachers Teaching On Call Chairperson:

Vacant

Committee for Action on Social Justice Chairperson:

Vacant

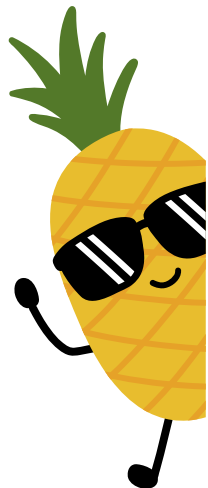
Adult Education Committee Chairperson:

Karen Jogha and Christine Wong

BIPOC Educators' Committee:

Vacant

Congrats!



CTA Special General Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

4:00 pm via Zoom

The only agenda item is Policy & Procedure proposed changes: PD Policy 9 due to an increase in our PD funding. The zoom link can be found on the CTA website/member resources/general info page.

Ignite43 Empowerment

May 29, 2025

Samz Neighbourhood Pub

2342 Elgin Ave, Port Coquitlam

5:00 to 8:30 PM

Join us for an evening of PD featuring amazing presenters, lively conversation, and great food.

Presenters are given 5 minutes to present their idea, the intention is to spark or 'ignite' an idea with time to discuss and share ideas between presentations.

Registration is free, dinner is included, limited spaces are available, first come first served.

Register now to reserve your seat!



BARGAINING TOWN HALL

On Thursday, May 22, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., the BCTF is hosting an online bargaining town hall. Please check your non SD43 email address for your personalized Zoom link to join. The town hall is an opportunity for members to hear directly from the Provincial Bargaining Team about the progress of negotiations. They will also be able to answer members' bargaining-related questions, which can be emailed to bargaininginfo@bctf.ca. An ASL interpreter will be available in one of the Zoom windows, and a recording of the town hall will be posted online at a later date for members who were unable to attend live.

BIKE to school WEEK



Ride your bike,
walk, or wheel
to school!



JOIN TO
WIN PRIZES



**A FREE EVENT TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO
BIKE, ROLL, OR WALK TO SCHOOL!**

Why Participate?

- Win amazing prizes like a Pizza Party from HUB's supporters!
- Compete with other schools for online shout-outs and **certificates!**
- Create healthy habits and arrive at school **energised and ready to learn!**
- Promote sustainable transportation and **reduce congestion** around school streets.

Learn more at bikehub.ca/btsw



Free BCTF Workshop



EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE:

Navigating the EI Claim Process

WORKSHOP



June 4, 2025



4:00PM -
6:00PM



VIRTUAL: VIA
ZOOM



**REGISTER
NOW**

<https://tinyurl.com/ctaeiworkshop>

HOSTED BY THE CTA TTOC COMMITTEE



Roy Krutow

Scholarships

ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA

2 Scholarships Available \$1,250 each!

- Who Can Apply?**
Children of teachers currently employed by SD43 or children of deceased or retired teachers who were employed by SD43 at the time of their death or retirement.
- Deadline: July 1, 2025**
Applications can be dropped off at the CTA Office, post mailed to the office, or emailed to scholarship@cta43.org

Application form available at:
<https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/forms-scholarships/scholarships/>

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President's Message

Elections and the Future

As we are watching the locals around the province conclude their Executive Committee elections, I want to express a personal and collective thank you on behalf of myself, the rest of the released officer team at the CTA and the Executive Committee members. We never take our roles for granted and are grateful when you choose us to represent you. We face an important year ahead with Provincial Bargaining and the workload will be hard and significant. We will need all of you to help us with that endeavour, to conclude a successful round that benefits us all. We look forward to helping you in whatever emerges in the upcoming year.

In Solidarity - Ken

BCTF Online PENSION SEMINAR

We have a virtual BCTF Pension Seminar coming up on Thursday, June 5, from 4:00–5:15 p.m. Pacific Time via Zoom.

This seminar is intended to help members learn about how their pension plan works, factors to consider when planning for retirement, and their pension options.

The seminar will cover topics such as:

- how pension is calculated
- eligibility for unreduced pension
- pension options
- the retirement application process
- post-retirement considerations.

If you are planning to attend, please register using the following link:
<https://www.bctf.ca/topics/services-information/events-and-meetings/pension-seminar-registration>

After registering, you will receive an automatic confirmation email with the Zoom link and details.

If you have any additional questions, please contact jmawhinney@bctf.ca.




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IMPORTANT

REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR APRIL MONTH END PAY STATEMENT TO MAKE SURE YOUR CERTIFICATE FEE WAS DEDUCTED! IF IT WAS NOT, CONNECT WITH PAYROLL AND THE TRB SOON TO AVOID A LAPSE IN CERTIFICATION!

PD Power

Ignite43 Empowerment

With the final month of the school year quickly approaching, the Ignite43 Event on May 29th is a great way to get a meal, spend time with colleagues, and listen to fantastic ideas that will have you enter June empowered.

Join us at Samz Pub in Port Coquitlam from 4:30pm on for appetizers, soft drinks, a meal, and collegial conversation. Entrance is now FREE, all you need to do is sign up at <https://cvent.me/3Mrr3K>, have a look at the [Samz menu](#), and email corbeyhj@cta43.org your meal choice of up to \$25.

If you have an idea to share, anecdote to entertain, or anything that would take five minutes to leave a room full of supportive colleagues empowered, now is the time to present it!

Reach out to rmcmahon@cta43.org with your idea and receive a PowerPoint template to fill in and play in the background as you present. He also provides encouragement if you need it and answers to any questions that you may have.

CoDev Canada 40th Anniversary



Saturday, June 7, 2025 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Maritime Labour Centre, 1880 Triumph Street, Vancouver

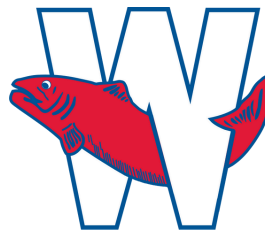
The CTA has purchased a table at this special event to celebrate continued solidarity with women-led social movements, teachers and other labour activist, and human rights defenders of Latin America. A few of the CTA Executive Committee members are attending and there are 4 spots left for anyone else who would like to attend.

You can enjoy a mouth-watering array of authentic Latin America dishes, live music, and a silent auction with Latin American items. The always-popular dessert auction will showcase 40 gourmet and designer cakes, with tables bidding for their favourites.

Please email Corbey at corbeyhj@cta43.org by 4:30 pm, Monday, May 26, 2025 if you would like to attend. Attendance will be on a first-come, first served basis.



New Westminister SALMONBELLIES Union Night



Join the NWDLC and BCFED Secretary Treasurer Hermender Singh Kailley for **Union Night with the New Westminister Salmonbellies** Senior A Lacrosse team! Bring your family for an exciting, family-friendly event!

When: Thursday, May 29, 7:30pm

Where: Queen's Park Arena at 51 3rd Ave, New Westminister

[Get tickets here](#), and use promo code **LABOUR25**



What does real sustainability innovation look like? Find out at BCIT Tech Collider, where the Sustainable Futures: Project Showcase & Community Networking Event will bring together changemakers, industry leaders, and local businesses tackling today's biggest sustainability challenges.

When: Friday, May 30, 6:00-9:00pm

Where: BCIT Tech Collider - Downtown Campus at 555 Seymour St, Vancouver

[More information and registration here](#)

COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE **CASJ**



CASJ is making plans for September and looking at ways to create resources to support CTA members in their work. If you'd like to be a part of that work, now is the time to join the committee so you're ready to start when we meet in September! Everyone is welcome – there is no previous experience needed. If you have questions about what the committee does or how it works, please reach out to Meggan (mccrawford@cta43.org). You can find the CV to apply linked on the second to last page of the newsletter where committee vacancies are listed!



The BIPOC Educators' Committee is having its year end celebration on June 18, 2025. Stayed tuned for details. You don't have to be a committee member to attend. We hope to see you there! The CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee is for any Coquitlam teacher who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour. Find more information about what we do [here](#). BIPOC teachers can join our email list without regularly attending meeting or joining the committee. To join us or ask any questions you might have, contact Ryan Cho at bi poceducators@cta43.org

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If you have any questions please contact Diether Malakoff, 1st Vice President dmalakoff@cta43.org or 604-936-9971.

TTOC'S & New Teachers'

El Workshop hosted by the TTOC Committee

Are you a TTOC planning to apply for EI this summer?

Join us June 4, 2025 from 4:00-6:00 via Zoom to learn more about the EI process, your claim, and how to manage the ins and outs. BCTF Facilitator Sarah Wethered will be sharing their knowledge on this topic so you are fully prepared to make your EI claim. Registration is required:

<https://tinyurl.com/ctaeiworkshop>

Use the QR code to download the Union Strong app today!



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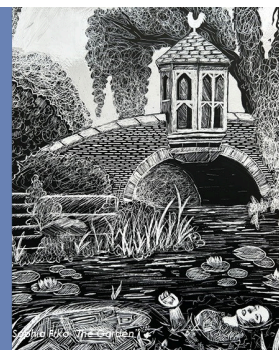
Imaginings VII: A Collection of Port Coquitlam Student Artwork

April 25 – June 6, 2025

Opening Reception: May 9, 6:00-8:00pm in Leigh Square

Michael Wright Art Gallery, Outlet Art Gallery, City Hall
and Port Coquitlam Community Centre
Port Coquitlam, BC

portcoquitlam.ca/exhibitions
arts@portcoquitlam.ca



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Imaginings VII: A Collection of Port Coquitlam Student Artwork
by students at Terry Fox Secondary, École Riverside Secondary,
and École des Pionniers

In this group exhibition, our local youth share their diverse perspectives and creative journeys. Each artwork tells a unique story, shaped by their individual experiences, backgrounds, and imaginations. The collection highlights their growth as artists, from exploring new techniques to discovering the power of art as a means of expression. This exhibition celebrates creativity, collaboration, and the joy of learning.

sd43.bc.ca/school/terryfox
sd43.bc.ca/school/riverside
pionniers.csf.bc.ca

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



School District Advisory Committees

Student Services Advisory - 1 CTA Reps

Student Achievement Advisory - Currently Full

District Student Wellness & Safety - 2 CTA Reps

District Indigenous Ed Advisory - 1 CTA Rep

District French Advisory - 1 CTA Rep

District Technology Advisory - 1 CTA Rep

District Accessibility Advisory - Currently Full

District Anti-Racism Committee - Currently Full



New Westminister and District Labour Council

4 CTA Representatives

SANCTUARY SCHOOLS WORKING GROUP

The CTA is seeking 6 CTA members to form a working group to inform the CTA Executive Committee's work on engaging the district on the matter of adopting a Sanctuary Schools Policy.

If you have any questions about the working group, please contact Diether Malakoff, 1st Vice President.

Please submit a CV form to the CTA office.



Standing Committees

CTA Negotiations Committee

1 Member at Large

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Adult Educators

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

1 Learning Services Rep.

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Scholarship, Awards and Bursary Committee

1 Cont. Ed. Rep, 2 Additional CTA Members

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee

For more information, please email [Ryan Cho](mailto:ryan.cho@cta43.org).

CTA PD Committee

1 Elementary Rep, 1 TTOC Rep, 1 CASJ Rep, 1 LSA Rep

1 Secondary Rep

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

6 Members-at-Large,

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

3 Secondary Reps, 2 Middle Reps, 3 Elementary Reps,

1 Member-at-Large

1 Member who identifies as Indigenous

1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go to our website or [click here](https://www.cta43.org) for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office (corbeyhj@cta43.org). If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.

Contact Us:

www.coquitlamteachers.com

CTA Office: 604-936-9971



Please use the links to contact the officer or staff member best able to help you.

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Ronak Pahlevanlu, Labour Relations

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Ryan McMahon, PD Chair

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1-800-663-1142

TTY: 1-888-384-1152

International (Call collect):
604-689-1717

HomeWeb.ca

CTA Website Access

Please make sure you are able to access the site. SD43 email security settings may not allow a password reset online.

If you need to reset your password, please contact Kelly Stewart



Kelly Roberts, Executive Director

CTA Administration

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Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator

Accounting, PD, Scholarships & Newsletter

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Kelly Stewart, Admin. Assistant

Membership, Website Access, Staff Reps

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Corbey Heyes-Jones, Admin. Assistant

CTA PD Day, Committees, CTA Lending Library

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